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Lunch at Cap's

I thought it was only last year, but it has been two years since we all met a Cap's in St. Augustine for lunch. Everyone enjoyed the shade of the wonderful oak trees and especially the warm friendship of other Triumph owners. Watching the boats going up and down the intracoastal waterway and the airplanes leaving the St. Augusting Airport just added to the entertainment. We are going again!

On Sunday, August 14, we will all meet at Caps (See map on page 7) at 2:00 p.m. The easiest directions: Turn west (away from th ocean) at the castle on A1A, drive down to Myrtle Street, turn right and then left into Cap's parking lot.

Press 1 for reservations... 1, "I'm sorry we don't take reservations."

Yes, that is exactly what you get when you call Caps. For that reason, **Please RSVP to Lance Brazil** at the address below so we can make a reasonable count of the number attending. Cap's manager, Tim Bartlett, will do everything he can to make our visit enjoyable. I'm sure if we can give him a best-guess headcount it will be better for all of us. lbrazil@bellsouth.net.

Presidents Corner

We now have name tags!

We ordered name badges **for all paid members and their spouse**. Please see me at our monthly meeting at the pub or one of our scheduled events to pick up your badge. These name badges are magnetic, so no holes in your clothes. To open the magnet, turn it 90 degrees in either direction. They are strong.

Our next 2 events are in the middle of each month. Check the events listing on page 2 and plan to attend, mark your calendars.

Happy motoring and see you at one of these events.

Walt

Balancing SU Carburetors Visually

Andy Bounsall From the Octagram, Newsletter of MGs of Baltimore

Ottawa Dashpot

Balancing twin SU carburetors can seem like a bit of black magic for some. Oh, you can find plenty of "How To" articles posted on-line. Most will suggest using a piece of rubber hose to listen to the hiss from each carburetor and to push the lifting pin slightly while listening for small changes in engine rpm. Some even provide cute little drawings of puffs of smoke coming out of an exhaust pipe that are supposed to show the difference between an engine running rich and one running lean.

Maybe it's just me. Maybe my ears don't work as well as they should but I've tried numerous times to follow these procedures and always end up frustrated and not really knowing if I've got things adjusted quite right. I'm really more of a visual person and I'd like to be able to see that I've got it right. Two tools that I've added to my toolbox allow me to do just that. The first is called a **Uni-Syn** and is used to visually balance the two carburetors.



After loosening the linkages that interconnect the two carburetors and removing the air filters, the Uni-Syn is held momentarily over the throat of each carburetor. The air passing through the device causes a little red indicator to rise up in the tube. The more air that passes through the device, the higher the indicator rises in the tube. To balance the carburetors, adjust the idle screws so that the indicator rises to the same point when held over the throat of each carburetor.

Once balanced, idle speed adjustment can be made, maintaining the balance, by turning both idle screws the same amount. Simple...and you can see when it's done.

The second tool, called a Colourtune, helps you to set the air/fuel mixture. Too much air and the engine runs lean. Too much fuel and the engine runs rich. Neither of these conditions is desirable. The engine runs best with just the right ratio of air-to-fuel.

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The **Colourtune** is a very neat piece of equipment. It is essentially a replacement spark plug with a glass window on the top, which allows you see the colour of the air/fuel mixture as it burns inside the cylinder while the engine is running. With too much fuel (rich), the glass window has an orangey-yellow appearance. With too much air (lean), the window shows a whitish colour. When the mixture is correctly adjusted, the colour in the window changes to a light Bunsen blue.

With the engine warmed up to normal operating temperature, start by replacing the spark plug in number one cylinder (nearest the radiator) with the special Colourtune plug. Start the engine up and take a look at the colour of the combusting mixture in the window of the Colourtune plug. With the engine still running, adjust the mixture as required by raising/lowering the jet of the front carburetor until the plug shows the desired blue colour. If the window shows white, lower the jet to richen the mixture. If the window shows orange, raise the jet to lean the mixture.

When the window shows a blue colour, the mixture in that cylinder is correct. Stop the engine. Replace number one plug and move the Colourtune plug to the number four cylinder (nearest the firewall). Start the engine again and adjust the jet of the rear carburetor to get the desired blue colour in cylinder number four. Repeat the operation for cylinder number two, adjusting the front carburetor and for cylinder number three, adjusting the rear carburetor.

