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Cam & Michelle Anderson attaching their number in preparation for the Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye

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Coming Events

May 6, 2012 – Pub Club Meeting, **King’s Head Pub**, US1 five miles north of St. Augustine.

May 12 – 13 Overnighter to Savannah
See Pages 4 for details.

May 19 – The 16th Annual Triangle British Classic, Raleigh, North Carolina.
www.ncmgcc.org.

May 27—June 2 British Car Awareness Week. Drive you car this week.

August 25 - First Coast Car Council Landing Show, Jacksonville Landing.
<http://www.carcouncil.org/>

September 7-8 – Brits on the Shoals, Rogersville, Alabama
<http://www.shoalsbritishcars.org/index.html>

October 13 – **British Car Classic MK XXIV** King’s Head Pub, St. Augustine, Florida
<http://www.tcnf.org/>

November 1—3 Southeast British Car Club, “Chattanooga Choo Choo” Chattanooga, Tennessee. Norm (772) 567-2231

October 28—November 2, 2012 VTR National Convention, Galveston Island, Texas. <http://www.kingswayrc.com/txt/VTR2012/index.html>

 **May 2012 Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

 **June 2012 Events**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

We still need someone to act as Events Chair. Won't you volunteer?

President's Corner

Hello Members

On April 14 the Jaguar Car Club hosted the Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye, a TSD event. TCNF was well represented with 6 Triumphs entered, all looking fantastic. The weather was perfect and the Jag guys did a great job with this event. I hope more TR's show up next year.

Our next outing will be up the road to Savannah for an overnigher. If you want to drive along with us, but not stay, come on! You can go as far as you want, then turn around. We would enjoy the company of additional Triumphs on the road. As you can see from the events schedule, June is still open! Come on guys, (gals are included and implied in that statement) tell us what you would like to do. Show up Sunday the 6th and let someone know about your idea.

Hope to see you in the crowd at the meeting Sunday the 6th at the Pub.

Walt

	May–Overnight to Savannah, GA	June–Open
July–Pool Party	August–Open	September–Open
October–BCD Mark XXIV	November–Open	December–Christmas Party

Correction

In the April newsletter, the date given in coming events was incorrect for the First Coast Car Council show. The correct show date is August 25 as shown in this issue.

Pub Club Meeting

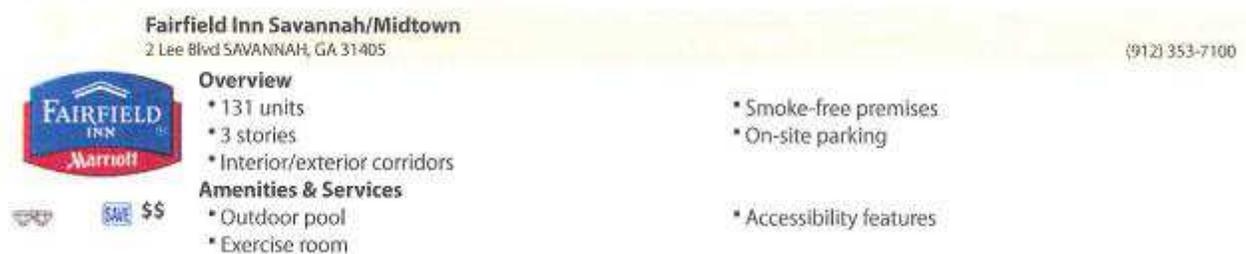
The April 1 attendance at the King's Head Pub had ten people in attendance. Graham and Janett Thomas, Norm Reimer, Jerry Popp, Walt Lanz, Cam Anderson, Charles Fenwick and his son Charles, and finally new arrivals Roy and Laura who will be joining soon. Roy has a 1967GT6. As usual we discussed everything from cars to life in general. Always fun to have lunch and brews together. **New members:** The Pub Club meeting is not a stuffy meeting following *Robert's Rules of Order*, but rather a social event. Real club meetings occur only about four times a year, so **Come on Down!**

Savannah Overnighter

The wonderful Savannah adventure begins on Saturday, May 12, 2012 at 9:00 a.m. The meeting place for the Jacksonville and southern members will be at the Kangaroo station on US17 just north of the beltway (9A/295). Leave 9A/295 at exit 36, **Main Street/US 17 North**. The meeting point is approximately one tenth mile north. Members living north of Jacksonville will meet us at points along the way.

