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Everyone enjoying the pool at David and Kelly's house. The theme was Hawaiian Luau

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Coming Events

August 5, 2012—Pub Club Meeting, King’s Head Pub, US1 about 5 miles north of St. Augustine.

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

August 25, 2012—First Coast Car Council Show at the 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/>

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

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

<http://www.southernbritishcarclub.org>

August 2012 Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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September 2012 Events						
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October 2012 Events						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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21	22	23	24	25	26	27
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Pool Party

July 14th was the date of the Pool Party and David and Kelly Finkelstein's house. We had a good turnout with 16 people. Attending and enjoying fine food and a cool dip in the pool were: Graham & Janett Thomas, Don & Jolene Marshall, Mike & Debra Sullivan, Lance & Gloria Brazil, Norm & Sue Reimer, Walt & Barbara Lanz, and, of course, David & Kelly Finkelstein our hosets.



Debra, Jolene, and Sue



Janett Thomas



Graham Thomas



Jolene, Sue, and Janett

Pool Party

It was such a hot day that no one drove their Triumph. There were some wonderful dishes brought to be shared and it was hard to decide where to start, but we managed. Kelly has an olive tree growing on her deck and we were all trying to guess how you know when the olives are ripe – no one knew for sure.



Olives on Kelly's tree.



Mike & Debra Sullivan and Gloria Brazil



Janett enjoying a cooling float in the pool



Our Hostess, Kelly Finkelstein

TCNF Regalia

Shirts: Quantities are one except where noted

New Style \$15 Each

2XL	XL	L	Med	Small
2 Red	Dark Blue	2 Gray	White	White
Dark Blue		Red	Dark Blue	Gray
2 Black		2 Maroon	Black	Dark Blue
Gray		Dark Blue	2 Maroon	Maroon
White		Dark Green		2 Black
		Black		

Shirts:

Old Style, Embroidered, \$15 Each

XL	Medium	Small
White	Maroon	White
		Red

Hats:

\$10 Each

- 2 Royal Blue
- 2 Navy Blue
- 2 Green
- 3 Bone
- 1 Beige
- 2 Black
- 3 White

Norm Reimer's Cousin's Cars

The two Mercedes in the foreground are two of my cousins many old cars. For the Triumph club members, he bought Jody's TR-3. According to one of the car magazines I get, the gullwing is now considered a million dollar car and the roadster is not far behind.



Special Videos

The following links are to videos on YouTube. Each is well worth the time spent to watch them.

Senior Moments (Hilarious! If you have seen it before, watch it again just for laughs)

<http://www.rtbot.net/play.php?id=Xv1tMioGgXI>

Stop motion Rebuild – Spitfire Engine – The creator says 3000 pictures and countless cups of coffee. Worth looking at just to see how the engine comes apart and goes back together.

<http://youtu.be/daVDrGsaDME>

Next Month

The Spitfire at 50 with guest articles

If you have a Spitfire story, send it to lbrazil@bellsouth.net

The Story of Kilroy



Kilroy Was Here

©Patrick Tillery, Editor@KilroyWasHere.org

Anyone born in the mid-thirties (or earlier) knew Kilroy. We didn't know why but we had lapel pins with his nose hanging over the label and the top of his face above his nose with his hands hanging over the label too. I believe it was orange colored. No one knew why he was so well known but we all joined in!

Kind of a war story – now we know! INTERESTING?

KILROY WAS HERE! WHO THE HECK WAS KILROY?

In 1946 the American Transit Association, through its radio program, "Speak to America," sponsored a nationwide contest to find the REAL Kilroy, offering a prize of a real trolley car to the person who could prove himself to be the genuine article.

Almost 40 men stepped forward to make that claim, but only James Kilroy from Halifax, Massachusetts, had evidence of his identity.

Kilroy was a 46-year old shipyard worker during the war who worked as a checker at the Fore River Shipyard in Quincy. His job was to go around and check on the number of rivets completed. Riveters were on piecework and got paid by the rivet.

Kilroy would count a block of rivets and put a check mark in semi-waxed lumber chalk, so the rivets wouldn't be counted twice. When Kilroy went off duty, the riveters would erase the mark. Later on, an off-shift inspector would come through and count the rivets a second time, resulting in double pay for the riveters.

One day Kilroy's boss called him into his office. The foreman was upset about all the wages being paid to riveters, and asked him to investigate. It was then he realized what had been going on.

The tight spaces he had to crawl in to check the rivets didn't lend themselves to lugging around a paint can and brush, so Kilroy decided to stick with the waxy chalk. He continued to put his checkmark on each job he inspected, but added KILROY WAS HERE in king-sized letters next to the check, and eventually added the sketch of the chap with the long nose peering over the fence and that became part of the Kilroy message. Once he did that, the riveters stopped trying to wipe away his marks.

