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	<p>March 27, 2010 Lunch at LuLu's 1:00 p.m. See page 6 for directions</p>
	<p>April 17, 2010 Cruise-In at Florida State College at Jacksonville See attachment for details</p>
	<p>April 24, 2010 Legends on the Green Concours d'Elegance and British car show Details next month</p>
	<p>Monthly Reminders Pub club meeting March 7, at King's Head Pub on US 1 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. _____

4. _____

5. _____

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DAVID GERRARD
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1948 Parental Home Rd.
Suite 2
Jacksonville, FL 32216

Lunch At LuLu's Waterfront Grill

Meet at LuLu's at 1:00 p.m. for lunch and good times.
Weather permitting we will be seated in the summer room outdoors.

The address is:
301 North Roscoe Boulevard
Ponte Vedra, FL 32082
(904) 285 0139

GPS Coordinates:
N 30° 12.628'
W 81° 24.586'

Directions

From Jacksonville Beach or JTB (Butler Boulevard)

From the intersection of JTB and A1A travel south on A1A for 1.9 miles to Solana Road, turn right, go 2.0 miles. LuLu's is on the right. Solana road becomes Roscoe Boulevard.

From St. Augustine and points south using A1A

From south of Ponte Vedra on A1A. From the point where A1A becomes four-lane, travel north for 2.8 miles to Solana Road (look for the flashing light at Library Boulevard, Solana is the next light.) Turn left on Solana Road, go 2.0 miles. LuLu's is on the right

From Palm Valley Road

From the intersection of Palm Valley Road and Roscoe Boulevard, travel North for 5.5 miles. LuLu's is on the left.

There are two restaurants side by side, LuLu's is on the right as you face the restaurants. **Traffic Pattern in LuLu's** is down the left and back up the right side.

A Humorous Look at Car Names

Driving around lately I have begun to look at the names on cars and wondered, "What would **they** be driving today"?

Davy Crockett Nissan Frontier
Alice (In Wonderland) Volkswagen Rabbit
Kit Carson Chevy Trailblazer
Patrick Henry Jeep Liberty
Houdini Ford Escape
Mr. Magoo Ford Focus
Orville and Wilbur Wright Honda Pilot
Cleopatra Dodge Viper
General Armstrong Custer Dodge Charger
Lewis and Clark Ford Expedition
Ferdinand Magellan Lincoln Navigator
Jack LaLane Honda Fit
Paul Revere Jeep Patriot
Paul Bunyan Subaru Forester
Don Juan Buick Rendezvous
Sir Edmund Hillary Mercury Mountaineer
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GASOLINE AND THE PROBLEMS

WITH OLDAGE!

by Geoff Wheatley

Reprinted from *The Dipstick*, the newsletter of the Tidewater MG Classics Car Club

A few years ago I recall all the fuss that surrounded fact that non-leaded gasoline was going to ruin the engine of your beautiful classic car. I had friends and colleagues who stayed up half the night worrying about the future of their cars and buying just about every magazine on the market, to see what the experts were saying about the loss of lead in vehicle fuel.

As we all know, very few engines ever got destroyed by the change in fuel production and various products suddenly appeared on the market that would replace the lost benefits of leaded fuel for those who needed a simple solution. I don't know if these products are still around but obviously, our classic cars are still being driven all over the country – so something must be right or those experts of doom and gloom were wrong!

Now we have another set of experts who are concerned about the use of Ethanol in modern fuel, with suggestions that this may well represent the same threat that unleaded fuel presented when it was first introduced.

From all the data that I have read and there is plenty around, the worst thing about the Ethanol-blended fuel is that its life in the gas tank of a car is limited. After about three months in a non-vented tank it may start to separate, this means that the ethanol separates from the gasoline. This may sound serious, but remember that the amount of ethanol in any gallon of gasoline is 10% or less, so the effect is not that dramatic.

It is true that this separation can cause water to be attracted into the fuel tank by the process of separation, usually in a vented tank; how much is still open to debate and its effect is also unclear. With pure Gasoline, i.e. fuel that has not been supported by etha-

nol, water can still develop in fuel tanks over any given period of time, as evidences by the rusty gas tanks that I have seen and replaced over the years.

The answer to that problem is simple and not expensive. At last once a year, simply remove the drain plug of your gas tank and drain off whatever is inside, but make sure that the tank is down to its last cup full of fuel before you do this.

When I know that one or more of my cars will be under a dust sheet for a few weeks I invest in a bottle of fuel stabilizer; this increases the life span of the fuel. I have recently read that ethanol may damage aluminum; however, I have yet to see any report that states this is correct. At worst it may cause some effect if more than 25 % is used. Since no fuel that I have ever seen or purchased has more than 10%, there seems to be no truth in this suggestion.

There is one thing that I have learned over the many years over which I have been involved with beautiful old cars; use the very best fuel you can buy. The additional octane will make sure the engine is running at its full capacity.

Another tip that I have found useful is to find a location to fit an extra fuel filter in the feed line, if possible. Even with a modern filter, some unpleasant stuff can get through and clog the carburetors - usually when you are on the road and it's raining.

In addition to my cars, I also have a boat. A few years ago, the boating publications were full of news of the threat to marine engines and fuel lines by the ethanol mixture. There may be some truth regarding rubber fuel connections, although I have never encountered such things.

Just to be sure, I replaced all the rubber lines with strengthened plastic lines and, to date, have not encountered any fuel problems.