From here it is a 2 1/2 hour drive in a regular car, but expect it to be about three hours in our Triumphs. Graham Thomas and I drove the route about a month ago and it is an easy, pleasant, and scenic drive with light traffic. We are planning on stopping in Brunswick, Georgia for coffee and to rest.

Below is the detail of the lodging in Savannah. We have negotiated a special rate of \$101 with an estimated total cost per room of \$114.13. This motel was chosen because it has its own parking lot and there is no charge for in/out. Lodging closer to the Historic district all have valet parking and I know we do not want someone else parking our cars.



The image shows a screenshot of a hotel listing for Fairfield Inn Savannah/Midtown. The listing includes the hotel name, address (2 Lee Blvd SAVANNAH, GA 31405), and phone number ((912) 353-7100). It features a Fairfield Inn logo with the Marriott logo below it. The listing is divided into sections: Overview, Amenities & Services, and a list of features. The Overview section lists 131 units, 3 stories, and interior/exterior corridors. The Amenities & Services section lists an outdoor pool and an exercise room. The list of features includes smoke-free premises, on-site parking, and accessibility features. There are also icons for Wi-Fi, a pet-friendly policy, and a 'SAVE \$\$' badge.

Each car will have a confirmed reservation and a AAA Trip-Tik with written directions, even though we will caravan together. On arrival we will all check in, stow our luggage and rest. In the afternoon, those who would like to participate, will drive to the Visitor's Center (Free parking) and board a trolley for a tour of Historic Savannah. The trolley tours have On/Off privileges up until 5:30 p.m. and are priced at \$15. The tour takes approximately 90 minutes unless you use the on/off privileges.

Later we will drive to the Historic District, drop off our wives, and park our cars in a municipal garage. Prices for parking are reasonable. We will then walk the two or three blocks and meet up with the wives if we can find them after they have been turned loose on the shops.

Savannah by the numbers

- ◆ 912—Our area code, you only need it if you are calling from out of town.
- ◆ 1733—The year we were founded by General James Oglethorpe as the 13th colony.
- ◆ 1794—Savannah built the nation's first golf course.
- ◆ 2.2—Historic District in square miles.
- ◆ 77.1°—Average annual high temperature.
- ◆ 2,758—Hours of Savannah sunshine per year.
- ◆ 22—Number of lush, lovely historic squares.

The Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye

The **Jaguar Club of North Florida** has done it again. They hosted **The Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye** for the second year and this year was better than the last. There is a lot of planning and work that goes into an event of this nature. All involved are to be congratulated for a job very well done.

If you missed the rallye, you missed a great time. We started out from the parking lot of Books-A-Million in Ponte Vedra and toured many of the back roads of the area. On several occasions we saw other cars going in the opposite direction and we had to make a couple of corrections when we did not follow the directions completely. Directions, for those who did not attend, went something like this: exit the parking lot and drive at 27 mph for 1.0 minutes or 2.2 miles, turn right, followed by the next segments directions.

There was one checkpoint with a mandatory five minute break in the morning and then another at the lunch stop (World Golf Village) and times were recorded. After lunch there was an afternoon checkpoint, again with a mandatory five minute break, and ending at a restaurant for awards.

For the faint of heart, there were emergency directions in the event you got totally lost, with severe time penalties for opening the sealed envelope.



Angelo & Anitra Guzman watch as their number is applied.



A rare 1949 MG-TC, note the right-hand drive.

There were 24 cars entered with one no-show, so 23 competed. From TCNF we had 6 cars who enjoyed the fun. Mark Steiger with his TR3A race car was car #2, Angelo Guzman TR6 was #4, Graham Thomas TR3A was #6, Time Lynch TR3A was #20, Cam Anderson TR4A was #22, Barry Northway, TR250 was #23.