Ordinarily the rivets and chalk marks would have been covered up with paint. With war on, however, ships were leaving the Quincy Yard so fast that there wasn't time to paint them. As a result, Kilroy's inspection "trademark" was seen by thousands of servicemen who boarded the troopships the yard produced. His message apparently rang a bell with the servicemen, because they picked it up and spread it all over Europe and the South Pacific. Before war's end, "Kilroy" had been here, there, and everywhere on the long hauls to Berlin and Tokyo .

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The Story of Kilroy

To the troops outbound in those ships, however, he was a complete mystery; all they knew for sure was that some jerk named Kilroy had "been there first." As a joke, U.S. servicemen began placing the graffiti wherever they landed, claiming it was already there when they arrived.

Kilroy became the U.S. super-GI who had always "already been" wherever GIs went. It became a challenge to place the logo in the most unlikely places imaginable (it is said to be atop Mt. Everest, the Statue of Liberty, the underside of l'Arc De Triomphe, and even scrawled in the dust on the moon).

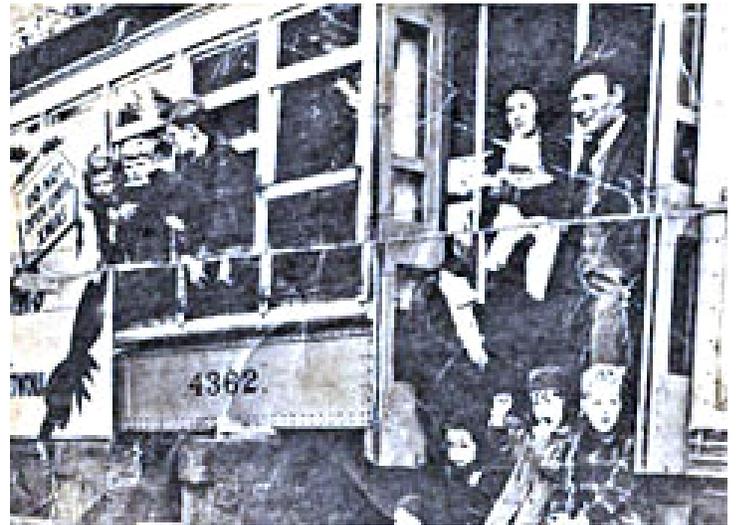
As the war went on, the legend grew. Underwater demolition teams routinely sneaked ashore on Japanese-held islands in the Pacific to map the terrain for coming invasions by U.S. troops (and thus, presumably, were the first GI's there).

On one occasion, however, they reported seeing enemy troops painting over the Kilroy logo! In 1945, an outhouse was built for the exclusive use of Roosevelt, Stalin, and Churchill at the Potsdam conference. Its first occupant was Stalin, who emerged and asked his aide (in Russian), "Who is Kilroy?"

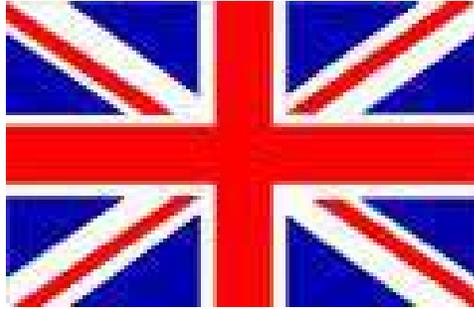
To help prove his authenticity in 1946, James Kilroy brought along officials from the shipyard and some of the riveters. He won the trolley car, which he gave to his nine children as a Christmas gift and set it up as a playhouse in the Kilroy front yard in Halifax, Massachusetts.

If you check the WWII memorial in Washington DC, you will see Kilroy peeking over a wall!!!

So, now you know!



British Car Classic MK XXIV



Where: St Augustine Florida

When: October 13, 2012

Name: British Car Classic MK XXIV

Time: 9am - 4pm

Location: Kings Head Pub US1 six miles north of St Augustine

Sponsored by: Triumph Club of North Florida

Description: All British car show

Participants choice trophies

Vendors welcome \$30

Registration: Register by Sept 15 \$25; after Sept 15 \$30

Free public admission

Contact: Norm Reimer

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Classes In The Show

1950 and Earlier

1951-1955

1956 -1960

1961-1965

1966-1970

1971-1973

1974-1976

1977-1980

1981-1990

In addition, the following will apply:

- Early Registration first vehicle \$25 additional vehicles \$15
- Registration after Sept 15 first vehicle \$30 additional vehicles \$20
- Early registration gets one free tee shirt and can buy additional tee shirts for \$10 each
- Registration after Sept 15 can buy one tee shirt for \$5 and can buy additional tee shirts for \$10
- Registration the day of the show ends at 12 noon.
- Voting ends at 1pm.
- Door prize drawings will be done through the day.
- There will be a British car quiz with prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.

BRITISH CAR CLASSIC (24TH ANNIVERSARY) MK XXIV
October 13, 2012 – Kings Head Pub – St. Augustine, Florida

**** EARLY REGISTRATION****

\$25 Vehicle #1 - **\$15** Each Additional Vehicle Postmarked On or Before 9/15/12. Entrance fee after this date will be \$30 with additional vehicles being \$20.

