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Several lively games of Bingo added to a fun day at the Mid-summer Picnic in Memorial Lake State Park



**photo by Joe Laurito*

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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 Ron Weber at 717-867-4548 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

Many of us will remember the oil crisis of early seventies - the odd and even license plate numbers to buy gas. The fallout from this was the manufacture of anemic automobile engines which sacrificed power to increase gas mileage. Newly enacted U.S. emissions and safety regulations throttled performance cars sold here and many foreign manufacturers bowed out of our market.

Some stayed; but limited the number of models offered because of the testing each model had to go through. But, in 1985, 60,000 gray market cars (imported through channels other than authorized dealers, with subsequently invalid warranties in the U.S.) were brought in. Several events, including enacting fraud and lemon laws, followed to essentially put most gray marketers out of business.

But the biggest change was the adoption of the "25 year rule" created by a motorhead at the National Highway Transportation Safety Administration. Richard Merritt is credited with crafting this rule, enacted in 1988, which legally permits the importation of vehicles 25 years and older without requiring them to meet US vehicle regulations. Merritt often said during his career that he was the only bureaucrat to actually help people. Thanks to this rule, it is now possible to purchase vehicles which never made it to the American market – a Triumph Dolomite Sprint or the BMW Rover Group's MG F roadster being two good examples.

Manufacturers realized that this rule would be no threat to new car sales and would appease car enthusiasts. So every January, look for models to be imported that we have never had a chance to purchase before.

As for our upcoming driving events, the caravan to Watkins Glen will be headed up by John Krause this year. Look for an email with details coming soon.

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

Rich



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.

- 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.
- August 27th** A Taste of Britain - Forney Polo Field, Rothsville, PA. British car show and polo match - Sponsored by LANCO MG Club.
- Sept. 8 - 10** Watkins Glen Vintage GP - for more information, please visit: www.grandprixfestival.com/index.html
- Sept. 17th** Goodbye Summer Picnic -12:30 PM, Gifford Pinchot State Park, Quaker Race Day Use Area. Bring your own food, drinks & bag chairs. Please consider donating an item for our Silent Auction - Contact Bill Shover at wsspjs@pa.net with your donation info.
- 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. 12.
- Sept. 23rd** Artistry on Wheels, Carlisle, PA. Held in conjunction with the 40th Harvest of the Arts Festival. Sponsored by the Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club. Please see their website for details: www.SVVsportscarclub.org

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2023 Calendar of Events (Cont.)

- Sept. 24th** **16th Annual St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance - on the waterfront at Kent Island Yacht Club, Kent Narrows, 117 Yacht Club Drive, Chester, MD. Delahaye is the featured marque. More info/tickets at: <https://smcde.org/visitors/tickets/>**
- 9/27 - 10/1** **VTR National Meet - Dillard, GA. See P. 12 for more information.**
- Oct. 7th** **Octoberfest - Ron & Linda's home, 220 Clear Spring Road, Annville, PA. Barn will be decorated as a mini-beer hall. BYOB/BYOW, also a request that members bring a dessert to share. Board will supply brats, rolls, potato salad and other German food, tableware and non-alcoholic beverages. Event: noon - 4:00 PM. Rain date: Sunday, Oct. 8th. RSVP to Ron at rmweber_99@yahoo.com or 717-867-4548**
- Dec. 3rd** **CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA. 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Details to follow.**

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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...

**Mid-summer Picnic
Memorial Lake State Park
July 29, 2023**

Despite the threat of severe afternoon thunderstorms on a warm & humid day, 20 + CPTCers gathered at Memorial Lake to share camaraderie, food and drink ... and Bingo!



Some of the early arrivals settled in and helped to set up the pavilion with linens, food to share and Bingo prizes.



Due to the weather forecast, a decision was made to eat first and allow the rest to follow as weather permitted.



Then it was time for Bingo, with Mary Ann (far right) dutifully calling out the numbers!



Mid-summer Picnic (Cont.)

Fortunately, the forecast of impending doom never materialized and we found time to continue catching up on the latest happenings, take a walk to the lake and enjoy the rest of a fun day. Many thanks to Alan Loesch, Rich Roenigk and Mary Ann Berrien for their efforts in making this a great outing for all.

*Photos by Joe Laurito & John Miele

Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix

~ By Cliff & Kathy Grube

The Pittsburgh Vintage Grand Prix car race and British Car Day show on Saturday, July 22nd, was the culmination of a week of car related activities in the heart of Pittsburgh. Saturday's event is located at Schenley Park and the adjacent golf course. Triumphs always have a large presence and likely the most prominent location of the show.



Triumph 2000 Mk1 - very rare here and left hand drive as well.

The other prominent & equal in elevation location is on the other side of Schenley Drive and is occupied by super cars such as Ferrari, Maserati and Alfa. Make no mistake, Porsche, Audi, Mini, VW all had large areas, as well as a combined area of American models. This is a show to put on your "Must do" list.