- Angelo and Anitra Guzman had a second-place trophy for their class.
- Mark and Carole Ann Steiger —Second place for their class.
- Graham Thomas and Lance Brazil—First in their Class.

The rallye finished at Shannon's Bar and Grill for Trophy presentations.



Mark and Carole Ann Steiger



Angelo and Anitra Guzman



Cam and Michelle Anderson



Graham Thomas and Lance Brazil



Tim Lynch and navigator



Barry and Diane Northway

Meet the MG6 GT



Designed and engineered in the UK, this 1.8T fastback gives you modern sporting style and great technology, while still staying true to the spirit of the much-loved classics.

You could say the new MG6 is blessed with brains as well as beauty. On the inside you'll find a turbocharged 160ps TCI Tech four cylinder petrol engine, lots of cabin and luggage space, plus ABS, EBD, front McPherson strut suspension and multi-link rear suspension to give it outstanding handling ability. On the outside the Alloy wheels, body-colored mirrors, halogen headlights, and bold color choices ensure it looks the part, wherever you choose to take it.

This is a car that will please your head as well as your heart. It's instantly modern and versatile but offers an abundance of British style and the same sense of fun that's always been at the heart of every MG.

Now you've been introduced to the MG6, why not find out more?

– From <http://mg.co.uk/6-gt/> Go to the site and check it out. You can change the color of the car to see how it looks in your favorite color.

Spring Cleaning: An Unexpected Way To Clean The Car

Stylelist Home | By [Diana N. Nguyen](#) Posted: 04/06/12 08:28 AM ET

An overhanging branch dripped tree sap all over your parked car. Or, you've just driven through wet tar and now there's black gunk all over your side car panels. Now what? Both substances are sticky, thick and can be extremely difficult to remove once dry. Unfortunately, many chemical cleaners can damage your car's paint. But, don't fret, there's a gentle tar and sap cleaner that works wonders on car surfaces -- you already have it in your fridge.

Simply rub a small amount of mayonnaise over the stain and let it sit for 15 minutes. Next, wipe off the creamy condiment, and the tar or sap should follow. You might need to use some arm muscle to buff out any stubborn stains.

Details of the ‘Do’s and Don’t’s of Cleaning, Buffing and Polishing can be found on YouTube:

- Part 1: <http://youtu.be/2r8wVoiDy4I>
- Part 2: <http://youtu.be/6oYIsO3Wk7o>
- Part 3: <http://youtu.be/7hKVh4Q7ptQ>
- Part 4: <http://youtu.be/nay4j-wpeTo>

Savannah, The Ladies:

Crave: Shoe Sales, sipping, and sharing.

Fear: Blisters and bad hair days—but little else.

Heaven is: A blissful spa day followed by cocktails in a charming square-side cafe.

Savannah, The Men:

Crave: Healthy competition followed by beers and banter.

Fear: The question “Does this make me look fat?”

Heaven is: 7000 yards of impeccably manicured Bermuda grass, an empty tee box at every hole and a fully stocked bar at the 19th.

On the Lighter Side

As Time Goes By...

A group of 15-year old guys discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Dairy Queen next to the Ocean View Restaurant because they only had \$6.00 between them and Jane Johnson, that cute girl in Social Studies, lived on that street and they might see her and they could ride their bikes there.

Ten years later, the group of 25-year-old guys discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the beer was cheap, they had free snacks, the band was good, there was no cover and there were lots of cute girls.

Ten years later, at 35 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the mixed drinks were good, it was near the gym and if they went late enough, there wouldn't be too many whiny little kids.

Ten years later, at 45 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the martinis were big, and the waitresses wore tight pants.

Ten years later, at 55 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the prices were reasonable, the wine list was good, and fish is good for managing your cholesterol level.

Ten years later, at 65 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the lighting was good and they had an early bird special.

Ten years later, at 75 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because the food was not too spicy, and the restaurant was handicapped accessible.

