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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

Looking at the Events calendar is a bit overwhelming; but that's a good thing. It is nice to have to make a choice from so many options. Here is hoping the Apple Blossoms know we are coming and put on a show for us.

The Carlisle Import Show is getting a bit crowded with youth and their cars of choice; so it is almost imperative we show up with record numbers of Brit cars. It is a great time to attend with or without your car to talk shop and have lunch with your fellow Club members.

This spring has provided some great days to exercise our cars to find and correct the bugs before the heavy driving season starts. It would be nice if that would be the end of the bugs! Always good to pack some tools, spare parts and items that can make you a real hero and a friend on the road if you have what someone else needs. Don't forget to check the air in the spare tire too.

There is some ongoing chatter about cars being bought and sold. It's good to know that we have that happening. Check out Facebook for our Club site - it may be of interest to do so. Mike Walsh is doing a great job with it and his *slightly* younger perspective is very much appreciated.

In car years, we are all in the Vintage class now, some rust showing along with dents and scratches, warranty has long expired and we are full of replacement parts....if still available. Until the tow truck comes, plan to make this driving season a memorable one.

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.

- 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**
- May 18-20** **2023 AACA Eastern Spring Nationals - held at Wyndham Gettysburg Gettysburg, PA. Thursday night Cruise-In, \$5 entry fee at gate. More event info/reg. at** www.aaca.org
- 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 3rd** **Cars and Motorcycles of England - 8:30 AM - 5:00 PM, Hope Lodge, Fort Washington, PA. British-marque, judged show. See P. 14**
- June 4th** **Carsonville Hotel Drive/Lunch - meet at Ft. Hunter at noon for 22 mile scenic drive to the hotel at 3176 Powell's Valley Rd., Halifax, PA. Rain date - Sunday, June 5th. CPTC Event**
- June 6th** **Adams Co. Historical Society Museum - Meet at Rutter's Store, PA Rte. 234 off US Rte. 15 at 10:00 AM. Following the Museum tour (\$12/person) take a short drive to Battlefield Brew Works for late lunch. CPTC Event**

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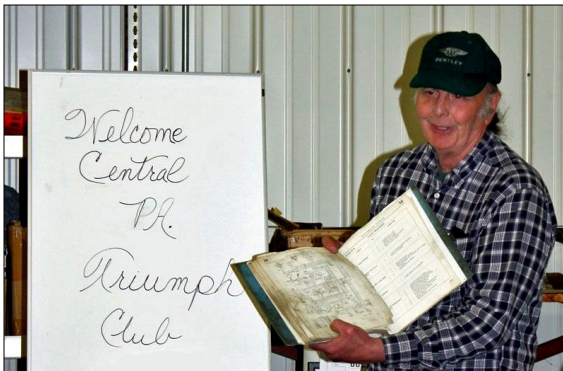
- June 11th** 29th Annual British Motorcar Gathering - Fritchman Reservoir Park, Hellertown, PA. More info at www.keystonebritish.com
- June 18th** Biplanes, Bands & Cruise-in - Golden Age Air Museum. Details: P. 9
- June 19-23** 2023 TRA National Meet, Hueston Woods Lodge, College Corner, OH 45003. For more information/registration, visit: <https://www.miamivalleytriumphs.org/tra-2023>
- June 24-25** Pagoda Hillclimb, Reading, PA. Details to follow.
- July 13 – 16** The Kastner Cup - Elkhart Lake, WI. Featured event 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 and Lakemont Park Car Show. Pre-registration required. 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
- Sept. 21-24** 6-Pack Trials in the Alleghany's, Indiana, PA. Host hotel - Ramada by Wyndham. Open to TR6s & TR250s only. More info. on P. 14.
- Sept. 24th** St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance on the Chesapeake Bay - Kent Island Yacht Club, Kent Narrows, MD. Delahaye is the featured marque.
- 9/27 - 10/1** VTR National Meet - Dillard, GA. See P. 14 for more information.
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Merryman Tech Session
March 25, 2023
Mechanicsburg, PA

~ By Denny Ward & Ron Weber



On a rainy, chilly Saturday morning, 18 members of the Central PA Triumph Club and 12 members from the LANCO MG club gathered at the Rolls Royce Foundation in Mechanicsburg for a tech session on British electrical systems. The guest speaker was master tech Jack Merryman. His Merryman Motors shop in Hanover, PA is well known to the British car community. CPTC arranged for coffee and pastries to start things off ... and a nice lunch to see us on our way.



Jack did a great job of explaining the method behind the madness of the wiring in our LBCs. He stressed the importance of the wire color coding along with following the coding in any modifications made to our wire harnesses to avoid head-scratching during future troubleshooting.

After a lifetime of involvement with Euro sports cars (Jack had his first sports car at age 15 and began learning to work on it at 16), he is a veritable encyclopedia of British car knowledge and Lucas lore. He declared Lucas components to be simple, largely reliable and, most importantly, standardized. On most '50s through early '70s British models, a brown wire is hot, a black wire is a ground, a brown wire with a light green stripe runs from the wiper switch to the wiper motor, etc. When working on your own car, use a wiring diagram to maintain the original, standard pattern.

During the nearly 3 hour session, we learned about wiring harnesses, grounding, components, batteries, relays, solenoids, starters, voltage regulators, fuel pumps, voltage stabilizers, and so on. A few takeaways from the session: Be careful with modern after-market replacement Triumph fuel pumps as they can produce too much fuel pressure, causing multiple issues. Upgrading to halogen headlights might warrant adding a relay due to increased demand for power. US fuses are different from British fuses—a 35 amp US fuse is roughly equivalent to a 17 to 20 amp Brit fuse—so use caution.

