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Have you registered your car yet?

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	<p>October 11, 2008 British Car Show King's Head Pub TCNF Hosting</p>
	<p>October 25, 2008 Annual British Car Day Patriot's Point Mt. Pleasant, SC</p>
	<p>November 1, 2008 Brit Bash at Wickham Replaces Fox Lake Show at Titusville</p>
	<p>Monthly Reminders Pub club meeting September 7, at King's Head Pub on US1 5 miles north of St. Augustine</p> <p>Starts around 1:00 p.m.</p>

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Camp Blanding Picnic

Hats off to Charles Fenwick for planning and executing a successful summer picnic at Camp Blanding's beautiful Lake Kingsley.

Grandchildren Jacob & Bella enjoyed the lakes crystal clear water and sandy bottom. Norm & Sue, Angelo & Anitra, Ron & Mary Ellen and Dave & Kelly visited under the shade of the pavilion sheltering them from the humidity drenched outdoors.

Barbara & Walter munched on Vic Hall's delicious peach and apple turnovers. We all enjoyed the company of Charles' neighbors and the ample supply of fellowship and mouth-watering assortment of goodies.

This annual event is consistently one of the most relaxing and anticipated events of the year. We salute you Charles!

British Car Classic XX

The British Car Classic XX this year is October 11, 2008 at the King's Head Pub on US 1 in St. Augustine. We are hosting this year so we need to have a good representation of our members. The entry fee is \$25 if postmarked on or before 9/15/08 or \$30 if post-marked after 09/15/08. Early registration gets you a classy British Car Classic T-shirt (be sure to state your size.) Make checks payable to: **Triumph Club of North Florida**. Send checks to:

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Care of the Finish on Your LBC

Few of us spend much time thinking about the finish on our cars. It came out of the factory looking a certain way and, as much as possible, we learn to live with what we have. However, with just a little work and you can have a car that is admired by all who see it.

I can't remember for sure but I believe it was Indurall paints that had the slogan "Start with a good finish." That's all well and good if you have an unlimited budget. If you have to work with what you have, let's get started.

Step One: Wash your car thoroughly in the shade and with Turkish towels. Never use a sponge because it can trap grit and grime and abrade the surface. Have you ever seen a shiny car with a lot of swirl marks? Washed with a gritty sponge. Use a product formulated especially for car finishes, never dishwashing or laundry soap. They are much too harsh.

Step Two: Dry the car completely with clean towels. This can save you a lot of time on later steps because of our wonderful mineral filled water here in Florida.

Step Three: Assess the condition of your finish. Is it just slightly dull or does it seem like you are looking into a piece of colored metal with no reflection at all? Are there scratches? The key point here is, First, do no harm.

Always choose the least abrasive method of cleaning that will get the job done. When I mention product names here it is because I use those products. That does not necessarily mean they are better than any other, just that I have had experience with them.

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Turtle Wax Rubbing compound. This is the most abrasive product you should use on your car. Be especially careful on ridges or seams on the car. It is easy to rub the paint off on a sharp ridge. Unless your finish is totally dead, skip this step.

Turtle Wax Polishing Compound. It is not enough just to smear a little of this on the finish and wipe it off. It takes hard work and a lot of rubbing. You are actually removing dead paint. Careful around those ridges. After using either the rubbing compound or the polishing compound it is mandatory that you protect the surface with a good grade of wax; see below.

Meguiar's has a three step combination that is hard to beat. If your surface is in fairly good condition, use these to restore your shine.

Step one is a surface cleaner. It removes road tar and other surface pollutants such as oil or grease.

Step two is a polish. I believe this polish is not as abrasive as the Turtle wax polishing compound. Be sure to follow directions on the bottle: work with about a two-foot square section at a time and polish the surface well. One method I use to determine if I have polished enough is to look at the reflection of the sky in the surface; if you have done your job well you will not be able to see darker or lighter sections in the reflection. Be prepared to go over the same section several times.

Step three is the Carnauba Wax. This protects the surface you have cleaned so well. Remember, you have removed all the dead paint and surface imperfections... There is nothing there to protect the finish.

I know everyone who had entered a car show in Florida has at least one spray bottle of Meguiar's *Quik Wax* or *Quik Detailer*. Use these products as a final prep when you enter a show. It only takes about fifteen minutes to spray the car in small sections and wipe with a polishing cloth for a great shine.

ERS Ride and Facility Tour

We are still on for the ERS ride & facility tour on Sept 20th (@ 10-11AM). Ivor has told me that lunch will be available at the track, probably a BBQ. Because we are having lunch Ivor will need to know an approximate number so **please RSVP me by 9/7** if you are planning to make the drive & tour.

I will be heading up the drive for people from the Southeast, we will be meeting at the parking lot behind the Bantam Chef restaurant in Bunnell (S.E. corner of US-1 and SR-100) @ 8:30 and ***departing no later than 9AM*** (60 mile drive, SR100 all the way to Key-stone Heights airport and the track).

People coming from the West can contact Bob Storke rstorke@cfl.rr.com I believe they will be meeting at the Wal-Mart in Deland around 7:30AM and meeting up with our caravan in Palatka at SR100 & US17 at around 9:30AM.

No one has made plans for caravan from the North (that I am aware of) which would probably just meet us at the track @ 10:30-11AM. If you are coming from the North and have a meeting place give me the info and I will pass it along.

The ride is open to all, so feel free to invite a friend. Ivor said "the more the merrier", just be sure to RSVP so we can give Ivor a heads up and have enough food for all.

I hope to see you all 9/20, it should be a great time, and something a little different. Please e-mail me with any questions you may have. **Ron Watz:** wat2z@earthlink.net.

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