Ten years later, at 85 years of age, the group once again discussed where they should meet for dinner. It was agreed they should meet at the Ocean View Restaurant because they had never been there before.

—April 2012 Bluebonnet, The Texas Triumph Register



Lean a little to the right, Mabel, we only have a few miles to go.



A man, a bike, and his chick. It doesn't get any better than this



In Case You Missed it...Jaguar C-X75

Jaguar C-X75 is a [plug-in hybrid](#), two-seat, [concept car](#) from [Jaguar](#) which debuted at the [2010 Paris Motor Show](#). The C-X75 produces 778 [horsepower](#) through four [electric motors](#), each of which drives one of the four wheels. The batteries driving these motors are recharged using two [diesel](#)-fed micro [gas turbines](#) instead of a conventional [four-stroke engine](#). It is described as an ideas model that will influence future design and technology.

The C-X75 was named in honor of Jaguar's 75th anniversary, the C stands for concept and the X for experimental.

-WIKIPEDIA

See *Jay Leno's Garage* video of a test drive:

<http://www.jaylenosgarage.com/video/jaguar-cx75-concept/1260041>



Jaguar Museum Closing: From Coventry, England, comes word that the Jaguar Heritage Museum will be closing in September 2012, though plans are apparently in the works for an all-new museum. Founded at the site of the former Browns Lane factory in Coventry, the museum contains more than 120 road and race cars from Jaguar Cars' history – Jaguars and associated marques that include Swallow, SS, Lanchester and Daimler. The museum dates back to William Lyons himself, who gathered together some of his early efforts in the mid-1950s. (*Hemmings Daily*, 2/3/2012)

(Rotors) Triumph Parts, Art Fournier

[Yeah it's the same for MGs]

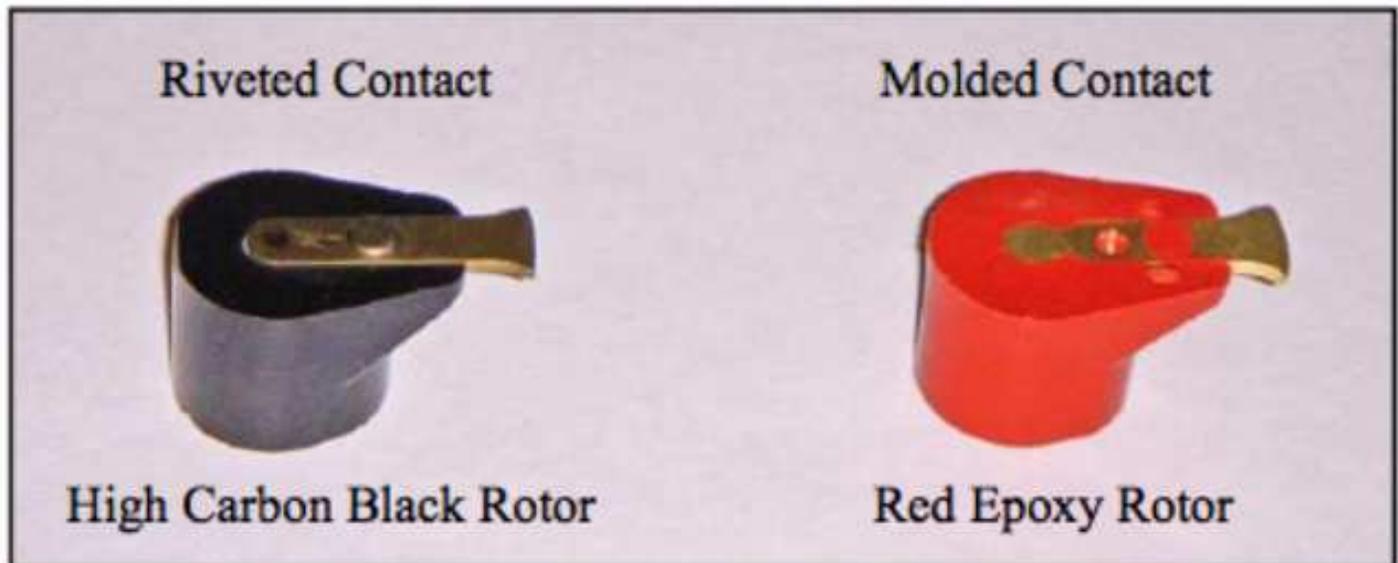
Two years ago, I had a problem with a failed electrical fuel pump, which I unknowingly replaced one bad pump with another that was bad as well. Over two frustrating weeks of trouble shooting, I replaced a number of things including the distributor rotor. Last summer, the car began running badly, especially on hot days. When hot, the engine would misfire and lose power. After letting the engine cool down, the car would run normally for a while before the engine (or engine compartment) heated up again and the problem recurred.

