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	November 12	Reimer Road Rally and Tour
	December 10th at the Popp's house	Christmas Party
	<p><b>Monthly Reminders</b> Pub club meeting November 6, at King's Head Pub, St. Augustine on US 1 about 5 miles north of the city. Look for the Red Double-decker bus. Time: 1:00—4:00 p.m.</p> <p><b>Front Cover L—R:</b> Art Kelly and Tim Lynch At the Awards banquet <b>SEVTR</b></p> <p>(Twins separated at birth?)</p>	

## President's Corner

Our Event Calendar planning for 2006 is underway. Members are invited and encouraged to commit to running an event for the Club. The nature of the event and the date are, as far as possible, the member's choice with the proviso that we aim to have variety and little conflict with other area events. The common interest in Triumphs is what brought us together in the first place, but the membership glue, so to speak, is our events and this Newsletter. So please consider doing an event for us, perhaps something that you always thought we should do, or should have done by now, and call or E mail Gerry Popp or myself with your idea.

Speaking of which, specifically the annual picnic on the third weekend in July at Kingsley Lake, Camp Blanding. Since Stan Kinmouth departed to Washington D.C., leaving us with a complete "how to do it" kit for the event, someone to fill his shoes for '06 is a priority.

You will see that the event for October is the MG Club Show on Oct. 22nd. TCNF alternates with the MG folks each year and so we have a tradition of supporting each other. Please consider attending this low key and friendly event. Also note that Gerry and Louise Popp have generously offered to host the Christmas Party to member nuts and navigators this year, on Dec. 10th. Now THAT is a must on my calendar! Enjoy the cooler driving just around the bend.

**Graham Thomas**

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### Jekyll III

We really need to beef up our club participation, people. This girl reporter was chagrined but not surprised that Central Florida Triumph Register (CFTR) won the Riley Cup at the 2005 VTR (Vintage Triumph Register) Southeast Regional at Jekyll Island, Georgia. This is a HUGE trophy awarded to the club with the most members present at a SE VTR Regional. The trophy has engraved plaques and lives at The Roadster Factory. We really need to get a shot at that honor, and will have our chance in the spring of 2007 at Jekyll IV.

And, Girl Reporter's husband tells her she must explain the title. Jekyll I was hosted by TCNF in 1991; Jekyll II was hosted by GTA (Georgia Triumph Association) in 2002 and Jekyll III was hosted by a consortium of clubs in the VTR Southeast Region IN 2005. All clear now? Gosh, I hope so.

The convoy to the show is a big part of the fun. Driving on back-roads through small towns where people gawk to see this string of incredible cars, all in a row, passing through. This year, the Thursday convoy began in the Orlando area with six CFTR cars. As they passed Palm Coast on US 1, the Art & Michele Kelly jumped on board, on to St. Augustine where Gerry and Louise Popp joined the queue. Lance Brazil jumped on at the Atlantic Blvd. entrance to 9A right on time. Of course, we were all in cell phone contact to coordinate this rolling convoy, and it worked pretty well until we got to Yulee. There we missed Graham Thomas, who was not at the intersection of A1A and 17 when the nine cars paraded through. Graham, of course, does not carry a cell phone, so, what could we do? Of course, he managed to find the meet (maybe because he'd been up there preparing the driving tours) but not until waiting an hour for cars that were far up the road.

Walter and Barbara had driven up on Wednesday to run the Rallye that Walter prepared; when he ran the Rallye in 1991 (when TCNF hosted a regional at Jekyll) someone had chopped down one of the clues!

Thursday evening, the traditional complementary Welcome Reception, presented a truly astounding amount of yummys. We all sat at linen draped tables under a tent on the lawn and talked till we dropped, with more wings showing up later on! Gerry Popp made short work of those in between flogging club shirts to anyone who was vulnerable. Friends from other clubs in the region were found and everyone caught up on what had happened since Tallahassee.

Up bright and early Friday, the real start of the meet, to see the sunrise and consume enough coffee and breakfast to be alert enough to run the Rallye; the Hospitality Suite/Breakfast Room was buzzing by 7:30. The Autocross gang took off for the airport. TCNF had no autocrossers this meet as Dave Finklestein was not there. He was on his honeymoon with the lovely Kelly! Congrats, kids! Walter Lanz had the Drivers and Navigators meeting at 8:30 a.m. and started the cars off. It really was a great Rallye. The Rallye did not leave the island and was informative, if a trifle buggy at the duBignon Cemetery. Lesson: on Jekyll Island, spray self well whenever leaving room. Most of us returning in time for lunch, found Graham

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busy at the desk running driving tours, all of which were off the island. A driving event and the resulting "dot" are required to be on the field on Saturday. With most of the driving events scheduled for the morning, the afternoon was filled with more Autocross and a lot of socializing and just chilling out.