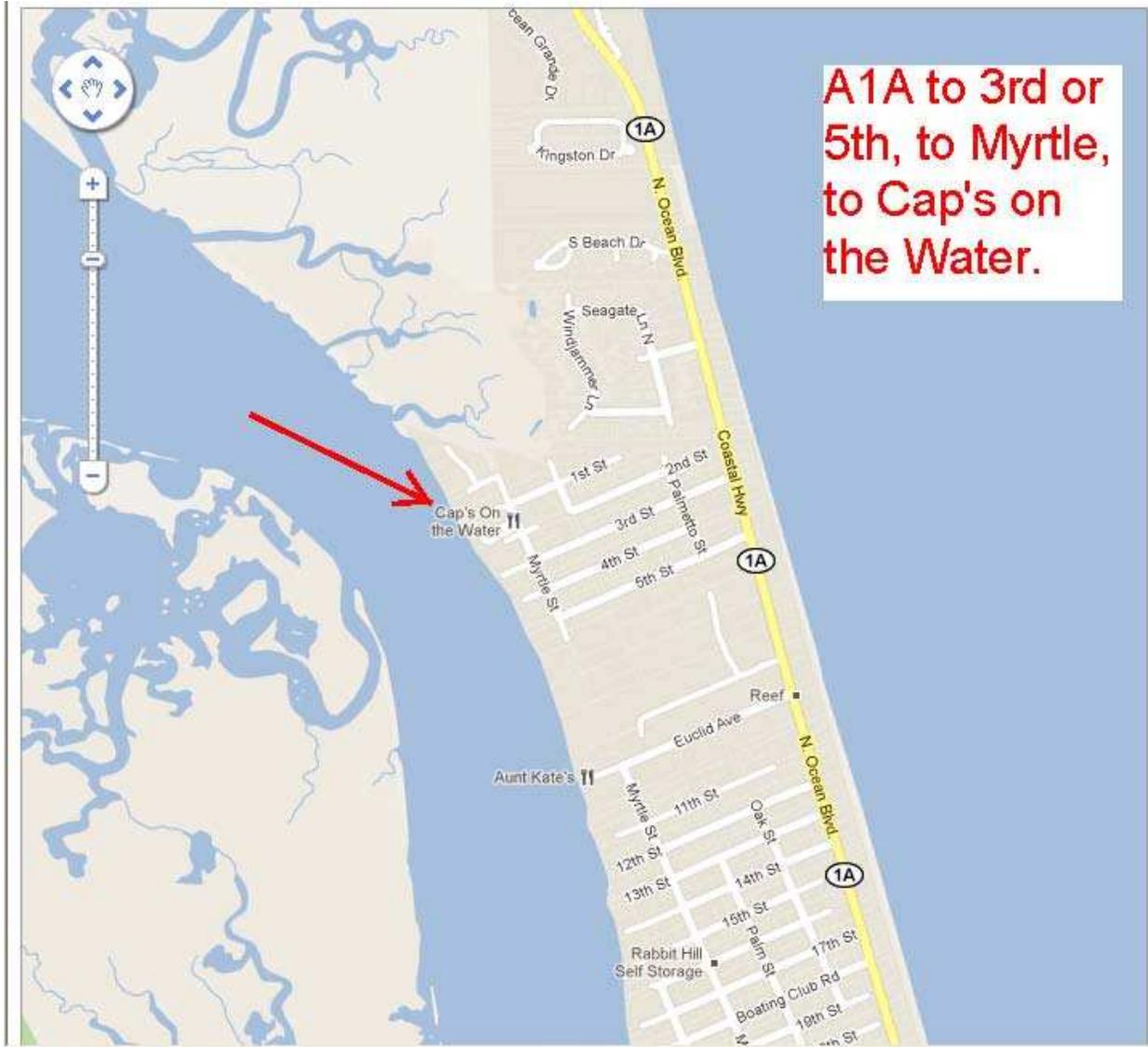
Because there is some cross flow between the front/rear carburetors and the front/rear pairs of cylinders, it's worthwhile to double-check all four cylinders again in case any small adjustments are required. Reconnect the linkages, replace the air filters, and you're pretty much done. Once again, it's simple to do...and you can see when it's done.

Editor's Note: A search on the internet shows these items may be discontinued but they would be worth the effort to find them.