As you've probably guessed, the rotor was bad. Actually, bad rotors have been a fairly common problem in recent years. Even rotors from normally reputable suppliers have caused problems. The bad rotors are apparently made from a plastic with a high carbon black content, which increases the conductivity of the material. Additionally, the bad rotors have a contact held somewhat loosely in place with a rivet that comes close to the interior spring clip that holds the rotor snug against the distributor shaft.

These design flaws allow the spark from the coil to short from the rotating contact through the rivet, plastic and spring clip to the distributor shaft causing the misfire or stumble. Fortunately, there's an easy solution in the form of better quality rotors. These "new and improved" rotors can be recognized by their red epoxy bodies and by rotating contacts that are molded in place rather than held by a rivet.

These premium rotors may be a bit more costly, but well worth the extra expense in terms of reliability. They are available from a number of suppliers for a variety of applications. Price varies: Moss sells them for around \$11 apiece, while Advanced Distributor sells them for \$15 for a package of two and British Parts Northwest lists what appear to be similar items for around \$5 or \$6 depending on application, so shop around.

–From the April 2012 Octagram, Newsletter of MGs of Baltimore.



<http://advanceddistributors.mybisi.com/product/4-cylinder-ignition-rotor>

<http://www.bpnorthwest.com/>

The PEEL Returns

A group of British investors have decided to resurrect another three-wheeler – the Peel, known as the world’s smallest car. Originally built on the Isle of Man in the 1960s, Peels were three-wheeled microcars available in a couple of different models, including the two-seater Trident and the single-seater P50 coupe, both designed by Cyril Cannell, and both using fiberglass bodies. Both used 4.5 horsepower DKW 49cc moped engine with a 3-speed transmissions with no reverse. To reverse, one had to get out of the car, pick it up by the handle affixed to the rear of the car, and reposition it as needed.

They were advertised as being able to return 100 miles per (imperial) gallon and have been recognized by Guinness as the world’s smallest cars. About 47 P50s were built starting in October 1963, followed by about 82 Tridents, according to Peel replica builder Andy Carter.

Production ended in 1966, and the Peel Engineering Company went out of business in the early 1970s, but Gary Hillman, a British businessman and car collector who has a Trident and P50 in his collection, decided it was time to resurrect the company. Partnered with entrepreneur Faizal Khan, Hillman appeared on the British television show *Dragon’s Den* in 2010 to pitch his idea and won support from investor James Caan..

Since then, the resurrected company has re-introduced both the P50 and Trident, each available in one of three flavors – Gas, Eco, and Fun. The Gas versions use a 49cc four-stroke engine good for about 3.35 horsepower, backed with a CVT automatic transmission with reverse. The other two versions use DC permanent magnet electric motors with reverse and regenerative braking. Prices for each start at £6,995 (about \$10,900), but as of this writing, only nine of the 50 examples are still available, according to the Peel website. Both the Trident and P50, in all three versions, are being advertised as road legal throughout the United Kingdom and European Union. The original Peels sold for less than 200£, in fact that was one of their most (maybe only) endearing quality. Visit PeelEngineering.co.uk.



Jeremy Clarkson of Top Gear (6’5”) demonstrated that a tall person can get into the car, and drove it into the offices of BBC. See links below for video.

<http://www.topgear.com/uk/car-news/peel-p50-returns>

<http://www.peelengineering.co.uk/>

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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