

TRIUMPH CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA

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This is the car
that beat the Shelby GT-350,
that beat the Lotus,
that beat the Mustang,
that beat the other GT-350,
that beat the Corvette,
that beat the Porsche 911
that raced at Savannah, Georgia.

If his Triumph TR-250 beat one or two—or even three—of the big guys, maybe you could figure Bob Tullius just got lucky that day. But not when it outran every A, B, C, and D production car on the track at the Savannah Nationals to win OVERALL.

How did a 2.5 litre machine like the TR-250 beat out the big guys? Basically, by giving just a little on the straightaways where the big guys naturally had the advantage and then outmaneuvering the devil out of them in the turns. (Which just proves that a lot of expensive litres go to waste in a tight turn.)

Power and handling also helped the TR-250 grab wins in the Las Vegas and Danville Nationals. And it's only been in the U.S. for a few months.

Want to know more about the upstart? Talk to your Triumph dealer.

 **TRIUMPH** TR-250

Leyland Motor Corporation of North America, 111 Galway Place, Teaneck, New Jersey 07666.

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	August 7	Pub Club Neptune Beach
	September 29, 30, and October 1	SEVTR at Jekyll Island
	November 12	Reimer Road Rally and Tour
	December	Christmas Party
		<p>Monthly Reminders Pub Club at the King's Head Pub in St. Augustine - Sunday July 3, 1:00 - 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>The Pub Club meeting for August will NOT be at St. Augustine. On August 7, we will meet at a Pub in Neptune Beach. This is a one-time change. Details in the next Newsletter.</p>

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President's Corner

First an update on the S.E. Regional VTR Show and Convention: a month ago 34 rooms had already been booked and that was four months out. I have already booked on the lower floor, Oceanside for \$82 per night and if TCNF members request Code NDD5 we will be closely grouped.

I have walked the site and reckon these are the best rooms at that price level. Island side rooms are \$72 and Oceanside suites \$102. Phone 1-800-329-7466.

A fellow '59 TR3A driver here in Fernandina (I never could get him to join the Club) hit an immovable object about two years ago and severely broke things. Less than a year later he again had a beauty and once again started driving regularly, but not for long. You see, a matter of weeks and an under insured nutter went through a stop sign, creased most of the sheet metal and bent the frame.

Undeterred, he is looking for another of the same model, which is about all that will get him out of his protracted state of mourning. Tim Lynch, does this sound familiar? Anyway, any leads on available cars, but not a project in buckets, would be appreciated and I will forward them.

After two rain ruined events, I hope we can all finally get together at Kingsley Lake on July 16th. I am READY. See this issue for more detail. Its a holiday weekend, but I for one, will be at the pub on July 3rd for an Independence beer and cheese.

Graham Thomas.

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Read between the lines on Triumph advertisements

Description	Meaning
One Owner	Hertz
Ideal for enthusiast	Total restoration needed
Slight attention needed	Needs major overhaul
Good mechanics	Bad body
Good body	Bad mechanics
Stored two years	Most parts seized
No Dealers	Nobody who knows cars, please!
Collector's Item	Price is over-inflated
Good tires	That's all that is good about it
Excellent condition	Buyer beware
Genuine reason for sale	I've got to dump it
House forces sale	Neighbors complaining
In need of total restoration	In pieces
Lack of time forces sale	Spent more time than it's worth
Dismantled for restoration	I can't put it back together
Slight accident damage	Total write off
OBO (Or best offer)	I don't expect the asking price
Used daily	High mileage
Genuine mileage	Speedometer disconnected
Drives good	Looks terrible
Strong runner	Same as above
Owned by careful lady	The others were maniacs
Will bargain	I'll get mad, you walk away

More Esoteric Laws of British Automobiles

Law of Obscure and Obtuse Nomenclature

The names given to parts of British cars have no rational explanation outside of certain esoteric circles. Cases in point: a Hood is a convertible top, the Bonnet is the hood over the engine, the Boot is the trunk, and a King Dick Spanner is an adjustable wrench. Recent research has confirmed that these arcane terms were coined by early British auto makers as an inside joke while in an ale-induced stupor during nightly visits to the Lucas Pub and Electrical Works in Coventry. The same beverage was consumed in quantity by writers of technical and shop manuals with similar unfathomable results.

Cultural Phylogenetic Law of Electrical Systems

British car electrical systems recapitulate British society in that their designs are rooted in tradition, but their components often go on strike, fail to work together, and are filled with caustic and incompatible constituents. These social conditions are exacerbated by the fact that much of the populace own Lucas refrigerators, and are forced to drink warm beer.

Law of Inscrutable Variables

Also known as the *Stealth Corollary to Murphy's Law*, this law states that anything that can go wrong will be well hidden until it does, and will often defy diagnosis. This explains why British cars are chock full of so many delightful surprises and enigmas.

Law of Cyclic Effort in Restoration

Similar to the example of the process of painting the Golden Gate Bridge, this law states that as soon as one need or problem is solved, another will pop up to take its place. Thus a British car restoration is never completed, but always in progress.

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A Reminder From Stan

I've reserved the same pavilion we've used before at Camp Blanding for Saturday **July 16, 2005**.

Each year I forget to post a time; so, how 'bout this....
"On Saturday, 16 July 2005, Report for picnic duty at 10:00 a.m.

Coals will be lit and should be hot enough for cooking at 11:00 o'clock. Coals will be quenched at 2:00 p.m.

BREs (Burgers, Ready-to-Eat), hot dogs, buns, condiments, chips, and soft drinks will be provided by the club. Supplemental rations (covered dish/malted beverages) are your responsibility and are encouraged."

See map enclosed for directions. **Bring the enclosed pass card to place on your dash for identification and entry.**

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Join the Triumph Club of North Florida

If you're interested in Triumph cars, You should be a member of TCNF. The benefits are outstanding, a monthly newsletter that is entertaining as well as informative with free ads to members, monthly events, rallies, shows, picnics, tours and camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts...

Membership Application/ Renewal

_____ (Please Print) _____

New _____ Renewal _____

Car Information

Year Model Comm #

Name _____ 1. _____

Spouse _____ 2. _____

Address _____ 3. _____

_____ 4. _____

_____ 5. _____

Home Phone () _____ Please circle interest in:

Work Phone () _____ Tech Sessions Autocross

Email Address _____ Social Events Tours

Fun Rallyes Car Show

VTR Member? Yes _____ No _____ T-S-D Rallyes Races

TRA Member? Yes _____ No _____ Make your \$25.00 check
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Other British car clubs: _____

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