

# Triumph News

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**Many of this year's British car events have been dampened by rain - the Meeting of the Marques in Carlisle proved to be no exception!**

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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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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

If you are into Formula 1 racing, Las Vegas has greatly updated its venue. With over 500 tribal casinos in the U.S. and a multitude of sports gambling apps throughout the land, Vegas is feeling the competition and is now reengineering itself.

The NFL has come to town, followed by a huge commitment to Formula 1 racing. Vegas secured a 10 year commitment with a \$560 million investment in an improved street circuit. This includes the Las Vegas Boulevard, also known as the Strip.

Picture 200 mph cars whizzing past the Wynn, Bellagio and Caesars Palace. The course is 3.8 miles long with 17 turns.

In addition, a \$240 million, four-level building, which covers three football fields, is dedicated to high rollers.

The 105,000 race ticket holders are expected to have a \$1.3 billion economic impact. Racing is scheduled for November and even then the weather can be hot; so races will be run at night.

One can just imagine the spectacle of lighted hotels/casinos to impress the World, as Saudi Arabia and Singapore have done.

Let's all boycott and stick to Vintage Racing in Pittsburgh and Watkins Glen !

Stay Safe, Keep Calm and Motor On!

*Rich*



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### 2023 Calendar of Events

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

- Nov. 15th**      **CPTC Board Meeting - Noon at John's Diner. Take the Limekiln Rd. Exit off I-83. Election of Club officers. All are welcome to attend.**
- Dec. 3rd**        **CPTC Christmas Party - Hershey Italian Lodge, 128 Hillcrest Road, Hershey, PA. Sunday, 1:00 - 4:00 PM. Complete details on P. 9**

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### **All CPTC Members:**

**The Board has been made aware of the fact that some members are not receiving all of the email advisories which have been sent out. To correct this problem, please check your email spam filter to ensure that Club emails are not being directed to the spam folder.**

**Also, please add the following email address to your list of approved contacts:**  
[cptcnews1@gmail.com](mailto:cptcnews1@gmail.com)

**Employing these two options should correct any ongoing problems. If problems persist, please contact any Board member - Thank you.**

## Meeting of the Marques Carlisle, PA September 23, 2023

~ By Denny Ward

The weather forecast for Saturday was “90% chance of rain. Potential for heavy rainfall up to a half inch; winds 10 to 20 mph; high 60 degrees.” Well, I thought I definitely needed to put the top up on the TR4. I was right, and so was the local TV weatherman. The rain was a steady shower the whole way down. I had forgotten that my right wiper needed attention since the Import Show and, about half way to Carlisle, it flopped to the cowl and just lay there. Fortunately I had action from the one I needed, so no problem. When I arrived at the High St. entrance, I saw eight forlorn vehicles in the show area. It was very easy to roll into the ‘British’ section, next to a white Morgan and three modern Minis. Wearing a hat and a hooded windbreaker, I climbed out of my Triumph, got my camera and looked around at the water-logged scene.



Kelby Steele’s blue Jaguar XK8 Coupe was parked along the curb. Kelby was told his car would be moved, once the other Jags arrived. They never did - and his car never moved. I chatted with Kelby and some other die-hard car enthusiasts, as the rain let up a bit. The ‘Asian’ (3) and ‘Other European’ cars (4) were half a block away, with nothing in-between. Eventually we heard the familiar drone of an English sports car, and two sets of headlights appeared, about a block away. Two red Triumph TR-3s arrived, headlights blazing. The lead car had its top down! Now there’s an adventurous soul, we all agreed. Not long after, a different, but definitely British drone, was detected and a beautiful, teal blue Lotus Elan appeared, pop-up headlights shining through the gloom.



I had been speaking with ‘Tiger’ Tom Ehrhart, who had planned to bring his Studebaker Avanti (but didn’t), and Kelby Steele who was telling us about the Lotus he once owned, when the owner of the teal Lotus, Woody Menear, joined us.

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## Meeting of the Marques (Cont.)

The rain became more persistent, and I was forced to go to my car and retrieve a storm jacket that proved to be wonderfully waterproof. Despite the conditions, the visitor crowd was better than expected thanks to several school-related events at Dickenson College, the campus which surrounded our little gathering.

The four of us thought some liquid warmth might be a good idea, so we walked down High Street, past vendors huddled in their booths, to the Hamilton Restaurant. Once we had doffed our rain gear, we decided it was not too early to have lunch. After coffee, two bowls of soup, a 'Hot-Chee Dog' (Kelby), a crab cake sandwich (me) and a bunch of tall tales shared, we geared up and returned to the Harvest Festival. Again, the crowd was still good—hope the vendors did OK.

Upon our return, the rain picked up a bit and a decision was made to proceed to the judging and wrap up early. The blue Lotus was the last show entry to arrive.

When the official functions were done, I headed to my TR-4, towed off, wiped the fog from the windshield and departed. Fortunately, there's a fan setting for the defroster, so the windshield was clear in half a minute. The rain really picked up; but the drive home was uneventful, my lone wiper doing its job.



Obviously, this is not the preferred environment for a car show; but I did have a good time. Talking cars and swapping fish stories is always great fun!

