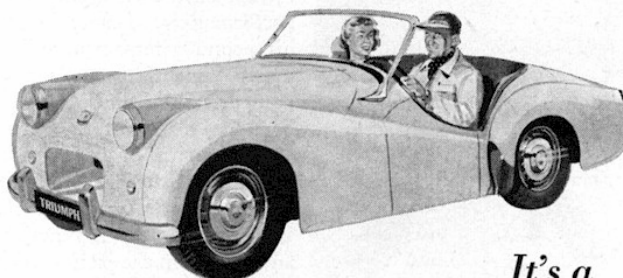


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	May 7	Pub Club Meeting.
	May 20	Cookout at the Brazil's House See Page 3
	July 22	Camp Blanding Picnic Mark your Calendars!
	October 14	Annual British Car Show, St. Augustine We need volunteers!
<p align="center">Monthly Reminders</p> <p>Pub club meeting May 7, 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 align="center">All Members are invited and encouraged to come.</p>		

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Directions to the Brazil House

- From Atlantic Boulevard, turn North on Seminole Road.
- Proceed to the 5-way intersection, follow Seminole to next intersection—11th Street.
- Turn left, go to Stop sign, turn right on Linkside Drive.
- Proceed to next stop, bear to right.
- We are at 1480, about the 5th house on the left.
- Either ring the bell or come around the **left** side of the house through the gate to the party.
- Welcome! We are looking forward to seeing you.
- Please let us know if you are coming so we can make sure to have enough food and beverage for everyone.

Legends on the Green

The Jaguar Club of North Florida has invited all Triumph club members to enter the Car show on May 6th from 10 AM until 3 PM. If you would like to enter, the fee is \$30 before April 12th. After that time the fee goes up to \$35. If you can't find last month's newsletter with the entry form, contact Lance Brazil at the email address on page 2.

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From the side of the road

As some of you know we had a problem with the TR6 getting to the British Car Day last October, and my spares kit was empty. I figured the problem was with the ignition, so I replaced ALL the ignition components.

Earlier this month (April) we were on our way to Mt. Dora, one of the Clubs outings, when the same problem started again. We babied the car along as best we could. When it ran, it ran great, but then it would start shutting down. Let me explain. It ran smooth, then would lose power, but remain smooth. It was like a rev-limiter was kicking in. A rev-limiter cuts off spark to alternate plugs to keep you from blowing up, but I was only doing about 3000-3500 rpm. On the way down I replaced the fuel filter since the one we had seemed to be stopped up, thanks Jerry!

You should be able to blow through a filter just like a straw. Now this is a clue, the filter was between the fuel pump and carburetors, and the book shows it between the fuel tank and the pump,

I decided to drain the fuel tank and check the fuel pump. The tank would not drain very fast, with a piece of wire and a little prodding it finally drained. I removed the tank and cleaned it out, and now the fuel flow is fantastic. Now it makes sense! The last carb in line was not getting gas so half the engine would not fire, or every other cylinder, just like a rev-limiter, then when the front carb ran out, because of the junk, the car would stop.

Next the fuel pump. I removed the cap, pulled the screen and looked in, it was full of stuff! I cleaned the fuel pump, reassembled with new fuel line. I also added a see-through fuel filter between the tank and pump. This way I can see when it gets stopped up, and I've got a spare, in fact I now have a spare of everything ignition as well.

Note: Go out and make sure you have a fuel filter between the gas tank and the fuel pump! I now have two fuel filters in place, and I think I like it that way.

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President's Corner

I do earnestly hope that members will take note of the date now listed in our calendar for our TCNF Car Show. October 14th is our 2006 Show, held on alternate years, and arguably the most important Club date we have. If we are to be a viable Club, then our Triumphs need to be part of the Show and we all need to lend a hand on the day; seventy or eighty cars, all British but not necessarily Triumphs, is the normal turnout but we have been higher. So get your cars ready and put the date aside, we need all of you. Location is always the Kings Head Pub (aka Public House!). I know I have mentioned before that for the first time we are going to donate a percentage of any profit to a charity.

My next topic is painful but I need to tell about it before some awful exaggerated version gets around. So there I am in the garage at night, checking the fluid levels of the '04 Jag in preparation for a 400 mile trip the next day. So who checks fluids anymore? Well, quaint isn't it?

The raised hood is of course blocking any meaningful light and so after finding all my larger flashlights void of good batteries, I make do with a thing about as big as a pencil in order to find the dipstick. It is worth noting here that had I been checking the TR fluids I would by now have been in the hot tub, bed or reading a book, having showered! But with relatively modern cars you lift the hood and see nothing but black plastic from top to bottom and front to back and if you drop something down in the engine area it does not, read can not, fall to the ground. Like a black flashlight that looks like a pencil!

You see, the little flashlight is probably resting on one of two black (what else?) plastic stone guards under the engine. But is it? I cannot tell and I cannot risk it being among the belts and pulleys, which are, you guessed it, black! On returning from the trip, on which the Mini drove admirably, I called a tow truck in order to pick up the front end and take off a few hundred feet of black plastic from the underside which allowed the flashlight to roll out. I should also explain the light was out when I dropped it! The tow truck driver was amused and told his young son something about "meeting one every day" I am sure. Yes, I know a dozen ways to avoid dropping a light into an engine; but I cannot but think again that were it the TR I was checking in the darkness I could have reached down through the engine and picked the *!??&#* thing off the floor.

Graham Thomas

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