

Triumph News

The Newsletter of the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club

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A nice turnout of a dozen or so CPTC members raised a glass at Troegs Brewing Company to celebrate Sir John Black's birthday by participating in Drive Your Triumph Day! *Photo by Ron Weber

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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.

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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

At our February Board meeting, a few new events were added to the Club's calendar. The LANCO MG Club has graciously extended an invitation to our members to join in their events. Those events have been added to our website calendar also. We have reciprocated and hope this proves to be a fun & interesting venture!

A discussion was held on the Club's Facebook page. Look for an update on it in near future. Our Club is exploring avenues to add to our membership. Look around for local car events where you live and show up in a British car to garner interest. We are the alternative to the muscle stuff.

The upcoming tech sessions will get us thinking and in the mood for the driving season. The first real driving event is the Apple Blossom run. We had to pick a date; but, the way the weather has been, it's a real guess when we will actually see them. Cherry and peach blossoms are part of the scenery too. In the past, a stop at the Thirsty Farmer completed the run with food and drink.

If you're itching to get in some road time this year, look over the Events calendar and plan away. We are always happy to add to it if you have a suggestion.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

Rich



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...

2023 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.

- Feb. 25th** **CPTC Tech Session: Denny Ryder's Basic Body Work.** Club member Denny Ryder will hold a Tech session in his shop on some basic body work. He currently has an Opel and a TR250 that are being redone. Location is 120 Park Street, Seven Valleys, PA. The event is free; but pre-registration is required. RSVP by Feb 22 to Mary Ann Berrian: mab2beach@msn.com or 717-798-1922. Lunch provided by CPTC - Event runs from 10:00 AM to 1:00PM. CPTC Event
- March 25th** **CPTC Tech Session: Jack Merryman's British Car Wiring.** British Car Electrical systems and how to troubleshoot them. Event location: Rolls Royce Foundation Museum, 189 Hempt Rd, Mechanicsburg, PA 17050. Pre-registration and a \$10/person facility fee is required. RSVP by March 11th. Check payable to Central PA Triumph Club. Send to: Mary Ann Berrian 3179 South Salem Church Rd, York, PA 17408. Morning coffee, pastries and lunch will be provided by CPTC.
- 8:30-9:30 Coffee & pastries pre-meeting social
 9:30-Noon Tech session
 12:00-1:00 Sandwich lunch at the RR Foundation - CPTC Event
- April 30th** **25th Annual Britain on the Green - Gunston Hall, Lorton, VA.** British car & motorcycle show. 9AM - 3PM. For info/reg. visit <http://britainonthegreen.org>
- May 6th** **27th Annual Lewes British Motorcar Show - Lewes Terminal of Lewes/Cape May Ferry, 8:30 AM.** Merchant Sidewalk & Art sale, Farmer's Market & historical sites in addition to the car show. Reg.: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/27th-annual-lewes-british-motorcar-show-2023-registration-528483186437>
- May 12 - 14** **Carlisle Import & Performance Show, Carlisle Fairgrounds.** Register online: <http://store.CarlisleEvents.com> or call 717-243-7855. Be sure to mention that you are a CPTC member. *CPTC Event**

2023 Calendar of Events (Cont.)

- May 20th** **Triumph Rescue Spring Shakedown Car Show, 149 Limekiln Road, Bechtelsville, PA 19505 See P. 9 for registration details.**
- The 2023 Spring Shakedown Car Show is sponsored by Matt Bakes and our friends at Triumph Rescue in Bally, PA. The non-judged car show will run from 9am - 3 pm (rain date is May 21st). Lunch food will be available for purchase. The registration fee is \$15.00 and proceeds will benefit the Eastern Berks Fire Dept. and the Bally Community Ambulance Co. Registration: triumphs@triumphrescue.com or call 610-845-8217.**
- June 19-23** **2023 TRA National Meet, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH 45003. For more information/registration, visit: <https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2023>**
- June 24-25** **Pagoda Hillclimb, Reading, PA. Details to follow.**
- July 13 – 16** **Elkhart Lake, WI. The Kastner Cup will be the featured marque of the 2023 WeatherTech International Challenge with Brian Redman. One of the largest vintage race car gatherings in the United States, featuring over 50 classes of cars racing in several groups.**
- Aug 19 – 20** **Duryea Hillclimb, Reading, PA 19602. Admission is by voluntary donation to Pagoda-Skyline, Inc. Racing starts each day around 9AM and continues until 4PM. A shuttle bus will operate both days, taking spectators up and down the hill, with stops. Car show on Sunday. See [BMR-SCCA | Duryea Hillclimb page](#) for more info.**
- Aug 26 – 28** **Central PA British Car Festival - Fairfield Inn & Suites by Marriott Altoona, 2915 Pleasant Valley Blvd, Altoona, PA 16602. A two day event features John Twist of University Motors, Lenny's Car Museum, axe throwing event, Mountain Tour to Pig Roast and Lakemont Park Car Show. Pre-registration required. See brochure at <https://www.centralpabritishcar.com> for more details.**
- Sept. 8 - 10** **Watkins Glen Vintage GP - for more information, please visit: www.grandprixfestival.com/index.html**
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Hammerin' Away in Arizona

