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	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 1, 2007</b> Pub club Meeting St Augustine</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April 28, 2007</b> Tour of Moody Automotive Museum See Page 6</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>May 5, 2007</b> Cookout at the Brazil's House. Directions in May newsletter</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>July 17—21, 2007</b> VTR National</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>October 18—20, 2007</b> SEVTR</p>
	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Monthly Reminders</b></p> <p>Pub club meeting April 1, 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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## Fun with a Spitfire

As most of you know my Spitfire is now spread over most of my garage floor in the process of engine/engine compartment cleanup. What follows is a partial description of the insanity.

The first step was to get the ramps out of the attic – which was accomplished with a profusion of perspiration and hurling of oaths at the mental midget who designed the stairs. Once they were down, I placed them where the rear wheels would be when I was ready to work. After several false starts I had everything lined up and backed carefully onto the ramps. I may need to replace the clutch while I'm at it.

I went back to the attic (more perspiration and oaths and threw in an invective or two just for good measure) and retrieved the floor jack and, thankfully, remembered that I would also need the jack stands. With the stands nearby, I jacked up one side of the front of the car as high as it would go, placed a stand under the frame and then did the same on the other side of the car.

The battery was then disconnected (don't want the patient awake while I'm doing surgery) and placed out of the way. I used electrician's labels on each of the wires on the coil, distributor, and solenoid and wrote down in a notebook where each labeled wire connected.

I cut a length of 4X4 to the exact length from the bottom of the transmission to the garage floor, crawled under the car and when I put it in place, found that the car had moved 1/2 inch higher without my knowledge. A 1/2 inch piece of 4X4 did the trick and the car stayed in the same place this time.

With Gloria's consent I took the last bag of Ziplocs and a black sharpie marker from the kitchen. As I removed bolts from the engine, I would place them in a Ziploc and use the marker to label where they belonged.

Before I removed the bolts securing the engine to the transmission, I moved the engine hoist into place only to find that the 4X4 supporting the transmission was in the precise spot that the hoist roller needed to be. With some artful juggling, I finally found

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a spot from which I could secure the hoist and grabbed the new chains I had bought just for that purpose only to find that they were too big to fit the hook on the hoist. I spent several minutes contemplating another trip to Home Depot, then went out on the deck, grabbed the chains holding the hammock and hooked up the hoist.

With the hoist holding the weigh of the engine, I removed all the bolts between the transmission and engine and various other impediments to the legal separation I was trying to effect.

The shop manual clearly states that all I had to do was undo the engine mounts, move the engine forward slightly and lift it out of the engine bay (their words, not mine.) To say the least, as the kid says on TV, I was *skeptible*.

My fears were not without merit. As the engine moved forward, the sump hit the cross member and could not be lifted or moved because of the transmission shaft. I slowly crawled back under the car (this used to be easy) and removed the oil pan. I had to be careful not to damage the oil pickup. Finally the engine was out of the car hanging on my hammock chains from the hoist.

It took about two hours to mount it on the engine stand and return the chains to the hammock. The next step was to remove all traces of grease and oil in preparation for painting. With newspaper spread all over floor under the engine I began the process using an old toothbrush Prep All<sup>®</sup> Wax and Grease remover. I scrubbed the engine several times and removed any thing I did not want painted.

After several days drying time I sprayed it with black semigloss paint made especially for engines. It looks great.

When it came time to remove the transmission my grandson was visiting. He is very active in sports at school. I asked him how much he cold bench press and he said around 200 pounds. I told him that was fine, he could be under the car when we removed the transmission. Between the two of us we muscled the transmission out with very little trouble. More later.

—Lance Brazil

## **President's Corner**

We finally did it. After many months of searching, an affordable TR-6 was found, and Angelo Guzman made it all possible.

A neighbor of Angelo has a Spitfire for sale and after some small talk revealed that her fiancé had a TR-6 for sale.

Angelo knew that my son was looking for a TR-6 and e-mailed me.

I wasted no time, called the owner, drove up to Yulee on Sunday, and made the deal. Three of us went back to Yulee on Wednesday: my son John, my grandson Michael and myself.

I drove the Triumph back to Jacksonville along with grandson Michael as my navigator.

TCNF now has another member plus another Triumph. A picture appears on the cover of the newsletter

## **Jerry Popp**

### **Moody Museum**

Angelo Guzman has arranged for a tour of the Moody Automotive Museum on April 28, 2007. If you have missed this event in the past, you have missed a very interesting tour.

The address is 945 SR 210, however, members can meet at the King's Head Pub at 11:30 a.m. and caravan to the museum together. The tour starts at Noon..

### **Triumph Parts for Sale**

Starting in the May newsletter, if there is enough interest, I will insert items for sale. Look around and find those things you no longer need but others may want. Send ads to:

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