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The Strong Survivor

Triumph Spitfire. A strong survivor of that all but vanished breed, the roadster. Triumph built its first roadster in 1923 to tame the narrow, twisty roads of England with its agile handling and brisk performance.

Top down and nipping along country lanes, the roadster perfectly expressed the freedom and romance of driving.

Today, Spitfire holds steadfast to the original roadster concept. It offers the maximum amount of driving pleasure for a maximum of two people.

There's generous interior room, reclining bucket seats, and, as a memento of Spitfire's heritage, a dashboard crafted from natural wood.

Spitfire smooths bumpy roads and straightens curves with fully independent suspension. Controls corners with rack-and-pinion steering. And stops with race-proven front disc brakes.

A rugged 1500cc engine and all-synchro 4-speed (with an electric over-drive option) deliver the kind of performance that help make Spitfire a Sports Car Club of America champion for the tenth year.

Road & Track has called Spitfire the best basic sports car you can buy.*

The Triumph Spitfire Roadster. A classic example of the survival of the fittest.

For the name of your nearest Triumph dealer call: 800-447-4700.
In Illinois: 800-322-4400.
British Leyland Motors Inc.,
Leonia, New Jersey 07065.

*1976 ROAD & TRACK GUIDE TO SPORTS AND GT CARS (WHEEL TRIM RINGS AND STRIPING OPTIONAL.)

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<p>PRESIDENT Walt Lanz (904) 631-8395 © (904) 641-3262 Email: Walt@WLSservices.com</p>	<p>August 1 British Car Club Night at the Jacksonville Suns See Page 4 and insert</p>
<p>MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY Graham Thomas (904) 321-0261 email: 36142L@bellsouth.net</p>	<p>August 15, 2009 Road Trip Cap's on the Water Lunch See Page 6</p>
<p>SECRETARY / TREASURER Norm Reimer 904-246-6044 email: suennorm@comcast.net</p>	<p>September 19, 2009 First Coast Car Show Jacksonville Landing Call Stan to Register Now!</p>
<p>EVENTS COORDINATOR Stan Kinmonth (904) 276-1418 email: stantr6@comcast.net</p>	<p>October 17, 2009 British Car Classic XXI 9:00—4:00 Buffalo's SW Café Orange Park See Page 6</p>
<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>Monthly Reminders Pub club meeting August 2, at King's Head Pub on US1 5 miles north of St. Augustine</p>

Join the Triumph Club of North Florida
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. _____		
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_____	5. _____		

Home Phone () _____ Please circle interest in:
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VTR Member? Yes ___ No ___

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Jacksonville, FL 32216

An Event Planned to Include the Ladies

On Saturday, August 15, we are going to Cap's on the water in St. Augustine for lunch. It is an opportunity to get everyone involved, drive, and enjoy great food on the Intracoastal Waterway. Cap's has a very large shaded outdoor deck with plenty of seating, and a long pier out over the water. <http://www.capsonthewater.com/home.html>. There are directions, menus, and reviews at this site.

From Jacksonville. We will all rendezvous at the Publix parking lot in Atlantic Beach at 11:00 a.m. For those who participated in the last rally we had, you may remember this location as the parking lot of **Culhane's Irish Pub**. For others coming from Jacksonville on Atlantic Boulevard, it is on the left after crossing the Intracoastal Waterway bridge and the Mayport road overpass. Stay on Atlantic Boulevard in either of the left two lanes. We will depart at 11:15 a.m. and follow A1A to Cap's.

From St. Augustine and points south, follow A1A North across the river. Look for the castle on the left (it stands out well above the trees) turn left down Third Street, go to the end, turn right on Myrtle Street. Meet us there at Noon.

British Car Classic XXI

The British Car Classic XXI is hosted this year by the MG Club. It will be at Buffalo's Southwest Café on Youngerman Circle, just off Blanding Boulevard in Orange Park. All pre-registrations get a free T-Shirt and a Free Lunch! Support this event. They always support us. Registration form at link below.

