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## Tea Time



**Do not miss this fun event! See page 6 for details**

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	<p><b>September 2, 2007</b> Pub Club Join us for lunch</p>
	<p><b>September 22, 2007</b> Fox Lake British Car Show. See Page 4</p>
	<p><b>October 18—20, 2007</b> <b>SEVTR</b> <a href="http://www.vtr2007.com/index.htm">www.vtr2007.com/index.htm</a> For details Page 4</p>
	<p><b>Monthly Reminders</b></p> <p>Pub club meeting September 2, 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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### A note from Ronnie Babbitt

#### Ladies and Gentlemen:

This is a reminder that the SEVTR 2007 Regional is only two months away. If you are planning to attend the event please send in your registration. It is very difficult to estimate some of the requirement necessary in planning an event like this, we currently have a large room block reserved at the **Days Inn** that will expire soon, if these rooms are not reserved, the unclaimed rooms and the convention rate will expire. These rooms will then be placed back into the general pool.

We also are required to provide a good faith estimate for our banquet requirements, trophies, and dash plaques, not to mention beverages for the hospitality suite. All these requirement are based on your registrations.

I'm sure many of you are planning to attend for we have many regular attendees, however, this year registration are not coming in as quickly as in the past. Guys we need to have an additional 60 registration by the 15 of September, so please go to the website and register; you can down load a printable registration form and mail it or you can register directly online at [www.sevtr.org](http://www.sevtr.org). I'm looking forward to seeing all of you at the event...

*Ronnie Babbitt*

**Editors Note:** Due to unforeseen circumstances there is a conflict between the SEVTR and the MG club's biannual show. We always support their show as they do ours. If you are unable to attend the SEVTR at Jekyll Island, please enter their show. It might be an opportunity to compete in a class by yourself.

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### SEVTR

Oct. 18-20: HAVOC At The Beach. Southeast Regional VTR Convention, Jekyll Island, Ga. Features Herald, Vitesse, etc. Multiple events at the Southeast's largest Triumph gathering. [www.sevtr.org](http://www.sevtr.org).

### Fox Lake British Car Show

Sept. 22. Fox Lake British Car Show, Titusville. All British cars. Contact Dave Alexander at [iamcaptain@mindspring.com](mailto:iamcaptain@mindspring.com) or 321-728-0019.

### Lucas Electrics

#### For those of us who have suffered:

- ✘ The Lucas Motto: "Get home before dark"
- ✘ How did Joseph Lucas die? He used one of his own pacemakers.
- ✘ Lucas holds patents on the short circuit.
- ✘ A Lucas switch has three positions - Dim, Flicker and Off.
- ✘ Engineering discovered the new design was shorting out, so they made the wires longer.
- ✘ Back in the 70's, Lucas manufactured vacuum cleaners. It was the only product they offered that did not suck.
- ✘ Lucas Electrics - The original anti-theft device.
- ✘ Why do the British drink warm beer? Because Lucas makes their refrigerators.

## Detroit Show 2008

The Detroit Triumph Sports car Club is hosting the national Triumph fest in 2008 at Ypsilanti, Michigan, a venue nestling between Detroit and Ann Arbor, from August 5th to 8th. They name the gathering the North American Triumph Challenge, a throwback that predates the VTR convention, but essentially a very similar event.

The Detroit Club, of which I was once a member, is very strong, having, I guess, about 150 members and a great track record for putting on first class events, specifically their annual Battle of the Brits, a British car and motorcycle event in September at Sterling Heights. That is one huge, I mean gigantic, show.

The fun starts Tuesday night with a performance by the Illinois Sports Owners Association's own "Spinal Tappets". Featured models are the TR250 and the 2000 Roadster. Noted auto author B.S. Levy will be the keynote speaker and there will be a 48 hour rebuild of a Triumph Spitfire. Go to [www.natc2008.com](http://www.natc2008.com) for more detail.

Point is that Spitfire Dave Finkelstein and your TR3 writer have been very seriously considering driving up and back for this event next year, roughly a 2100 mile return trip, based on the Interstate route, which we might use off and on.

Any more members out there to join us perhaps? We hope so; lots of time to arrange your schedule and we'll certainly take an escort vehicle. Seems like a 10 day trip or thereabouts and certainly "the more the merrier" in terms of members and cars does really apply to this occasion. So if you think you might be up for it but don't want to totally commit just yet, let us know. And if you want to totally commit, then of course do likewise! My email and phone is on page 2.

**Graham Thomas**

**TRIUMPH CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA**

**Fall Tea Event**



Our Fall Tea event will be Saturday, September 15, 2007 at 2:00 PM at The Amelia Island Williams House. This 1856 antebellum mansion has gorgeous gardens with fountains, patios and verandas and many antiques. *Conte Nast* best 100 in the world. Cost for the tea will be \$16.00 per person.

It will be great fun and there's plenty to do afterward: shopping the quaint shops and antique stores, cruising on the river, or visiting Fort Clinch.

We will meet at 12:45 am at the Gate Gas Station located at 4100 Heckscher Drive. This is at the foot of the Dames Point Bridge to the east. We will leave at 1:00 PM and head north to Amelia Island ending up at the Williams House, 103 S. 9th St., Fernandina Beach.

We have had a great response. If you have not made your reservation, you may call Barbara Lanz at (904) 641-4089 **before** Wednesday, September 5. Please leave your message on the answering machine, and I will call you back.

If you have never attended one of these teas, please take the time to go. It is a fun time where everyone is guaranteed to have a good time.

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