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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

What did you do during the recent week of hot, soupy weather? I had a Triumph Register of America event in Mohican State Park, OH. Surely this 1000 acre wooded Park with a large lake would provide a welcome respite. NOT !!!

This is an annual event to showcase the TR2, 3, 3A, 3B, 4 and 4A models. The highlight of the event was that TS1 was there ... the first Triumph ever built. It is owned by Phillip Hoops of Utah. It looks as splendid as ever and many attendees saw it for the first time. It was at Watkins Glen in 2016 when Triumph was the featured marquee.

The attendance numbers were down from previous years at a little over 50 registrations. However the cars on the show field were as magnificent as ever. The location for next year's event will be in Kalamazoo, MI.

I trailered the GT6 in hopes of scoring in the other Triumph class. This class had a beautiful fully restored, 1948 Triumph 1800. It deservedly won a first place and I ended up with a third.

Check your schedule to see if the Mid-Summer picnic, July 13th at Memorial Lake State Park works for you. Plans are being made to insure a fun time. Drive any car to this event as fellowship is what it is all about.

Look for emails as the driving season progresses to get in on your share of the fun.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

Rich



2024 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.

- 7/13/24** CPTC Mid-summer Picnic - Memorial Lake State Park, Upper Pavilion. Bring your own food/drink and a Bingo prize if you have an item you wish to donate.
- 8/3/24** 43rd Annual British Car Day - Schenley Park, Pittsburgh, PA. More info/reg. at www.wptriumph.org
- 8/28/24** CPTC Board Meeting- Noon at Hoss' Steak House, Mechanicsburg. All are welcome to attend.
- 9/6-8/24** Watkins Glen Grand Prix 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.
- 9/28/24** Artistry on Wheels - held in conjunction with the Harvest of the Arts Festival, Carlisle, PA. Meeting of the Marques is dedicated to the memory of Stan Carpenter. Visit www.svvsportscarclub.org for more information & registration.
- 9/29/24** Concours d'Elegance, Kent Island Yacht Club - Info to follow.
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CPTC 35th Anniversary Party Elks Lodge Picnic Pavilion Camp Hill, PA

Sunday, June 2, 2024 turned out to be a great day to celebrate our Club's 35th Anniversary as 50+ members, spouses and guests arrived to take part in the festivities, food and camaraderie - all of which were present in abundance!



Attendees took advantage of some free time before the program began to greet friends and catch up on daily happenings since last we met.



Oh, and lest we forget, there were some Triumphs there as well. It was, after all, a top down kind of day!



John Krause opened the proceedings with a history of the Club's activities over the 35 year span, beginning with it's founders, Dick and Diane James.

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CPTC's 35th Anniversary (Cont.)



Next on the day's agenda was ... Food!
A delicious spread from the great folks at Mission BBQ.



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35th Anniversary (Cont.)



Founders Dick and Diane James had the honor of cutting the first slice from the beautifully done (and yummy!) dessert.

*Photos by D. Ward, M. Miele & J. Miele

To Be Continued in the August Issue ...

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...

A poster for the 2024 Meeting of the Marques Concours. At the top is a circular logo with the text "ARTISTRY ON WHEELS" around the perimeter and "2024" in the center. Below the logo, the text reads "Saturday, Sept. 28th 2024", "Our 33rd Annual Motorshow", and "www . SVVsportsclub . org". The main image is a photograph of a white classic car (a Jaguar) parked on a cobblestone street in front of a brick building. Text overlaid on the image says "The 2024 Meeting of the Marques Concours is dedicated to the memory of Stan Carpenter". Below the image, it says "Held in conjunction with Carlisle's 41st Annual Harvest of the Arts Festival". At the bottom, there are three logos: "ANTIQUE AUTOMOBILE CLUB", "Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club", and "SVV Sports Car Club . org".

The 2024 Meeting of the Marques will be dedicated to the memory of Stan Carpenter

An advertisement for Olde RTE 15 Auto Service. The text "OLDE RTE 15" is in large white letters, and "AUTO SERVICE" is in large yellow letters below it. To the right is a circular logo with "OLDE RTE 15" around the top, "EST 2021" in the center, and "AUTO SERVICE" around the bottom. Below the text, it says "ERIC WITMER ~ OFFICE COORDINATOR". At the bottom, the address "711 HARRISBURG PIKE STE C, DILLSBURG" and phone number "717-432-9008" are listed, along with the email "OLDERT15AUTOSERVICE@OUTLOOK.COM".

"When I'm 64"***

(Ode to the TR3)

~By **John Schmoyer**

Truth be told, I'm a half a score older than you; but, having reached that song title milestone this calendar year is an impressive feat! For that matter, any car surviving for sixty-four years is impressive in itself; but a TR3 such as yourself doing it is an unexpected achievement considering how many 3's were abused and tossed about throughout their early years. Very likely that those owners never considered that you would be a collectible in the next century.

While missing details from your first 30-something years, it is my understanding that you, assembled as TS68084L, were originally a Florida car that MAY have done some amount of racing as a youth. Eventually finding your way north, your condition deteriorated to such an extent that it was said that you should not have been restored, unlike the undertaking to clear and rebuild Baltimore's Francis Scott Key Bridge.