<http://www.mgclassics.org/mgclassics/LinkClick.aspx?fileticket=ZPCHJZowITs%3d&tabid=36>

President's Corner

A little while back I noticed cracks in the TR6 tires. After closer inspection I realized I needed to replace them. I have a set of Coker redlines that I picked up a few years ago and was going to use them. That is until I saw the TV special on what happens to *old* tires, even if they are no mileage, or low mileage tires.

The original tires for this TR6 were 185 X 15 Michelin redlines. Looking up the specs I found that the aspect ratio is 82, so that makes them 185 X 82 X 15 by today's tire guide. The recommended replacement tire is a 195 X 75 X 15. The only place I can find these is special order.

The circumference of the original tire is 84.65 inches, the recommended replacement tire, the 195's circumference is 83.73, this is almost 1 inch every rotation, and the speedometer will be out. The most popular tire, it seems is the 205 X 70 X 15, from the surveys on the team.net list, the circumference of this tire is 82.62, over two inches less, good for quicker starts but I'd have to adjust the speedometer.

Looking at the spreadsheet that a friend sent to me, the best tire size looks like a 215 X 70 X 15, with a circumference of 84.35. This put it within .3 of the original size or 3.1 revolutions more per mile driven, I think I can live with that. I'll work on the math so I can figure out how much that will affect the speedometer. So one of these days, when the tire bunny comes by, I'll spring for a set of 215 X 70's. Just to let you know, I've been told that the 225 X 70 X 15 rub a little when turning, so I think I'll not go that tall.

Walt Lanz

Rescheduled Suns Event

Due to the weather this past Saturday - British Car Club Night at the Suns has been re-scheduled to Saturday, August 1.

If you called in for this past Saturday, NO CREDIT CARDS WERE PROCESSED.

If you want to attend August 1, you will have to call the Suns all over again - because we all may have other plans, the Suns is NOT presuming anyone from last Saturday is coming on the 1st. To participate YOU MUST CALL AGAIN AND GIVE A CHARGE ACCOUNT NUMBER.

As before - the Suns need 25 people to make it work. Remember, they are closing a block of seating for us, and have to get their program inserts printed.

As before, I'm sure a major concern in deciding to participate is the weather, and what happens to my money if I cannot attend. The same applies - If someone doesn't attend, and hasn't canceled before Friday, the value of the tickets and food/drink vouchers are transferable, for use another night. The only condition is you are limited to Sunday through Thursday if you elect to stay away, but its good anytime if the game is canceled.

Please call the Suns office and pre-pay **BEFORE FRIDAY** if you want to attend.

Following is text of an email I received this afternoon from the coordinator for the Suns, Ms. January Putt:

Suns Office: 904-358-2846, ask for Ms. January Putt.
Please tell her the type of car you will be bringing as well.

Tech Session – Don Marshall

Don Marshall has invited us to a Tech Session at his house this coming Saturday. Don is going to install a newly rebuilt engine in his race car. He plans to start around 10:00 A.M.

Don and Jolene will provide burgers, etc - so please confirm to Don by Thursday. You can RSVP to Don, at marshall@nefcom.net , 904-259-9672, or 904-259-9668.

We'll be inside the garage with the AC going so weather shouldn't be a factor. – Don