~ By John Schmoyer

Should you hear hammering sounds coming from construction sites while driving your Triumph in Arizona, it would come as no surprise. After all, Arizona is perennially among the top states with the greatest number of housing starts. But wait....what's that other hammering sound as you approach Scottsdale? To avoid much suspense, it's the hammerin' of the gavel at the Barrett-Jackson Collector Car Auction. You know ... "SOLD SOLD"!

In late January, my brother Jim (courtesy of his friend Pearl's family-owned classic auto restoration business in Sheridan, WY) found himself a VIP at the renowned auction. His \$250.00 daily VIP pass (reduced from \$400.00 for buyers/sellers) allowed him entry to all areas throughout the event. It even provided him with ten (10) complimentary drinks per day, perhaps to loosen him up should he enter the bidding fray.

The auction is as you've likely seen it on cable TV multiple buildings and tents, a cavernous bidding hall, all cars offered at "no reserve", and a single lane through which all cars pass. Let there be no doubt that the auction is a very profitable venue for Barrett-Jackson as on-site sellers and buyers fees are 8% and 10%, respectively, of the hammer price.

Triumph enthusiasts will be interested in learning that sales prices included \$42K for a white TR4 and \$49K for a red TR4.



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Hammerin' Away in AZ (Cont.)

The maroon TR3 below sold for \$17K ...



And a black Spitfire Mk III owned (and driven into the staging area) by none other than Simon Cowell, himself, sold for a jaw-dropping \$77,000 !



Hammerin' in Arizona can become an expensive proposition!

**Photos by Jim Schmoyer*

Ed. Note:

John Schmoyer is a long-time CPTC member and a regular contributor to Triumph News.

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New Members ... Welcome!

The most recent additions to the CPTC ranks are:

Jeff & Becky Payne
Dallastown, PA
Owners of a '78 Spitfire
and
Bob & Elaine Wilcox
Westover, PA
Owners of a '76 TR6

We're pleased to have you with us!

8 Reasons to Own a Spitfire (And 2 Reasons We'd Never Buy One!)

Continued from the Feb. 2023 Issue ...

Adapted from an article By [R J Waldron](#)
Published in HOTCARS Nov 19, 2022

**Submitted by Sue Billett*

3 The Triumph Spitfire - A Bargain Purchase

There is plenty to like about the Triumph Spitfire, with the main winner being a pretty low purchase price. Rough-running examples can be bought for a few thousand dollars. Cars that need more work can be found for less. A plentiful supply means plenty of choices.

A fully restored Spitfire won't break the bank. Prices have crept up in recent years; but aren't at frightening levels. The best examples can be sourced for the price of a modest secondhand sedan; so ownership of a classy little British sports car is well within reach.

2 A Triumph Spitfire Is Easy To Live With

There's little that can break on a Triumph Spitfire, and anything that does can be fixed or replaced. Mechanically simple, the engine won't throw up many challenges when maintained. Simplicity has always worked in a Triumph Spitfire's favor ... and benefits an owner.

Jump in and drive. There are no complex electronics to configure - No mind-bending driver modes to select from. Just a keen engine and a sweet chassis. Pitting the driver and the Spitfire as one against any favorite road, nothing more is needed to feel fully connected.

1 The Triumph Spitfire Is a British Gem

Much cheaper than a period Lotus, the Triumph Spitfire has all the charm of Britain's best at a wallet-friendly price tag. Instantly recognizable styling and a peppy power plant. An iconic name and sporting roots. The Triumph Spitfire is as British as the Union Jack.

The British never got a wave of muscle cars. Instead, they got an array of small-displacement sports cars. The Triumph Spitfire is one of the best available within its price bracket. An enthralling classic to own and great fun to drive. A Spitfire is the very best of British.