Based on photos furnished by TRIUMPH RESCUE during the 1997-1998 time frame, it was obvious your reconstruction was extremely painful as body parts were sliced and diced in every which direction and manner. A 3-4 year hiatus followed during which you could mend from your numerous surgeries. It was during that time that another change in ownership took place as your former owner became keen on a local TR-250.

Reconstruction resumed early in the winter of 2002. Replacement parts began to ship to Bally from many differing sources and states. A long - expired TR3 from New York State donated seats, a radiator and gas tank. It took a village and some long, hard hours of attention to detail and wrenching for you to return to life for the 2002 fall driving season.



Having now driven with you for 22+ years, I'd like to think that it's been a relationship of mutual appreciation.

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When I'm 64** (Cont.)

Putting aside, to the amusement of others, insensitive jokes about your oil leaks, legacy electrical system and drafty air flows, the general public's admiration of your timeless lines, the sporting style of your bulging headlamps, cut-away doors and glistening wire wheels now never ceases.

At some point we will part ways. There is no crystal ball (fortunately) to predict when that may be. Your longer-term lifespan will depend upon the viability of gas-powered cars, the fending off of government mandates, the mechanical expertise of your next owner and the availability of replacement parts. If not, still another piece of what 20th century drivers experienced will fade away, as did those 19th century Conestoga wagons that once traversed our prairies.

Regardless, you're 64 and you should be proud!!

** Lennon-McCartney, 1967. Copyright ownership Sony Music Publishing

Postscript: The number of TR3's in existence (per Bill Piggot's 1998 book entitled "ORIGINAL TR2/3/3A") was thought to be 15% to 20% of the 58,000+ built. One could imagine the survivors to now be considerably less than his estimate; but that would disregard those that have since been rebuilt or are in the process of being rebuilt.

2024 Shakedown Car Show Bechtelsville, PA May 18, 2024

~ By **Cliff Grube**

Matt and Beth Bakes have hosted a get together for many years now. Many will remember meeting in the small garage behind their old house, then in the seemingly large building at Bally which we also filled. There, topics important to British car owners were presented and discussed.

This event has developed into more of a social gathering (which we all seem to enjoy) with plenty of room to visit enthusiasts from other clubs. This year the weather was a little off; but there still were 32 British cars and 13 Land Rovers.



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Shakedown Car Show (Cont.)



Great food and a beautiful setting as well. This event never disappoints.

**Photos by Cliff Grube*

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.

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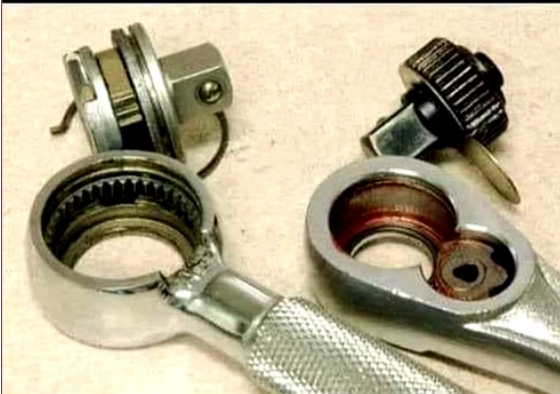
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For Sale:

1972 Triumph GT6 MK3 - Color is Damson Red. This is a fresh, frame off, rotisserie restoration. It has the original numbers matching engine and gearbox. It is a non-overdrive car with 3.27 rear axle and Spax adjustable shocks. The car has been rebuilt from top to bottom and is a strong number 2 show car. Runs and drives like new. Turns heads wherever it goes. Car is located in Robeson PA. Asking price is \$26500. Call/text 307-315-2479 Jeff (Member) or Email @ insresto@aol.com
Listed 6/24]

1970 Triumph Spitfire - Last year for the rounded tail. Mazda high back seats, rebuilt transmission, new electronic dash gauges, new top and boot cover. Runs nice; but not a show car. \$7800. Call Larry (non-member) at 717-424-6020 [Listed 5/24]

Engine stand and sandblaster - Harbor Freight engine stand and sandblaster used only a few times. Located outside Harrisburg. \$50 for the engine stand and \$60 for the sandblaster. Also have a new pair of bullet type mirrors, Moss #37-0920. \$60 for the pair. Contact Jay Snavelly (Member) at 717-564-0930 [Listed 04/24]

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 [Listed 10/23]

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The Brokerage (Cont.)

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 [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 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 rroenigk@aol.com or 717-487-1795. [Listed 6/23]

Attention CPTC Members: SIGN-UP FOR THE CPTC GOOGLE GROUP!

The Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club now has a new communication option for CPTC members- Google Groups. This is an email distribution list that makes it easy for group members to communicate with each other using a shared email address. Its a perfect way to reach out to other CPTC members for an impromptu ice cream run or to ask LBC questions. If you missed the email announcement and want to join, contact Ron Weber at web@cptc.org

**Pics from the Past ...
CPTC's 35th Anniversary Celebration**



A number of Charter members & spouses - September 2004

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

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FIRST CLASS



**1975 Triumph TR6
Owner: Barry Young**