We all gathered again under the tent for a Bar-B-Que dinner, joined by Tim Lynch and Don, Jo and James Marshall. They had ferried their TR3, "Martha", to the show in their snazzy new car trailer/motor home combo. It was really slick and just what they need for their Autocross trips. It was great to see them again.

Then came the Auction, always a high point of any meet. The upstairs Hospitality Suite was packed and there were almost punches thrown over grabbing chairs. Forget trying to get a group in one spot! Tim Lynch's wife, Carol, had arrived for the fun. Janet Fansher (Pres. of CFTR) was the auctioneer; she and Bonita Dotten of CFTR were working the auction. There were a lot of laughs and a lot of "stuff" moved. G.r.'s husband got a \$45.00 book on restoring TR-4/4-A's for \$10.00. This allegedly will assist him in replacing the "A" post rubber so this g.r.'s feet will not be immersed in water every time it rains. Which it did, a bit, that evening.

Saturday dawned with very gray skies. Not a good omen. More cars arriving for the day and those still needing a "dot" taking Graham's tours. folks went hunting sandwiches for lunch. The cars were to be put on the field starting at 11:00 and there was no food at the site.

By noon, all the cars were on the field and the skies opened up! What a deluge! TCNF repaired to the Brazil's spacious suite and hunkered in for the duration. In time the sun came out and the rest of the afternoon was beautiful, as were the cars.

Some nice surprises while we chilled at Brazil's in the shade. Angelo Guzman visited with his grandson, Hunter. Anitra is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer and so she could not attend. Keep Anitra in your thoughts and prayers as she travels this road. Angelo left after a while to get back to her. We also missed Vic Hall who had planned to attend but had to attend to his mother at the last minute. You might also want to keep Vic in your thoughts and prayers; his plate is very full.

On to the awards. We made a pretty slim showing compared to previous years. We need more cars out on that field, people! No TCNF car won a Concours award. There were a few Participant's Choice awards, however. Don & Jo Marshall's TR3, Martha, won 1st for TR3A Early (small mouth), Tim Lynch won 1st for TR3 Late. And, this girl reporter is almost embarrassed to recount that Art & Michele Kelly's took a 1st for TR4's. What can I say? It's not the glitz, it's the guts!

Post-Banquet activities took place in driving rain in the pass through by Brazil's. The usual suspects were joined by Ken & Christine Waringa and wonderful crazy Joe, the monkey boy. The monkey, incidentally, was kidnapped again at the Tallahassee meet and has been traveling the world in the company of various guardians. We were treated to a slide show of Mr. Monkey's travels at the banquet where the monkey was returned to Joe by Janet Fansher of CFTR.

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Sunday morning, the Club Presidents met to determine the road ahead. Cars were packed and mini convoys left according to needs to return. This girl reporter and husband traveled with Graham (we dropped him off in Yulee in timely fashion!) and Barbara and Walter Lanz, who left us to wend our way home shortly south of Atlantic Blvd. Another fun time with friends, both from TCNF and other clubs throughout the region winding to a close.

The Regional was run on a new concept this year. Each club in the Southeast Region contributed a piece of work to the meet. Ronnie Babbitt of GTA did an outstanding job of overall coordination. Georgia Triumph Association did the venue and the Awards Banquet. TCNF did the Rallye and the Driving Tours. CFTR had the Auction and the Car Show. Temple of Triumph ran the Funkhana and the Parts Board. Gold Coast British Sports Car Club handled Registration. Triumph Club of the Carolinas ran the Autocross. The Tampa Bay British Car Club was responsible for the Hospitality Suite. Nobody thought it could be done, but it was very well done for an initial effort of this kind. The effort will be replicated, again at Jekyll Island, in the Spring of 2007. The Presidents' Meeting decided that once every 18 months would suffice.

And so, all of us who attended this year would really love to be joined by all of you who did not in the spring of 2007. This girl reporter highly recommends it :-)

Respectfully submitted,  
Michele Kelly, Girl Reporter

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