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Merryman Tech (Cont.)



Positioning a kill switch on the ground cable of the battery is a safety feature as well as a theft deterrent. New high-torque starters offer lower current demand and are a more flexible, reliable and compact solution to original starters. Switching to LED bulbs for flashers & turn signals (bi-metal devices) may create problems as they require circuit resistance. Ignition system components were reviewed. Add-on electronic ignition systems such as Pertronix are very well refined by now, although they do require a specific coil resistance range to work.

Besides a wealth of knowledge, Jack brought dozens of visual aids, such as wiper motors, shop manuals, relays, tools, gauges, etc. After learning a ton of information and asking a lot of questions about our own cars, the group left their seats in the large museum wing and moved on to a larger wing for lunch.



During lunch Kelby Steele gave us a little history of Rolls-Royce & the Foundation, and the good works they do. Volunteers are welcome to help maintain the fleet of Rolls and Bentleys and often have an opportunity to drive the cars - quite a nice perk! The Foundation maintains decades of original R-R and Bentley production records and other historic files, and the library is available for research.



Many thanks to Ron Weber for organizing this event and to the Museum staff for their gracious hospitality. Well done! [Ed.]

**Photos by Denny Ward & Stan Carpenter*

Twelve Hours of Sebring

~ By Howard Zlotoff

Most of us are familiar with classic cars and the technology of these machines. Well, through a contact at Lexus, I was able to spend a unique day at this year's Sebring 12 hour race. We had passes that gave us access to Lexus hospitality which was top drawer. We also were free to roam the pit area from the start of the race to the end.



The number of people who make up the team is impressive. The mechanics, drivers, pit crew, and engineers monitor the car's performance on six different computer screens. Multiple camera views show each section of the track and inside the driver's cockpit looking through the windshield. All the cars must conform to track standards, which includes Michelin tires and fuel.

Today's drivers are all athletes - No pot bellies here!

Three drivers rotate every pit stop and have their own custom seat shell that they carry into the car and snap in place while tires are changed and fuel is topped. Between shifts they are provided with lounge chairs to nap and a buffet table of snacks. These drivers average 110-120 mph on the track. There is a prototype division and retail style division that race on the track simultaneously. The prototypes are much faster and lap the conventional Porches, Corvettes, Lexus, Cadillac, BMWs, Mercedes, etc.

One of my friends who joined us just retired as the head of Ford racing division; so he was a great resource of information and suggestions about where to stand, what to watch for, and great stories! He also arranged for us to have headsets that allowed us to listen to the Lexus team communicating between themselves and the drivers with tech information on race strategy and pit stop schedules.



(Author: Left, Front)

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12 Hours of Sebring (Cont.)

We did not stay for the entire race since it wouldn't end till 10 PM that night; but we were able to watch it on local TV. For those who have not been to a modern day race, I'd strongly encourage you to put it on the 'bucket list'! The sounds, the smells, the people and, of course, the cars make it a great experience!



*Photos: Anon



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Worth a visit even if you're just browsing!

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

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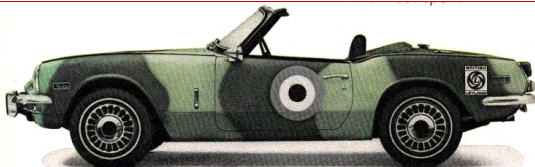


It snowed and sleeted like hell the night before last and into yesterday and felt like winter had arrived. But it was all gone by 3:00 PM; and later today I'll take the TR6 out with the top down as it is sunny and clear and supposed to hit 75F by 4:00 PM. Gotta love this State!

Author: Dan Rossi. Moved from Paoli, PA to New Mexico in the fall of 2022.

**Submitted by Rich Roenigk*

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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]

TR6 Parts - transmission, clutch, pressure plate, throughout bearing & drive shaft from a 1972 TR6. Only 3000 miles on clutch, pressure plate & T/O bearing since replacement. If interested, call Ken (Member) at 717-461-6060 and make an offer. [Listed 2/23]

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
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6-PACK TRials Registration Form September 21 – 24, 2023

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Specialty Tools for Triumphs ~ By Alan Loesch

Hand Tools:

I realized that I have a number of tools – both purchased and constructed – that I use only on my Triumphs. I took some pictures and added comments that may be useful to others.



At the top is a spring compressor from Moss or maybe TRF. I added the large ratcheting box end wrench to make things easier and faster. I also added the large washers and the piece of angle iron which allows me to use this tool for both the front and rear springs. The wooden blocks are carb holders – just drilled a large hole and the carbs stand up straight; easier to work on them. Below the carb are the carb adjusting tools – a Unisyn and a needle adjuster. The next item is a degree wheel which I've never used and probably never will. To the left of the degree wheel is a set of those unique round electrical connectors.

Next to the connectors is a valve adjustment tool I have yet to master. The little screwdriver – carb adjustment. The cut-in-half wrench is short enough to easily work on the fuel pump. The next wrench is very thin and is used to install the stop light switch on the brake pedal. Finally, the square-hole wrench is for drain plugs and rear brake adjustment.

Lower Wishbone Assembly Bracket:



I mount the lower wishbone arms to the plywood and clamp it in the Workmate. I can assemble the lower wishbone with the trunnion installed and have it ready to complete the front suspension.

*See Alan's full article at www.cptc.org
On the home page, scroll to and click on Tech Tips. Then scroll to CPTC Member Tech Bits.

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1970 Split Bumper MGB - Owner: Rory Liebrum