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Early parking of cars for the British Car Classic XXVI. Winner's List inside

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Coming Events

November 4, 2012–Pub Club Meeting, King’s Head Pub, US1 about 5 miles north of St. Augustine.

<http://www.tcnf.org/>

November 17, 2012 – Lunch at Mitchell’s Fish Market. See Page 7-8 for Details. Menus available online: <http://www.mitchellsfishmarket.com/>:

December 15, 2012 – Christmas Party at Stan and Lily Kinmonth’s house. Details Page 12, Map Page 13.

 **November 2012 Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
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 **December 2012 Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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President's Corner

Fellow members

TCNF did it again! What a great showing. Very nice cars, wonderful people, perfect weather, and a great setting. Thank you Norm and members for all of your fine efforts, you came thru again!

The weather continues to cool off a little, perfect for top down driving. Check the schedule for the date and time of our November event; it will be a fun time, as long as the cars keep running.

If you have not already done so, check your calendar for the Christmas party, write it down and plan to attend, and don't forget to bring your favorite dish, and above all, let Lily know what you plan to bring.

Again, thank you for your efforts with your assignments, and a successful show.

Walt



British Car Classic XXVI

The car show on October 13th was a success with 68 cars entered. The Florida Times Union was on hand with reporter Joe DeSalvo making pictures. If you missed the article, follow the link below to see their pictures.

<http://jacksonville.com/autos/2012-10-19/story/british-car-classic-mk-xxiv-shines>

Winners

1950 & Earlier	1949 Triumph 2000	1st Wayne Snook
1951 - 1955	1951 Allard K-2	1st Axel Rosenblad
	1953 Allard Palm Beach	2nd Axel Rosenblad
1956 - 1960	1958 Triumph TR3A	1st Tony Cascio
	1959 Triumph TR3A	2nd Ron Watz
	1958 MGA	3rd Joe Kaiser
	1959 MGA	4th Bob Wrenn
1961 - 1965	1963 Lotus Super 7 Cosworth	1st Jack Tripp
	1965 Jaguar XKE	2nd Harold Kelly
	1964 MGB	3rd Drew Decandis
	1965 Triumph TR4A	4th Cam Anderson
1966 - 1970	1967 Austin Healey BJ8	1st Darryl Anderson
	1966 Sunbeam Tiger	2nd Bill Byrd
	1968 Triumph TR250	3rd Barry Northway
	1966 Sunbeam Alpine	4th Bud Elliott
1971 - 1973	1973 Jaguar E Type	1st David Gillespie
	1973 MGB	2nd Wayne Snook
1974 - 1976	1974 Triumph TR6	1st Stan Kinmonth
	1974 MGB	2nd Ed Fairbanks
	1976 Triumph TR6	3rd John Walters
1977 - 1980	1979 MGB V8	1st Jim Hall
	1980 MGBLE	2nd Vincent DeSantis
	1980 Triumph Spitfire	3rd Mike Schoonmaker
	1979 MG Midget	4th Kathy Albers
1981 - 1990	1982 Jaguar XJ6	1st Mike Collins
	1987 Jaguar XJ6	2nd Larry Miceli
	1986 Jaguar XJ6	3rd Jim White

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1991 - 1996	1996 Jaguar XJS	1st Tisha Horadan
1997 - 2002	1998 Jaguar XK8	1st Charles Putwain
	2002 Jaguar XJ8	2nd Jim OBrien
2003 & Later	2010 Jaguar XKR	1st Ron Habermas
	2007 Jaguar XK	2nd Craig Shankland
	2003 Lotus Esprit	3rd Gene Troutman
Race	1964 Triumph Spitfire	1st Don Marshall
	1959 Triumph TR3A	2nd Mark Steiger
Best in Show	1951 Allard K-2	Axel Resenblad

Best MG (voted on by the Members of the Triumph Club of North Florida) 1959 MGA Bob Wrenn

Best Triumph (voted on by the members of MG Classics) 1974 Triumph TR6 Stan Kinmonth

George Osmundsen Award of Excellence (determined by the Triumph Club of North Florida Board members) It is awarded to the car that has been restored to a high level of perfection and is an exceptional example of the marque. The Osmundsen winner was the 1953 Allard Palm Beach owned by Axel Rosenblad.



