

TRIUMPH CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA

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Cam Anderson and his future navigator

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<p>NEWSLETTER Lance Brazil (904) 247-1030 email: lbrazil@bellsouth.net</p> <p>Any contributions to the news-letter are greatly appreciated. If you have articles, graphics or funny anecdotes, please call Lance Brazil at (904) 247-1030 or email to lbrazil@bellsouth.net by the 22nd of the month prior to publication.</p> <p>On the Web: www.tcnf.org</p>	<p align="center">Monthly Reminders Pub club meeting July 5, at King's Head Pub on US1 5 miles north of St. Augustine</p> <p align="center">Starts around 1:00 p.m. Very Informal Join us for lunch</p>

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Car Show

Our club was well represented at the car show with Tony and Jeanne Cascio, John and Michael Popp, Jerry Popp, Norm and Sue Reimer, Angelo Guzman, James Rader, John Marshall, Graham Thomas, Walt Lanz, Michael and Michelle Morgan, Stan Kinmonth, and Lance Brazil. We had 7 British and one German vehicle. See the president's corner on page 6 for more on FCCJs facilities.

Addendum on Snaps

Additional information supplied by a member of the MG Club:

I just read your article on how to replace snaps and thought you might like some additional info regarding such. I owned a canvas shop for 20+ years and we own three British cars.

A canvas shop can order you 100 of the black snaps and caps for far less than VB. They are generally Lexan (nylon) and designed for marine exposure so will have a long life on a car. AS for the snap tool for 80 some bucks it was likely a "Pres-a-snap" tool with the dies to set either the male stud or female socket, It is not the anvil style but a large hand compression tool.

I think your club should drive down and join us for our all British car show on November 7. It is the 2nd annual Brit Bash, formerly the Fox Lake show. The registration form will appear shortly on our website.

Danica
Perhacs

My fun with Ethanol

About three months ago my TR6 left me stranded in a not so good part of Jacksonville so instead of making a spectacle of myself and trying to fix it in one of our finer neighborhoods, I had it towed home.

I first focused on the ignition system since I have had problems with cheaply made points in the past but it all checked out. I didn't suspect the fuel system at first since I rebuilt both carbs and fuel pump two years ago and surely those repairs should last more than a few years. Wrongo!

On further investigation, I determined that my fuel pump was intermittent and the pressure was low. I took the pump apart and found that one of the rubber wafers that make up the inlet



check valve was swelled and was no longer keeping the gas moving on one direction towards the Carburetors.

Without giving it much more thought, I had another fuel pump kit so I rebuilt it again. That was three months ago and yesterday I noticed a puddle under my car. Normally this is not unusual for us Triumph owners but this was gasoline. To my dismay it was coming out of a small vent hole at the bottom of the fuel pump. Yikes! I just rebuilt it!

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Since I'm getting very good at removing the pump, I determined the problem in about 5 minutes. The diaphragm was flaking apart and kinda gooey. It finally dawned on me that I was suffering from the same thing as all those boaters with melting fiberglass gas tanks....Ethanol!

Poking around on the internet it seems that the gas we use is 10% ethanol and it is wreaking havoc on other groups of folks as well. A group of Mustang Club members complaining about continued accelerator pump problems, A Mini owner with the same experience as me, Hot Rodders continuously have to replace the needle and seat on their Holley carbs and so on.

I had another rebuild kit that was of much better quality in my shop so I used the diaphragm from that kit and used old stock check valves that use a fiber wafer instead of rubber. I'll keep an eye on this in the months to come. Feel free to contact me if any of you have gone through this or could recommend a solution.

Regards,

John Popp

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Honorary Membership

Members will have read in the June Newsletter our proposal for a policy and procedure with regard to the Club instituting Honorary Memberships. I did not know we were that good, but we have received zero suggestions from the membership for changes to what was published. Therefore your Officers will shortly vote on it as is.

Graham Thomas

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President's Corner

We had a good turnout and a great event at FCCJ on Saturday June 13th. I was very impressed with the extent of teaching that takes place there. Their shops were very nice, clean, and well laid out. Several clubs were well represented, and discussions were had for future gatherings. Good Job Stan!