Saturday, Sept. 23rd 2023
 Our 32st Annual Motorshow
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Carsonville Hotel Run

August 6, 2023

~By Alan & Robyn Loesch

The Carsonville run had about half a dozen cars and was a relaxing and fun drive. Our gathering point was the parking lot at Fort Hunter and the weather was perfect for top-down driving.



The small caravan of brightly colored cars attracted a lot of attention as we wound our way on the back roads to Carsonville, in northern Dauphin County.



Once there we all enjoyed the food, drink, the relaxed atmosphere and pleasant conversation around the outside tables at the Carsonville Hotel.



Topping off the day was a most pleasant surprise as former VTR magazine editor and long-time Triumph enthusiast, Chris Hansel and his wife Annmarie, joined us for lunch at the Carsonville Hotel.

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Carsonville Hotel (Cont.)



Chris and Annmarie Hansel

Before heading home, a few people stopped by to see my shop and I got some great tips from them, especially about easy-to-bend brake lines - THANKS.

Everyone then headed off in various directions, including some adventurous couples who opted for the very steep and winding Goldmine Road that runs from Tower City south to the Fort Indiantown Gap area - a great drivers' road among many others in Upper Dauphin. Thanks to everyone who participated -hope to do it again next year.

*Photos by Joe Laurito & Ron Weber



St. Michaels Concours d'Elegance
Kent Island Yacht Club
Chester, MD
September 24, 2023

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Visitor/ticket information

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Membership to VTR is \$35.00 USD, which includes six bi-monthly issues of *The Vintage Triumph* magazine.

Write to: VTR-E-New Membership, PO Box 655, Howell, MI, 48844 or visit www.vtr.org for more information and a

**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.

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Membership Renewal - June 1st

The membership renewal date for **ALL CPTC members is June 1, 2023**

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First Car (s) Photo



**Cliff and Kathy Grube's first cars ...
and their little dog too!**

**Submitted by Cliff Grube*

**I don't know the blue car's
driver, but I know what
he 's thinking**



**Submitted by Ron Weber*



Information and registration at:

<https://6-pack.org/2023/03/29/trials-2023/>

~Must be a member to participate~

**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**



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.

For Sale:

1980 Triumph TR7 - Approximately 68k miles, 5-spd, A/C, stainless steel exhaust, new struts, shocks, suspension bushings, brakes, fuel pump, fuel lines, rotors, wind-shield, antenna, chrome luggage rack, convertible top. Tires mounted on TR8 wheels. Have owned car for over 30 years. Purchased from original owner. Have all history and many service records. Car is in amazing condition and runs and drives great. Currently has Antique Plates. [Photo can be viewed here.](#) Moving and need to sell. Asking \$6500 -- Call Rick James (Non-member) at 717-554-3015. [Listed 8/23]

TR7 Parts - Good, used, hard to find NOS parts for TR7. Parts include: new in boxes 5pc clutch, front rotors, lug nuts, decal sets, much more. Also, used set of TR8 wheels, headlight motors, manifolds, driveshaft, a blue/black interior out of a hardtop car w/ seats, pair of tan seats goes with car.) Too much small stuff to list. Asking \$1000 obo - Call Rick James (Non-member) at 717-554-3015. [Listed 8/23]

1969 Triumph TR6 - British Racing Green with black interior. Well sorted ... everything works, 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]

MG TD - Partially restored, MG TD #229320. The frame, engine, drive train, brakes and body were rebuilt in the late nineties, the body was painted and in storage ever since. I have all the necessary parts with about five exceptions. The interior needs reupholstered; but there will be no other major costs. If interested, I am open to offers. Contact Tim Harp (Non-member) for more information at pappa.tjh@gmail.com or 703-330-3893. [Listed 7/23]

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The Brokerage (Cont.)

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 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 [Listed 7/23]

Want to Buy – Parts for a1949 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]

1961 Triumph TR3A - powered by stock four cylinder OHV engine, fed by twin carbs and coupled to a four-speed manual transmission. Color is Signal Red. Car is in running condition, with extra parts. I have had the car for 46 years, along with other antique cars. Car is located in Nesquehoning, PA. Asking \$19,000. Call Bill Gardiner (non-member) at 610-730-6598. Leave a message if no answer. [Listed 05/23]

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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Impromptu Ice Cream Runs

Ice Cream runs will be on short notice. If weather the looks good a few days in advance, an email will be sent to members. We will try to schedule them in a variety of locations:

- The new Colebrook Crossing (Old Twin Kiss), Colebrook, PA
- Twirly Top - Gardners, PA (close to Mt Holly Springs)
- Forry's Drive-In near Wellsville and Gifford Pinchot State Park
- Half Pint Creamery, New Oxford, PA

If members have other favorites or would like to schedule an ice cream run, let Mary Ann know (email: Mab2beach@msn.com or call/text 717-798-1922) so she can email notices.

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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1960 Triumph TR3A - Owner: Mary Ann Berrian