Wayne Snook's 1949 Triumph 2000—A diamond in the rough. Notice the new Vise-Grip steering.
First Place 1950 and earlier.



Axel Rosenblad's Allard K-2
First Place 1950—1955
Also won Best in Show



Axel Rosenblad's Allard Palm Beach
 Second Place 1950—1955
 Also won the George Osmundson Award



Don Marshall's 1964 Triumph Spitfire
 First Place—Race



Mark Steiger's 1959 Triumph TR3A Racer
 Second Place— Race



First Place 1961—1965 Lotus Super 7 Cosworth
 owned by Jack and Deanna Tripp



David Gerrard of The English Garage with his excellent tech session, "Shedding light on the prince of Darkness."



Arthur Crofton of WEJZ and Anne, owner of the King's Head Pub

EST. 1902

MITCHELL'S FISH MARKET

SEAFOOD RESTAURANT & BAR

Anniversary Parties

Baby & Bridal Showers

Bar & Bat Mitzvahs

CELEBRATE IN STYLE



BANQUET AND PRIVATE DINING OPTIONS

Birthday Celebrations

Business Meetings

Family Gatherings

Graduation Dinners

Holiday Parties

Rehearsal Dinners

Wedding Parties

Lunch at Mitchell's Fish Market

John Kirkham has planned an event for November. We will have lunch at Mitchell's Fish Market in the Town Center shopping mall. We have reservations for twenty and will have our own private dining room. The address is 5205 Big Island Drive. John has made a deposit for the private dining room.

Directions

From I-295

Exit # 52, Town Center Parkway. Go West for approximately 1.2 miles to the 6th traffic Signal, Big Island Drive. Turn left go for .2 mile, Mitchell's is on the left.

From JTB

Exit at Gate Parkway, go to second traffic signal, Town Center Parkway, Turn right, go two traffic signals, right onto Big Island Drive, go for .2 mile, Mitchell's is on the left.

John had to guarantee 20 people and he will be charged if we don't show up, let's make this a big event and all go and have a good time. Looking forward to seeing you.



Lotus was well represented



There is always fierce, but friendly, competition between Tony Cascio and Ron Watz

LBC Profile: Jaguar XK 120

The Jaguar XK120 was manufactured between 1948 and 1954. It was Jaguar's first sports car since 1940 with the end of production of the Jaguar SS100, so named for its ability to exceed 100 mph, a major feat at the time for a production vehicle. The SS portion of the name is generally thought to mean Swallow Sidecar Company, the early startup of the company.

In the 1930s it was common to give cars animal names and in 1936 the name Jaguar was given to a new saloon model and all cars after that time carried the name. Due to the negative connotation associated with "SS" after WWII, that part of the name was dropped in favor of Jaguar. In 1945 the company name was officially changed to Jaguar Cars, Ltd.

As with the SS 100, the new sports car carried the 120 part of its name because of its perceived ability to exceed 120 mph. It was introduced at the Earl's Court Motor Show in London as a test bed and show car for the new XK Engine. The engine was a dual overhead cam straight 6, referred to as the XK 6-Cylinder. The car generated so much excitement that William Lyons, Jaguar founder, decided to put it into production.

The first car produced for sale was VIN #670003, a left hand drive model in Suede Green, delivered to Clark Gable, an admitted car nut. He had the car repainted in a gray color, later referred to as Clark Gable Gray. This car won Best in Class in the Post-War Sports Open Category at the March 2012 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. It was restored to original condition by JD Classics after it was found outside Dallas, Texas disassembled and scattered among three sheds.

Gable wrote an article in the March, 1950 issue of *Road & Track* magazine detailing how he tried to match the official record speed of 132 mph on one of California's dry lake beds. He managed to reach 124 mph in his completely stock version of the XK 120.

The first 242 XK 120s were all roadsters built between 1949 and 1950 with aluminum bodies on Ash frames with alloy cylinder heads, twin side-draft SU carburetors, and dual overhead cam straight six engines. Brakes were 12 inch drums which were subject to fade. Some later models were fitted with aluminum finned drums to alleviate the problem.