It's been rather warm lately around here. While working on different things, I look down and see "wetness", have I got a leak, is that gas, water, hydraulic fluid, what's going on here? Then I realize that it is just the sweat running down my face, arms and hands dripping on whatever it is I'm working on.

The "Triumph Trans-America Charity Tour" begins on June 27th. A Stag that was restored by the Illinois Sports Owners Association will be driven all over the US, visiting each VTR zone, then auctioned at the VTR National Convention. If you are interested you can follow this tour at <http://www.triumphtransamerica.org.uk/>.

The tour starts at Grassroots Motor Sports in Holly Hill, Florida, covers a wide area of the US, goes into Canada, and ends up in California.

We have some good events coming up soon, check out our events page, and check the web site for updates as they become available. If there is an "RSVP" request, please try to do so before the date listed.

Keep your cars tuned up and running!

Walt

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If you're interested in Triumph cars, You should be a member of TCNF. The benefits are outstanding, a monthly newsletter that is entertaining as well as informative with free ads to members, monthly events, rallies, shows, picnics, tours and camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts...

Membership Application/ Renewal

_____ (Please Print) _____

New _____	Renewal _____	Car Information
		Year Model Comm #
Name _____		1. _____
Spouse _____		2. _____
Address _____		3. _____
_____		4. _____
_____		5. _____
Home Phone () _____		Please circle interest in:
Work Phone () _____		Tech Sessions Autocross
Email Address _____		Social Events Tours
		Fun Rallyes Car Show
VTR Member? Yes _____ No _____		T-S-D Rallyes Races
TRA Member? Yes _____ No _____		Make your \$25.00 check payable to:

Triumph Club of North Florida,
c/o Norm Reimer,
1409 Forest Ave.
Neptune Beach, Fla 32266

The English Garage

British Car Repairs

<p>DAVID GERRARD (904)724-1353</p>	<p>1948 Parental Home Rd. Suite 2 Jacksonville, FL 32216</p>
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British Car Club Night at the Suns

Here are the details for the July 18 British Car Club night at the Jacksonville Suns:

When: Saturday, July 18

Times: 6:15 p.m. - arrive by this time !
You may arrive as early as 5:30, but no later than 6:15 !!!!

6:30 - 6:40 - cars enter through Georgia Street gate, parade around the field on the perimeter service road.

6:45 - all cars off the field, enter reserved parking on Adams Street.

7:05 - game begins

Location: Meet at Corner of E. Duval and N. Georgia, northeast corner of the ballpark

Vehicle Pass: Will be provided with payment receipt, via email - fold and place on dash for access to staging area on N. Georgia Street
Parking: E. Adams Street, along south side of the ballpark, same side we will be seated in.

NOTE - Adams is closed for the game, this is a block long parking lot for us (and some of the Suns staff) during the game - there will be no traffic where we park. There will be Sheriff's Dept. Officers providing security for the parking area.

Payment: \$15.00 per person - please pay in advance by calling the Suns at 904-358-2846. Ask for *January Putt* and be sure to state you are participating in British Car Club night". Provide an email address for confirmation and parking pass.

Included: Admission, parking (show cars), program, 1 hot dog, 1 beverage (includes beer).

Admission Logistics: Suns staff will be set up at the rally point (at ballpark gate on N. Georgia Street, close to E. Adams Street - in line with first base line) with tickets, food-beverage vouchers, programs, etc. Kinda like a 'will call' window.

Enter with vehicle pass, check in at the table to collect tickets, etc, then stand by for directions to enter the playing field. After the drive within the ball park, exit and proceed to Adams Street parking area.

Seating: We will be in section 114, 1st base line side, near the dugout. Suns will announce us over the P.A. system as we parade inside the ballpark, and recognize us on the insert in the program. I asked that they include some "British Invasion" era music they said they would. Hope to see you there,

Stan Kinmonth,

Event Coordinator

Triumph Club of North Florida

Annual Dues

If the banner on the front page of this newsletter is red, it indicates that we have not received your club dues for 2009. Please send your \$25.00 dues to Norm Reimer, His address in on page 1. If you have already sent you check, please disregard the red banner. Thank you.