

# Have you seen the sign?

...asks *John Krause* of Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania



Of course you haven't 'seen the sign' since it is across the pond from you, but I have. Actually, I noticed it many years ago. It is a survivor, quite possibly the last Triumph dealership sign on the planet still hanging in its original location, a reminder of a bygone era when Triumph was still selling cars in the USA. It is in the Central Pennsylvania Triumph Club's (CPTC) backyard and most of us that know of it take it for granted. I was prompted to write this piece by an article that I read by Don Weinberger of the Delaware Valley Triumph (DVT) Club about the sign, that was published in both the DVT newsletter and in the Vintage Triumph Register's magazine (Number 90, Summer 2004).

Don described his search for the sign after being told by a member of a Maryland Triumph club that he had spotted an old Triumph dealership sign in Pennsylvania, but he could not remember where. Don did some research and found its location. Don then located the owner and attempted to purchase it, but was told that he has no intention of parting with it and has turned

down several offers, from as far away as the Triumph Club of Central Texas. As a side note, I also had made the owner an offer to buy the sign in the early 90s and, of course, was turned down.

The 'big T' sign, as it is known, has been hanging there for 40-plus years and is still in excellent condition. According to Don's article it is roughly 5 feet long and 5 feet tall. The dealership, now derelict, was called Warrington Motors and it is situated on Route 74 in Rossville, PA.

I have visited the sign this past August to take photographs of it with my TR250 beneath. I recommended to our membership that they do the same with their cars some sunny weekend. There is no way to know how long the sign will remain and I doubt there is any other place anywhere where you can photograph your car with an original Triumph sign in its original location. I plan to organise a club photograph session at the sign this year. There is a photo of the sign on the CPTC website ([www.cptc.org](http://www.cptc.org)) at the top left and right of the 'For sale' section.