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	<p>March 19-20 Weekend tour to Thomasville, GA</p>
	<p>April 30 Garden Cookout at the Brazil’s DATE CHANGE</p>
	<p>July Camp Blanding Picnic</p>
	<p>September 29, 30, and October 1 SEVTR Jekyll Island</p>
	<p>November 12 Reimer Road Rally and Tour</p>
	<p>MONTHLY REMINDERS Pub Club at the Kings Head Pub in St. Augustine - Sunday, February 6th, 1:00 - 4:00 PM</p>

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President's Corner

On Page 2 you will see the new slate of Club Officers for the two year term ending December 31st 2006. Especially note that Jerry Popp and Lance Brazil deserve our thanks for stepping up to help the interests of the Club. Another familiar face stepping aside and deserving of our thanks is Dave Finkelstein who, apart from his ability to make us laugh, comes into his own at car shows, National and Regional, besides our own.

I note that our next Kings Head pub date clashes with a certain football game. Furthermore the following Sunday, the 13th, is a Club event. We really should have the NFL consult with us about their schedule! The extra traffic might well be not worth the risk on the 6th; on the other hand we don't have a good date to change to. So we'll just leave everything as it is, recognizing that depending on where folks live, it might be a stay-put day.

Stan and Lily Kinmonth have offered to make the Kingsley Lake picnic an annual event with a consistent annual date. July seems to be favorite. Any ideas on which Saturday suits best? Please E mail Stan on your choice.

Please see the Preview on our Tour to Thomasville (Page 6) March 19th / 20th. We did something similar a few years ago and it was a smash hit; remember Monticello? This year will take us through similar Spring color but we will spend more time at our destination because I think you will find Thomasville to be worth it. A package of what's available there will be given to each car as we leave.

Gotta go. I've got that top down feeling! Graham Thomas

Request for Information From Stan

All the way from Belgium. A 1974 TR6, #CF/21926-UO, Originally purchased in Jacksonville. The New owner is trying to find history, facts, stories about the car. Anyone? Send to Stan and Gigi@attractor.com.
Thanks

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The Royals Reign - Or Whatever....

At Last!! A Brit Car Club in North Florida, in the actual South, has an actual BRIT for a President!! Hip Hip and all that stuff. Can we now expect all the great British engineering secrets to be available to us Floridians?? Not only Americans and (gasp) Southerners (if not by birth, then by mortgage?) I don't think so. We will muddle on, as I don't think Graham, our new leader, has a clue more than anyone else. Why should he?

Let's look at who drives what in our new line up of the tried and true who are working for you:

Stan Kinmonth has an award winning 6 filling one half of the dedicated toy garage (the other half for an award winning WWII Jeep. See last month's letter for details.) Stan is a stand up car guy and has been working the TCNF since at least Lake City, 1999, when he put together a great program and did all kinds of other great and difficult things. He and Lily have also hosted the annual Camp Blanding Picnic for forever. These are great folks. Thank you, Stan and Lily - those are big jobs. Stan is the new Vice President/ Membership/ Secretary. Well, he's familiar with most of the tasks as he's been our secretary for some time. Let's get a paint can and go do Victory signs somewhere around Stan!!

Who, suspiciously, drives a little red German thang (yes, thang) which is certainly not Brit in any way? Oh well. (Sue drives a Jag, that's Brit - or is it Ford?) He has a bunch of Triumphs, none of which have seen the coquina highway for a few years. Now that you are retired, Norm, can we get at least one on the road - the 6? The 3? The GT6? Come on, guy, get with the program. Why should you have a/c in your Bosch thing while we sweat? And, by the way, thanks for taking care of the checkbook for all these years and doing it yet again as Treasurer. A thankless task; unless someone wants money.

Even with a fully climate functional TR8, Jerry and Louise Popp braved the Florida December with the top down and had to go home the same way. We expect nothing but the most fun events from this couple who have taken on the task of getting us out and on the road as Event-coordinator. We look forward to lots of fun from any one daring enough to brave the Holiday Party with the top down!!

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Lance and Gloria in their Spitfire are not to be surpassed; and Gloria's garden most certainly is one of paradise. Those who missed last year's picnic/barbeque don't know what she has done. This feisty and energetic pair has taken on the newsletter now, they are not going to write the whole thing by themselves, send them a little tidbit from time to time. It's tough going. Hang in there and ask for help when you need it. We're here.

And, how can we ever thank outgoing Newsletter Guy, Don Marshall. For many years he labored to keep us from "what we have here if a failure to communicate." We thank him, bless him and whatever. Thanks, Don. Been there, done that. You did great. We miss you, Jo, and James at many of our events. Please come back and see us.

Oh, my gosh, I almost forgot the President! Ours, not THE. Well, we already know he's Brit; let me tell you about his cars. He has a world class TR3 that he actually took more than 2000 miles to the National in Armaugh, PA. (Some of us finked out from the summer heat and grandkids). His current daily driver is a Mini Cooper; his lovely bride drives a new Jag. Oh well. He's of the theater crowd as well as the car crowd and really has an image to maintain. Janett is cool; she plays tennis, paints and just has a great time with her grandkids. Looking forward to Graham as President; he has been VP for the past two years and doing all the program work. Looks like a great team. Let's go driving in 2005.

Sincerely, Girl Reporter

Tech Session—English Garage

We will meet at The English Garage, 1948 Parental Home Rd for a two hour session Dave Gerrard has "loosely" called "Pings, Knocks and other Irritating Noises." Sounds like a free range affair and will go from 3pm to 5pm.

Turn on to Parental H. Rd. from Beach Blvd, cross over Hogan Rd and access The Garage just after the BP station on the right. Drinks will be provided but you may want to bring a folding chair. Afterwards we typically have the option of meeting up with the ladies for an el cheapo meal together.

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Preview: Tour of Thomasville

Thomasville has an Award Winning Great American Main Street plus some very interesting nearby features which should be conducive to a whole lot of browsing, strolling and relaxing.

We will leave Macclenny mid morning and take about four hours to destination, which would include a 30 / 45 minute stop. Information about the sights and places of interest will be given to each car on departure. The imperative thing now is to decide to join us and reserve your one night accommodation. We have checked out some places first hand and offer the following alternatives. All are as close and central to each other as can be achieved. Date for the one over-night is March 19th.

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