We survived the loss of leaded fuel and I am sure the same will apply to addition of ethanol. So don't start losing sleep over the fate of your baby, tucked away in the garage under a dust sheet; it will be ready for the open road whenever!

Fort Clinch Drive Event

Saturday, February 6 found members of several car clubs meeting at the Starbuck's near the airport for a drive up to Amelia Island. Among the clubs participating were the Triumph Club of North Florida represented by Lance Brazil, Vic Hall, Norm and Sue Reimer, Walt and Barbara Lanz, Jerry and Louise Popp, Angelo Guzman and his Grandson, and Wayne and Annmarie Brooks.

Graham and Janett Thomas and David and Kelly Finkenstein met the group at the Crab Trap Restaurant since they all live on Amelia Island.

Other Clubs participating were the Jaguar Club, the MG Club, the First Coast Car Council, and one Model A Ford. Although the weather was slightly chilly, the sun was out and made for a very pleasant drive up to Amelia.

Everyone met at the Crab Trap Restaurant for a wonderful lunch. Special thanks go out to the owner of the restaurant for opening just for the event.

After lunch we all met at Fort Clinch for a tour of the fort led by a grizzled veteran in period costume who stayed in character for the full tour. Special thanks go out to Stan Kinmonth for planning this great event.



APRIL 24th, 2010

TOURNAMENT PLAYER'S CLUB (TPC) SAWGRASS, PONTE VEDRA BEACH, FLORIDA

"LEGENDS ON THE GREEN" BRITISH CAR SHOW

The Jaguar Car Club of North Florida presents the 6th Annual "Legends on the Green" British Car Show at the magnificent TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida.

The show is open to all British cars and will benefit the Shriner's Children's Hospitals. A Cocktail Reception will be held on Friday night from 4 to 7 PM at the TPC Sawgrass clubhouse. Registration for the show begins at 8:00 AM on Saturday with show hours from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM. A charity banquet will be held Saturday night at the TPC Sawgrass Marriott Resort with a Cocktail Reception from 7 to 8 PM and dinner, live band, dancing, and awards from 8 to 11 PM.

The guest speaker for this year's banquet is Bill Warner, the founder and chairman of the Amelia Island Concours. For more info, contact Mr. Jim Ussery, Concours Chairman, (904) 781-5914, email: concourschair@jagdriver.org or register and pay online at the JCCNF website

Fellow Scions of Lucas,

Please mark your calendars and make plans to attend:

April 17, 2010 - Florida State College at Jacksonville (former FCCJ) Automotive technology Open House and Cruise-In. Last year's open house was later in the year, when the weather choices were **too hot** or **too wet** - shifting to April will hopefully result in a cooler and dryer day. Event will be in the grass area in front of the Advanced Technology building, on State Street - so lots of visibility.

There is no admission / registration - just a Cruise-In. The school will be conducting tours of the classroom / shop spaces and will operate a food concession (the school will be in their United Way fund drive, and the concession will be a fund raiser for the United Way - so come hungry).



BRITISH CAR SHOW
TPC SAWGRASS CLUBHOUSE
APRIL 24, 2010

"BENEFITING THE SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITALS"

DIRECTIONS: TPC Sawgrass and its world famous golf course are located at 110 Championship Way in Ponte Vedra Beach, Florida, 32082 (see <http://www.tpc.com/sawgrass>). From I-95, take SR-9A to Butler Blvd/202 East. Head east 8 miles exiting right on SR-A1A. Head south 4 miles and turn right at PGA Tour Blvd. Continue past Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa on the left. Obtain daily pass from guard gate (just mention that you are going to show), go 1/5 mile, and turn left on Championship Way. Follow signs to show.

ACCOMMODATIONS: Limited rooms are available at Sawgrass Marriott Resort and Spa (ph (800) 457-GOLF) (see <http://www.sawgrassmarriott.com>) at a special rate of \$140 per night, double occupancy (Reserve by 03/24/10 and mention JCCNF and the event). Other hotels in the local area include Hilton Garden Inn Jacksonville/Ponte Vedra, ph (904) 280-1661 and the Ponte Vedra Inn and Club, ph (904) 285-1111.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

MEET & GREET RECEPTION
FRIDAY, APRIL 23, 2010

An informal Cocktail Reception with a buffet and cash bar will be held at the magnificent TPC Sawgrass Clubhouse from 6:30 pm to 8:30 pm. Early registration will be available during this time.

"LEGENDS ON THE GREEN"
CONCOURS D'ELEGANCE
BRITISH CAR SHOW
TPC SAWGRASS CLUBHOUSE
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

Show hours are 10 am to 3 pm. Registration is from 8 am - 10 am. Judging will begin at 10:30 am. Awards, including first and second place by class and people's choice, will be presented after 2:00 pm.

SHRINERS CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL
CHARITY BANQUET,
SATURDAY, APRIL 24, 2010

The Charity Banquet will be next door at the Sawgrass Marriott Golf Resort and Spa. Cocktail Reception (cash bar) from 7-8 PM, followed by Dinner, Guest Speaker, Dancing, Door Prizes, and JCNA Awards all from 8 to 11 PM. This year's guest speaker is Bill Warner, the founder and organizer of the Amelia Island Concours.

REGISTER FOR ALL EVENTS TODAY!

Register online at www.jagdriver.org or contact Mr. Jim Ussery, Concours Chairman, e-mail: concourschair@jagdriver.org or phone (904) 781-5914.



TPC SAWGRASS CLUBHOUSE



Walking Tall

SHOW BENEFITS SHRINER'S HOSPITALS
FOR CHILDREN