Ethanol Free Gas

It is still possible to purchase ethanol free gas around Jacksonville. Go to www.pure-gas.org to find stations near you. Some restrictions may apply. The article in the Temple Tablet (Temple of Triumph, Tallahassee) said that a restriction of the car being manufactured prior to 1968 was one.

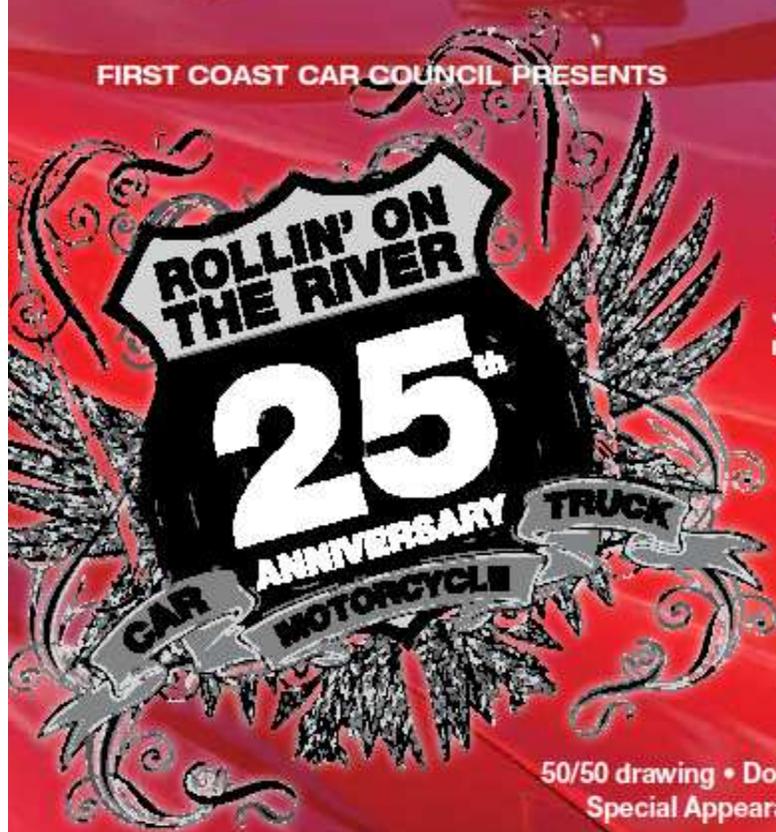
Map to Cap's on the Water



FIRST COAST CAR COUNCIL PRESENTS



September 17, 2011
8 am - 2 pm
Jacksonville Landing
rain or shine (awards at 1:30 pm)



Registration from
7:30 am to 10:00 am
Early Registration \$25
(cutoff for early registration
is 9/12/2011; after 9/12
registration fee is \$30)

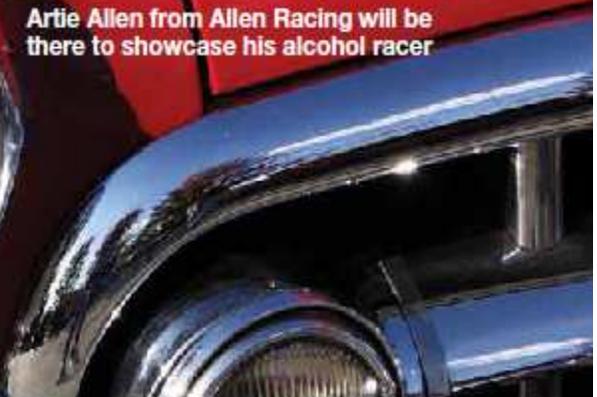


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Special Appearance by Ronald McDonald!

