

# TRIUMPH CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA

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## **Christmas Party Location Changed**

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**Annual Christmas Party**

**Due to unforeseen circumstances, the annual Christmas party has been moved to a new location**

**We will meet at *Culhane's Irish Pub* in Atlantic Beach. For those of you who participated in the rally this year, it is the restaurant where we finished.**

**For those of you who are unfamiliar with *Culhane's* it is located in Atlantic Beach in the Publix shopping center, about 3/4 of a mile from the ocean on Atlantic Boulevard.**

**We have reservations at 4:00 p.m. and will all be seated together. Each person is responsible for their own meal, so you can eat as much as you want or as little as you want. Please come and enjoy the warmth of our wonderful friendships. When you come in ask for *The Triumph Club***

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### **You Were Warned!**

Since you have been warned that if you did not contribute to the newsletter I would subject you to my own rambling musings about whatever and you have not contributed, it is time to pay the piper.

### **My First Car**

In the summer of 1961 I worked for my father in his restaurant. I should have known right away that things weren't going to be easy for me. I walked in the door and he fired the dishwasher.

Work was from about 8:00 in the morning until he closed around midnight. Isn't there something about child labor laws on the books?

I opened a savings account and was able to put away a princely (for me, anyway) sum by the end of the summer. When I finally *escaped* in time to go back to school I had a new respect for anyone who worked in the food service business.

In all of the jobs I have had since then, none were nearly as dangerous. I don't think a day went by that I wasn't burned, cut, or otherwise injured in some way.

When I came home to Alabama, a family friend drove by one day in a car he had bought as a work car. My mother could not afford a car so it was mostly public transportation for us at that time. I made a deal with the friend for the car, paid him, and took proud possession of a 1952 Chevrolet 4-Door Deluxe.

It was canary yellow, had an automatic transmission (generally referred to as a slush pump) and a very rusted floor un-

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under the gas pedal where you could see the ground underneath if you were brave enough to look down.

I was so proud that I had my own “wheels.” I drove my mother to the grocery store every Saturday. In the hottest weather she and my aunt wanted the windows rolled up because the wind blew their hairdo.

I finally reached a point that I was brave enough to ask a girl out on a date. I spread an old bedspread over the shabby upholstery to make it look better.

After only a few months, occasionally when I put it into gear, it would take a few seconds before it would “take hold” and start to move.

When the transmission finally gave out, I went to a local used parts yard, bought a bell housing, clutch, pressure plate, throw out fork and bearing, three-speed transmission, and a clutch pedal.

My best friend, who lived across the street, crawled under the car with me and we began to remove nuts, bolts, and screws to take out the defective automatic. We were lucky that it didn't fall on us.

At one time we were at right angles to each other and I had my head pushed up against his side. There was hardly any room under the car and for whatever reason we got a case of the giggles. Unfortunately, my head was only a fraction of an inch from the frame. Each time he laughed, his stomach would jerk and my head would slam into the frame of the car.

We eventually got the automatic out and with the help of another friend, assembled all the parts for the change over.

And then, there was that problem with the starter. The car would start just fine when it was cold. If I turned it off and tried to restart it, it would struggle to turn over and most of the time it came down to push-starting. Fortunately, Birmingham, Alabama, my home town, has plenty of hills and mountains.

I went to a Generator/Starter business and asked what I should do. His response: “You need a high tawuck stahduh.” Well, the high torque starter just sounded like something he was trying to sell, so I did not buy it.

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Later, after replacing the starter twice, (rebuilt, of course) a man at the parts counter discovered that the starter I was had was a 2-pole starter used for the 216 C.I. manual transmissions engine. I needed the 4-pole starter used on the 235 C.I. engine. After that, it was no longer a problem to turn on the key, press the starter button and have the engine roar to life.

When I went to work for the telephone company, I traded that car in on a 1962 Super Sports Impala two-door hardtop. What a change! Today, I really wish I still had that Impala.

### **Business Meeting, November 4, 2007**

The Club officers met at the King's Head Pub on the first Sunday of the month. Main issue: Our bylaws were out of step with reality. All officers voted to amend the bylaws to conform to the way we do business today.

For example: the bylaws state that each member will have a membership card. We have determined that although we all enjoy our membership and camaraderie, no one actually carries, or for that matter cares about a membership card. Copies of the bylaws are available to any member who wishes to have a copy.

### **Our 20th Anniversary**

If you will take a moment to look at the front of the news letter, you will notice that this is **Volume 19, Issue 12**, meaning year 19 December issue.

For our **20th anniversary** the club officers have voted to present each new member and each renewing member with an electronic tire gauge engraved with the club name and 20th anniversary. The tire gauges are in, so renew early and often.

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Spouse \_\_\_\_\_

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