2 Reasons Why We'd Never Buy a Spitfire

The Triumph Spitfire Is a Rust Magnet

Every inch of the car will rot and corrode, from the front bumpers to the filler cap. All British cars of this period are the same. A Triumph Spitfire will disintegrate before an owner's eyes. Repairs will be frequent and ongoing to prevent one from dying.

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Reasons to Own a Spitfire (Cont.)

From the factory, the Triumph Spitfire wasn't the best-made vehicle. Trim was badly fitted and panels were often misaligned. Mechanical issues can arise too, making maintenance feel like a never-ending cycle - repair and replace, until the car is abandoned forever.

A Triumph Spitfire Isn't Inspirational

No gearhead has ever grown up lusting after a Triumph Spitfire. They don't inspire that level of desire. Great little cars, but driving one gets boring very quickly. The nostalgic feeling wears thin; the cabin gets hot and damp and its engine continually struggles for power.

An owner upgrades/improves a Spitfire at their financial peril. Plowing money into one will not result in a windfall resale. Breaking even after a lengthy restoration will also be a rarity. Triumph Spitfires don't command big prices and it is unlikely that they ever will.

The Author
[R J Waldron](#) (331 Articles Published)



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~ CPTC Members ~ Your Help Is Needed

Results from our recent 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 2023, 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 thoughts and ideas!

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Attention, CPTC Members!

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In this case, it happened to be CPTC members Denny and Eileen Dilger who were navigating through that gauntlet of outsized behemoths. A stark reminder to utilize extra caution when traveling our interstate highways ... and any highway when behind the wheel of your LBC or the family sedan.

**Photo by John Krause*



The official winner of the "not my job" contest...



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1969 Triumph GT6+ vintage race car PROJECT – Complete, but disassembled. Log book history back to new. Many new parts, some of the expensive restoration is done. ARRC history. Contact me for details, pictures and history. I'm getting older and have too many projects ahead of this one; so I'd like to see it go to a good Triumph home. Asking \$5000, but will discuss reasonable offer. Contact Jay (Non-member) at 775-848-4788 or email JayMeilstrup@yahoo.com [Listed 2/23]

Car Parts

Want to Buy - Convertible top for TR6, with frame; prefer black. Contact Rich Roenigk (Member) at 717-487-1795 or rroenigk@aol.com [Listed 2/23]

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TR3 Parts - 3 Arizona TR3 Rolling Body shells - One is raised bonnet hinge style, other two are flat style. Great replacement for rusted project car. Prices start at \$4500 USD. Body shells located in Ontario, Canada, 1½ hours from Buffalo, NY. If interested, call Stephen Choquette (Non-member) - Phone: 905-873-1774 [Listed 11/22]

VTR 2023 - Sept. 27th – Oct. 1st

Dillard, Georgia

More information at www.VTR2023.org

Host hotel is the Dillard House –

www.dillardhouse.com

Event Hosted by the Georgia Triumph Association

www.gatriumph.com

2023 6-Pack TRials Date and Location Announced

TRials in the Alleghany's

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<https://wyndhamhotels.com/ramada/indiana-pennsylvania/ramada-indiana/overview?checkinDate=09/>

To make reservations, enter the URL above or call the hotel and ask for the **6-Pack Car Club TRials 2023** to get the reduced pricing of \$99.00/night.

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**Drive Your Triumph Day
Friday, February 10, 2023**

~ By Ron Weber

CPTC had a good turnout at Troegs Brewery in Hershey, PA to celebrate Drive Your Triumph Day. The weather was unusually warm and sunny; so it made for a great drive there.



Members arrived from nearly all compass points to raise a glass to Sir John Black. They included: Cliff & Kathy Grube, Ron and Linda Weber, Bob & Tina Krivenko, Denny & Eileen Dilger, Rich Roenigk, Bruce Kogan, Ken Egan, John Krause, and Dan Lehr.



I don't know about anyone else; but Linda and I took the long way home to take full advantage of the nice February weather!

Kudos to Ron & Linda Weber for their efforts in setting up this CPTC event. [Ed.]

**Photos by John Krause & Ron Weber*

***See more photos at www.cptc.org under 'Recent Events' and/or Google Photos*



Jerry & Jenn Frasso's '73 Triumph TR6 at Long's Church in Stouchburg, PA. [National Historic Site - built in 1785]

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Triumph TR250 in the garage - Awaiting spring in central PA
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