In 1951 to meet production demands the aluminum body was replaced with pressed steel but they retained the aluminum doors, boot and bonnet lids. Cars destined for the US market had 8.1 compression ratios and produced 160 bhp. Models made for the domestic (UK) market had 7.1 ratios due to post-war austerity measures allowing only 70 octane fuel.

All of these models had fender skirts (spats) until 1951 when knock-off spoke wheels were added as an optional accessory. The chromed knock-offs extended outward too far that allow the skirts to fit.

The Motor road tested the XK 120 in 1949 and achieved the 124.6 mph top speed record.

World records

At the Motodrome de Montlhéry near Paris in 1950 the XK 120 averaged 107.46 mph for 24 hours with stops for fuel and tires. Best lap: 126.2 mph. This was the first time a production car averaged over 100 mph for 24 hours. Drivers were Leslie Johnson and Stirling Moss sharing driving and changing every three hours.

In 1951 Leslie Johnson drove 131.83 mph at the Motodrome de Montlhéry in one hour.

In 1952 an XK 120 driven by Stirling Moss, Leslie Johnson, Bert Hadley, and Jack Fairman maintained an average speed of 100.31 mph for seven days and seven nights. Already well into the record attempt, the car broke a spring. Stirling Moss drove for nine hours on the broken spring since regulations stated that any outside replacement parts would cancel any previous records beyond those already achieved. Before the spring was replaced the following speed/endurance records were recorded:

World Class C 72 hours at 105.55 mph

World Class C four-day record at 101.7 mph

World Class C 10,000 kilometer record at 107.031 mph

World Class C 15,000 kilometer record at 101.95 mph

World Class C 10,000 mile record at 101.65 mph

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After repair of the broken spring the car went on to complete the full seven days and seven nights with a total of 16,851.73 miles at an average speed of 100.31 mph.

Engine Specifications

All were 3442 cc engines with dual overhead cams. Gas mileage was computed at roughly 16.5 mpg

Model	Years	Carburetor	Horsepower
XK 120 3.4	1948 - 1954	Twin SU H6	160 bhp @5000 rpm
XK 120 3.4 SE	1951 - 1954	Twin SU H6	180 bhp @5300 rpm
XK 120 3.4 SE "C" Type Head	1951 - 1954	Twin SU H8	210 bhp @5750 rpm

Cost in today's market

(Original cost approximately £1700)

Diamond in the rough: \$8,000 +

Normal range: \$40,000 - \$80,000

Restored, recent sales

1949 Convertible \$350,000

1951 Convertible \$119,995

All XKs are collectible.



On the Lighter side



At the Oxford-Bellevue Ferry



It holds well more than 9 Triumphs, but apparently not as many as its capacity of Minis!

From the Capital Triumph Register

Triumph Club of North Florida

Christmas Party 2012

Your Triumph club will have the annual Christmas party at the home of Stan & Lily Kinmonth in Fleming Island, Florida.

This year's event will be a covered dish affair, with the club providing a main entree of turkey and ham platters, and turkey gravy, followed by a gift exchange.

Stan and Lily will provide sodas, plates, cups, plastic ware (Stan says maybe some domestic beer and cheap wine, but don't count on it...)

In order to ensure enough of the main course, please RSVP to Stan & Lily no later than Saturday, December 8. Include how many will be in your party and what dish you plan on bringing.

Email addresses are:

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lkinmonth@comcast.net

stan.kinmonth@navy.mil

Phone numbers are:

904-276-1418 - house

904-710-6771 – Lily, cell

904-616-2387 – Stan, cell

The particulars are:

Date: Saturday, December 15, 2012

Time: 5:30 pm until.....

Entertainment:

A Chinese Gift Exchange – please bring a wrapped gift, no label, no more than \$20.00 in value.

Attire: Casual

Address: 194 Malley Cove Lane, Fleming Island, FL 32003 – **See map on page 13.**

NOTE: There is a parking lot across the street; a few cars can park in Stan & Lily's driveway, but the road is narrow and cannot be blocked.



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. _____

Home Phone () _____

Please circle interest in:

Work Phone () _____

Tech Sessions

Email Address _____

Social Events

Autocross

Tours

Fun Rallyes

Car Show

VTR Member? Yes _____ No _____

T-S-D Rallyes Races

TRA Member? Yes _____ No _____

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