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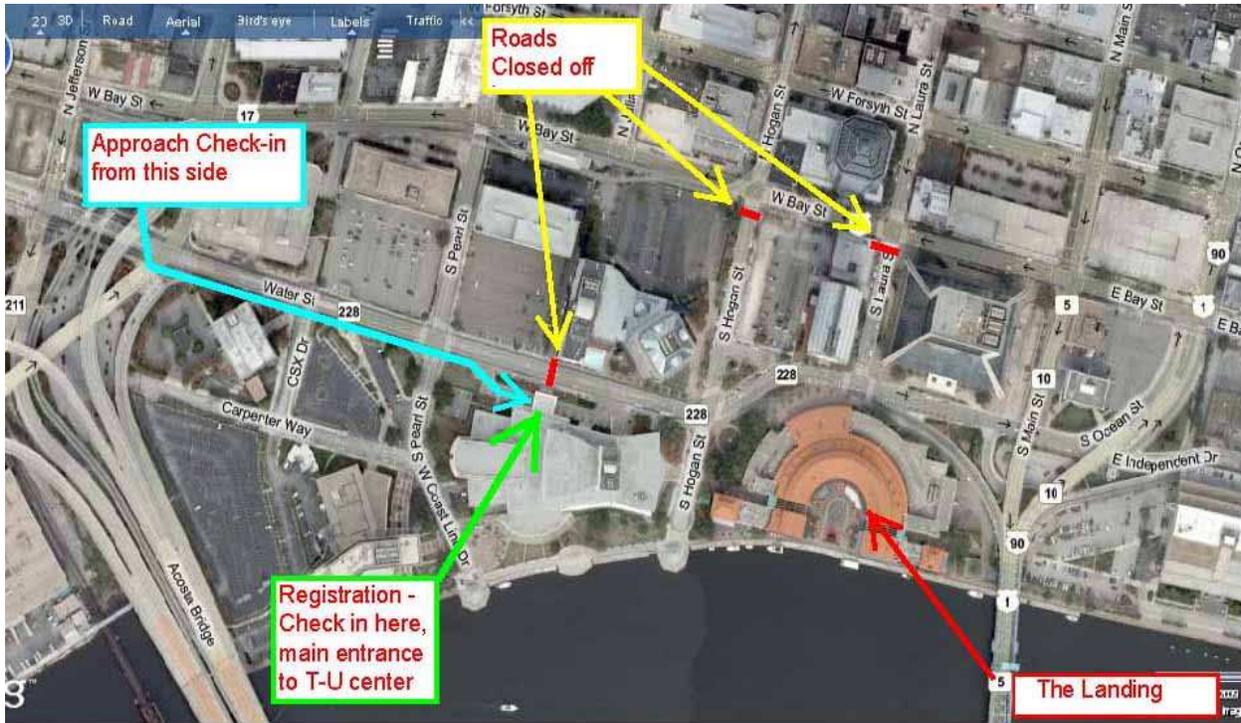


Artie Allen from Allen Racing will be there to showcase his alcohol racer



Map: First Coast Car Council car show – September 17, 2011

TCNF has purchased a block of 10 spaces, and Stan is helping the FCCC with parking, to ensure our spaces are together. The spaces are available to members FREE OF CHARGE on a first come - first served basis. CALL or EMAIL STAN TO GET ON THE LIST: stantr6@comcast.net 904-276-1418. I need make (Triumph, duh !), year, and model info as well.



Parking will be angled, even though the striping and normal usage is parallel. Hogan and Laura will be closed at Bay Street; Waters will be closed between the Omni Hotel and T-U center.

Car Sites

Twelve Sexiest Cars:

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/slideshow.aspx?cp-documentid=1129722>

Ten cars that deserved to fail:

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/10-cars-that-deserved-to-fail>

Cars for summer cruising:

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/10-affordable-classic-cars-for-hot-summer-cruising#1>

Ten Outrageous Options:

<http://editorial.autos.msn.com/10-outrageous-options-on-luxury-cars#1>



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VEHICLE INFORMATION

FIRST ENTRY: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Series _____ Color _____

SECOND ENTRY: Year _____ Make _____ Model _____ Series _____ Color _____

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1st Car: \$30.00 _____ Additional Cars: \$25.00 x _____ T-Shirt Size _____ \$ _____

REGISTRATION FEE: (AFTER SEPTEMBER 22, 2011, DOES NOT INCLUDE EVENT T-SHIRT):

1st Car: \$35.00 _____ Additional Cars: \$30.00 x _____

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Participant Signature _____

Date _____

REMITTANCE: Please mail completed form with check or money order made payable to JCCNF / SHRINERS'

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 40 Rawlins Place, #7
 Palm Coast, Florida 32137

Phone (386) 447-7801



Wire Wheels

I recently replaced the wire wheels on my TR250 with new chrome tubeless ones. The old ones are Dayton painted 72 spoke wheels that will fit TR6 and TR250. There are four wheels and they're in good condition but would need painting to freshen them up.

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Barry Northway

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-From The eChatter

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