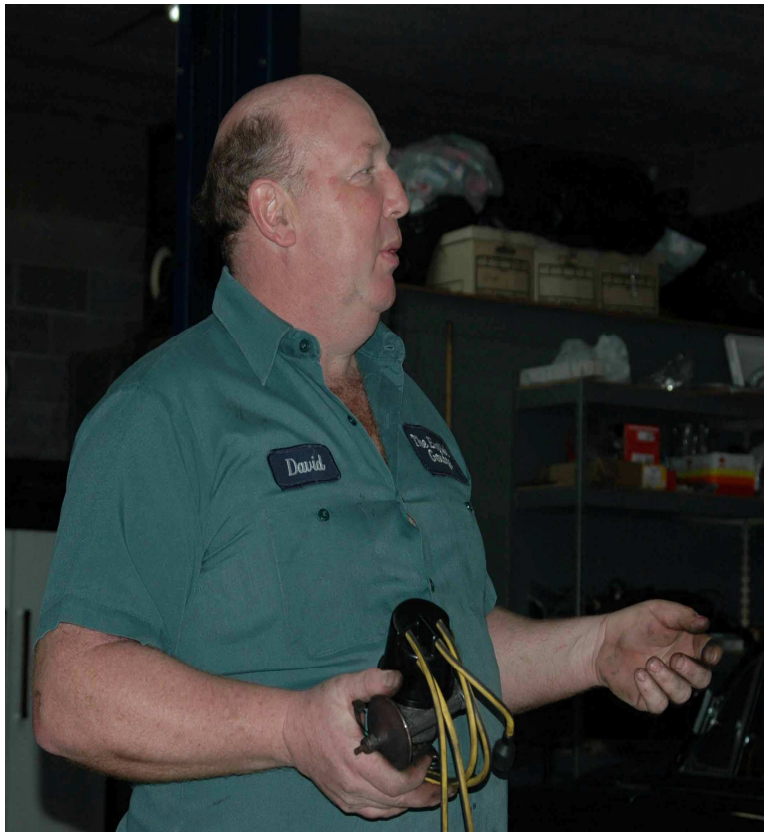


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David Gerrard, owner of the English Garage, giving hints and tips about Triumph maintenance at our annual tech session.

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	<p style="text-align: center;">March 4, 2007 Pub club Meeting St Augustine</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">April 14, 2007 Legends on the Green World Golf Village</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">May Cookout at the Brazil's House</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">July 17—21, 2007 VTR National</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">October 18—20, 2007 SEVTR</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;">Monthly Reminders</p> <p>Pub club meeting March 4, at King's Head Pub, St. Augustine on US 1 about 5 miles north of the city. Time: 1:00—4:00 p.m.</p>

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Membership Dues

If the banner on the front page of this newsletter is red, it means you have not yet sent in your dues. If you have a blue banner, it indicates that you have paid your dues. If you have paid and receive the red banner, please ignore it.

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A Note from Our Webmaster

We have enjoyed free web hosting for the last several years and it has been one expense the club has not had to deal with. However, the server that we use was put up for a specific project (unrelated to Triumphs) and will soon be coming down.

We have two options: Put everything on my server, which is not the best solution, or if we have ten members of VTR—that's Vintage Triumph Register—they will host us for free. As mentioned below, at the Tech session we were able to count 5 or 6 members. Membership carries several privileges, among these is receiving the VTR magazine. We really should have more members joining. Please consider joining to help the club and yourself.

—Walt Lanz

Tech Session Sunday

David Gerrard, owner of The English Garage, held a tech session at his shop on Sunday February 25th. He talked about general maintenance on our beloved Triumphs and gave insight into the various carburetors used on the cars along with pointers on how to maintain them in tip-top shape.

David answered questions from club members about problems with their cars. This was an informative event and well worth the time. Thanks David.

Members attending were: Lance Brazil, Walt Lanz, Angelo Guzman, Bob Lavender, Norm Reimer, David Finkelstein, Jerry Popp, Charles Vincent, and Charles Fenwick.

The Saga of the Triumph

Many of you were present at the Pub when Jody Mons came in and offered her TR3 for sale. This is the story of Norm's cousin, who bought it that day.

When I got home I put the car in my basement garage. Last Monday I put the car back on a trailer and moved it down to my shop in the barn. The right rear brake was still locking up. Got the car up on the lift and took off the wheels. All the tires are new. The right brake drum came off easy but the left one was another story. After much coaxing, tapping, & heat it finally came off. The problem was the brake adjustment screw had been turned in too far. I checked all the brakes and was pleasantly surprised. The front rotors, pads and calipers along with upper ball joints are new. The rear drums are newly cut along with new brake shoes and cylinders. All brake hoses are new. I flushed all the lines and bled the brakes. They work fine.

Next came the clutch which would not budge. I finally gave it a good hard push and it moved. Flushed the line and bled it. It also has a new cylinder and hose. It works but may need some attention the future.

Next was to try and get it started. I drained the gas tank. It was surprisingly clear but stunk like hell. I mounted a fuel filter at the tank and blew out the line. Cleaned the points and checked for spark. Good spark (Bosch coil ha ha). Then I pulled the plugs and cranked it over until there was oil pressure. Got over 50 lbs, good. Checked the plugs and replaced them. Sprayed starting fluid into the carbs and hit the switch. It started and ran a few seconds before dying. Repeated procedure a few times with same results. Conclusion; not getting any fuel. Removed the fuel pump since the bowl was full of garbage. Also found cracked fuel line. Cleaned the pump and bench tested it. Repaired the fuel line and replaced the pump. Went through starting procedure with same results. Fuel was getting to carbs but not into them.

Removed top of float bowls to free stuck needle valves. Replaced everything and went through starting procedure. Engine fired up but ran very poorly and would not idle. Increased idle speed and determined #4 was not firing. Removed the plug and saw that exhaust valve was remaining open. Figured it was a stuck valve. Removed valve cover and found lifter was stuck. Removed rocker arm assembly and turned over engine until #4 intake was opening, so I wouldn't be tapping on push rod when it was supposed to be up, and tapped push rod with hammer until it went down. Poured some penetrating oil down the push rod hole and repeated this procedure quite a few times until the lifter became easy to move. Replaced everything and attempted to start engine. It started and purred like a kitten.

Sounds real sporty (has a loud muffler). Next I will change the oil. I have to make a new splash panel under the left front fender and make some patches for both rocker panels. The paint job is ok from 20 feet. I don't feel like repainting it at present. soon as the weather gets nice I'll take it for a spin.

-Manny

President's Corner

I would appreciate input from the membership for some ideas for the future; for instance, a two-year dues with possibly a bonus as an incentive, which might encourage members to pay their dues earlier, and also help in recruiting new members.

I have heard from members that we should have name tags, because not every member attends every event. Since the last Triumph was made in 1982, our owner base is thinning out, therefore our club seems to be turning into more of a social organization; however, our common bond is the ownership and preservation of the Triumph automobile and its British heritage.

I will investigate the feasibility of name tags, and also club pins that can be attached to name tags or hats, etc.

One more thought--almost everyone has access to a computer and an e-mail address. Would it be advantageous to have someone e-mail all members with information in addition to our newsletter? I believe one of our female members would be ideal for this functions.

Please contact me with any comments or criticism.

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