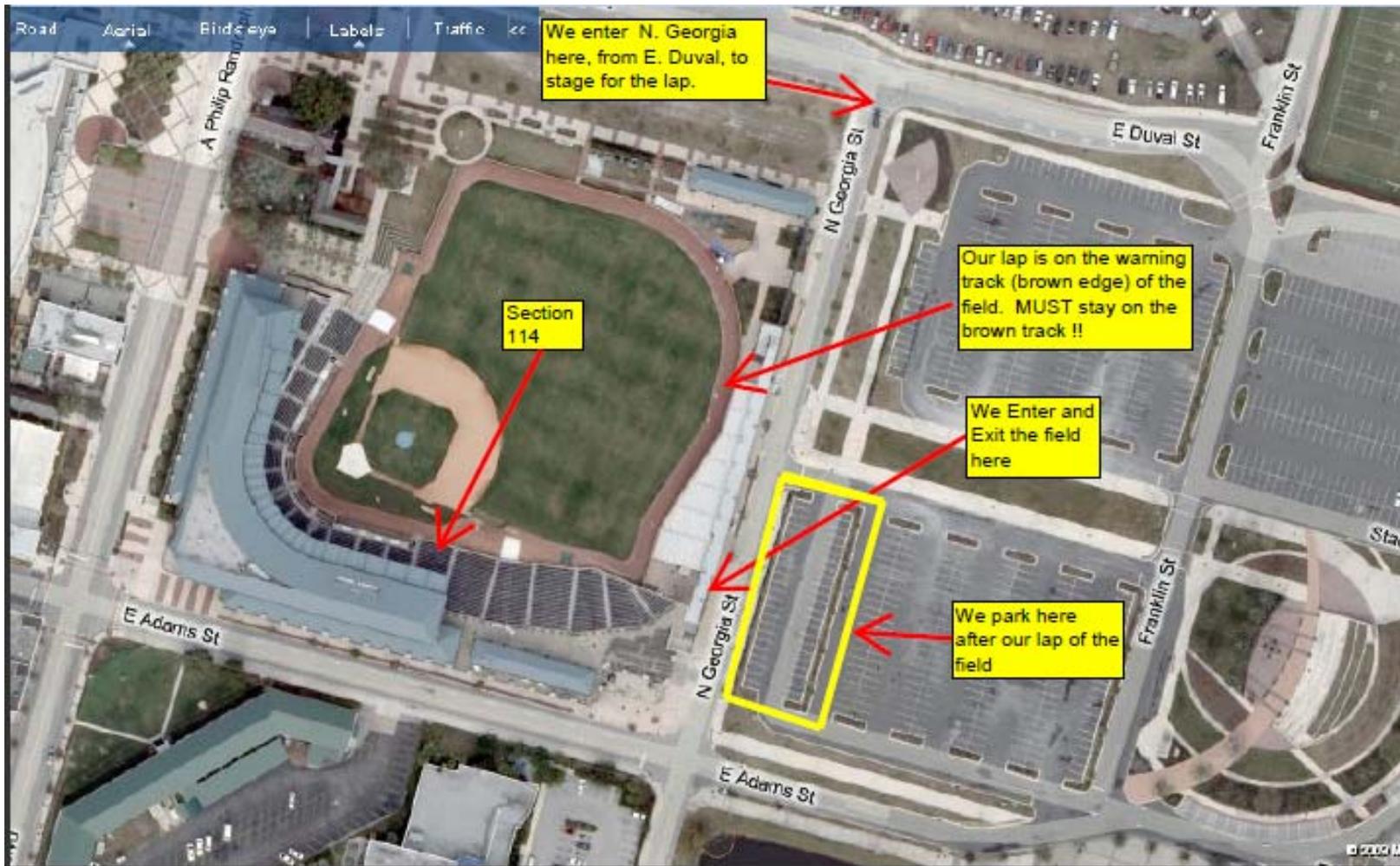
A Special Request for Help

I have recently purchased some parts from a Triumph Spitfire that I believe was previously owned by one of your club members. The car's VIN number is **FM72411 UO**. Could you possibly ask the previous owner to contact me. I would like to know if the engine has been modified.

I bought the car from a dealer in Alabama. I think it was donated. The only way I knew it was owned by one of your members is that it was listed in the Vintage Triumph Registry as being owned by one of your members. I think it might have been raced at some time. Thank you so much for your help.
Best Regards,

Mike Warhurst mwarhurst@aol.com

Editor's note: That engine/commission number denotes that it was a Spitfire 1500 destined for the U. S. market, 1978. Can anyone help Mike? The Registry says under owner: **TCNF Member**



Enter at the corner of E. Duval Street and N. Georgia Street. Gather along Georgia Street behind the ballpark. Georgia and Adams will be closed off, but police or ushers attending the intersections will be expecting us. After the lap inside the ballpark, we will be parking on Adams next to the ballpark, close to our seating section.

Arrive NO LATER THAN 6:15 p.m. !!!