*\*Photos by Denny Ward*

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### **New Member ... Welcome!**

**The most recent addition to the  
CPTC ranks is:**

**Nancy Mannion  
Lancaster, PA  
Owner of a '73 Triumph TR6**

**We're pleased to have you with us!**

### One of Our Own

**Stanley R. Carpenter**

January 25, 1955 - October 1, 2023

CPTC sadly marks the untimely passing of Stan Carpenter. Stan was born in Carlisle, PA, the son of the late Richard and Evelyn (Moyer) Carpenter and the husband of 39 years to Angela (Henning) Carpenter. Stan loved his vintage cars and was a long-time member of Susquehanna Valley Vintage Sports Car Club and the Central PA Triumph Club, as well as other car clubs and organizations. Stan was an active member and organizer for nine years for the Meeting of the Marques. He and Angie were also members of the Christian Motorcycle Association.

Stan was an award-winning photographer, active in sports and a published author for several British car club newsletters and motorcycling magazines. He and Angie enjoyed taking vacations on their motorcycle, traveling to such wide ranging destinations as Nova Scotia, upper Michigan, Key West, Smokey Mountains and the New England states, among others.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by his sister, Deborah Bostwick and her husband; his three nieces, two nephews and several in-laws.

Memorial contributions in Stan's name may be made to: Central PA Food Bank, 3908 Corey Road, Harrisburg, PA 17109, Humane Society of Harrisburg Area, 7790 Greyson Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111, American Red Cross, Central Pennsylvania Chapter, 1804 N. 6th Street, Harrisburg, PA 17102 or Carlisle Evangelical Free Church, Mt. Holly Campus, 202 N. Baltimore Avenue, Mt. Holly Springs, PA 17065.

Thank you for all you have done, Stan.  
You will truly be missed.

~ Rest in Peace ~



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**Many thanks to Ron & Linda Weber for welcoming us to their home. As the photos show, a great time was had by all!**



**CPTC Christmas Party**  
**Hershey Italian Lodge**  
**128 Hillcrest Road**  
**Hershey, PA**  
**December 3rd**  
**1:00 PM – 4:00 PM**

Please join us for an enjoyable Sunday afternoon to begin the Holiday Season.

Dinner choices include salad, potato, vegetables, rolls & butter, coffee and hot tea. The entrées are as follows:

**Black Pearl Salmon (7 oz.)**  
**or**  
**Italian Baked Chicken**

**Vegetarian/Vegan meals:**

**Stuffed Shells w/ marinara sauce**  
**Baked Rigatoni w/ marinara sauce**  
**Vegetable Lasagna w/ marinara or alfredo sauce**  
**Spaghetti w/ marinara sauce or Pasta Primavera w/ broccoli, carrots & bell peppers - made w/ garlic, olive oil and lemon juice**

Due to the cancellation of the Goodbye Summer Picnic & auction in September, we will forego the traditional gift exchange in favor of a Silent Auction. Please bring any items you wish to donate with you. Also, please contact Bill Shover prior to the party with a description of any items to be donated. Bill's email is:

[wsspis@pa.net](mailto:wsspis@pa.net)

The cost for the dinner is \$20 each for member/spouse or member/guest.

A cash bar is available for soda, beer, wine and mixed drinks.

Please send your check, payable to CPTC, to 7301 Devonshire Heights Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111

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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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## 2023 VTR National Meet Sept. 27, 2023 Dillard, GA

### Georgia On My Mind ... ~ By John Schmoyer

While traveling north on GA Route 441 from Peachtree Corners, GA toward Smoky Mountain National Park, I realized that, during our entire 18 days of traveling in the Mini, we had not seen a single British sports car - not one being driven, not one parked alongside a home, not one quietly rusting away in a field. This becoming the norm these days, it was somewhat depressing that our old cars are indeed disappearing from sight.

Upon approaching the small town of Dillard, my wife spotted four TR's stopped at a red light, waiting to turn in our same direction. Within a minute two more TR's were in sight. Of course I had to let them pass so that I could trail them, with my driver-side window down for a few miles, to bask in their exhaust sounds. Unbeknownst to me, we were soon to stumble upon **VTR's 2023 National Meet**, hosted by the GA Triumph Association. As we peeled off Route 441 (at my wife's suggestion) to follow the TR's, it was a short jog up a hill and there, to my delight, were 240+ Triumphs of all models which had gathered in the beautiful, surrounding mountains for five days of various driving events.



Watching the Triumphs assemble in the field at the Dillard House was similar to watching bees flying in from all directions to their hive. It would have been easy to take a hundred photos and spend two hours talking with the participants; but we had a schedule to maintain.

Needless to say, that little hamlet in Georgia was indeed on my mind ... and still is!

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# The Brokerage

## Where Buyers Meet Sellers

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### **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.

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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.)

**1980 Triumph TR7** - Approximately 68k miles, 5-sp, A/C, stainless steel exhaust, new struts, shocks, suspension bushings, brakes, fuel pump, fuel lines, rotors, windshield, 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, 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]

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**2023 VTR Meet (Cont.)  
Postscript:**



Couldn't resist taking a photo of this TR3's license plate. How many times have we all been asked if our Triumphs are MGs?

*\*Photos by John Schmoyer*

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The official sports drink when I was a kid..



**CPTC Election of Officers**

Nominations are now open for the following offices on the CPTC Board of Directors:

President

Secretary

Newsletter Editor

If you have an interest in one or more of the above offices, please contact any Board member to secure your nomination and have your name placed on the ballot.

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