Vendor Registration \$30. All Vendors Must Have A Vendor Registration

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: TRIUMPH CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA

SEND TO:

1409 FOREST AVENUE
NEPTUNE BEACH, FL 32266

FOR INFORMATION: (904) 246-6044 OR suennorm@comcast.net

LOCATION: KINGS HEAD PUB – On U.S. 1 Approximately 6 Miles
North Of Intersection Of U.S. 1 And State Road 16.

REGISTRATION

NAME _____ DAY PHONE _____ NIGHT PHONE _____
ADDRESS _____ CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP _____
CLUB AFFILIATION _____

VEHICLE #1 MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ \$ _____

VEHICLE #2 MAKE _____ MODEL _____ YEAR _____ \$ _____

Additional Vehicles (Use Back Of Form) \$ _____

Souvenir Tee-Shirt(S) (\$10 EA.) **S M L XL** \$ _____

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Coastal Empire British Auto Club

For our friends in GA:

On August 24th, 2012, the next meeting of the “Coastal Empire British Auto Club” will meet in the parking lot of “Beef O’Brady’s at 461 Johnny Mercer Blvd, Wilmington Island, GA (behind the McDonalds) at 6:00p will be held. Come and join the group!

Open to all owners of “LBC’s” or “Little British Cars” such as Triumphs, MGs, Nash Metropolitans, Jaguars or any other imports from Great Britain (imported prior to 1980). Our first meeting in July had four British cars and one British motorcycle.

Our Motto is “You are not alone.....in your love of LBC’s.....or in your despair.” Low key, no dues, no newsletter. Just some people and their British Imports. Come support and learn how to drive, maintain and enjoy these iconic cars. Contact the group organizer at parrotthead@coastal-empire-bac.org, or see the new club website at www.Coastal-Empire-bac.org. Contact Dan Parrott at 912-655-1653 for more information.

Dan Parrott

Savannah, Georgia

www.coastal-empire-bac.org 1980 Triumph Spitfire “PJ”, AKA “Rat”

First Coast Car Council Show at the Landing

FCCC SHOW COMMITTEE REPORT: Lon Greenwood arrived as we were discussing the show. The Council Car Show to benefit Ronald McDonald House will be August 25, 2012 at The Landing. If you would like to volunteer to help at the show contact Barbara Anderson, Show Chair-Person (contact info at end of newsletter). Stan Kinmonth is working to secure the dirt lot to use during the show.

REMINDER THAT WE NEED 10 DOOR PRIZES FROM EACH MEMBER CLUB. TURN THEM IN TO THE DJ AT THE CRUISE-INS OR BRING THEM TO THE NEXT COUNCIL MEETING. These can be dinner coupons to restaurants where you hold your meetings on a regular basis, car washes, tools, oil changes, car cleaner kits, gift baskets, gift cards, etc.

We encourage clubs to pre-register 10 spaces are \$250 (\$25.00) each, this will guarantee that your club will be able to park together. If you come together day of show and are not pre-registered there is no guarantee that you will be able to park together.

We will have the Tow Drags again this year compliments of Allen’s Towing. Teams are made up of 5 people per team the cost is \$50. Get a team together from your club or work and enter. It is a lot of fun and all the proceeds will go to the charity. There will be a prize for the winning team. Last year the Amelia Cruizers won and got a party at Whisky River. So far we have teams from Whisky River, Tilted Kilt and Hooters. Come on guys are you gonna let the girls take this!!

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First Coast Car Council Show at the Landing

We encourage you to get a sponsor for your car. The sponsor pays \$100 which includes your entry fee for the Show, the sponsor gets promoted during the show, gets their name in the program and will get a plaque with a photo of your car. We are issuing a challenge for the clubs to get sponsors – the club with the most sponsors will win a prize. If an individual gets more than one sponsor for their vehicle, they will also get a multi-sponsor plaque to display on their trophy wall! There will be a prize for the Club that gets the most \$100 sponsors.

On the Lighter Side



Car Guy in the hospital



No explanation needed



Double-Take



Huh???

On the Lighter Side

From The Bluebonnet NL of the Texas Triumph Register

- The fattest knight at King Arthur's round table was Sir Cumference. He acquired his size from too much pi.
- I thought I saw an eye doctor on an Alaskan island, but it turned out to be an optical Aleutian.
- She was only a whiskey maker, but he loved her still.
- A dog gave birth to puppies near the road and was cited for littering.
- A grenade thrown into a kitchen in France would result in Linoleum Blownapart.
- Atheism is a non-prophet organization.
- I wondered why the baseball kept getting bigger. Then it hit me.
- A sign on the lawn at a drug rehab center said: 'Keep off the Grass.'
- The midget fortune-teller who escaped from prison was a small medium at large.
- The soldier who survived mustard gas and pepper spray is now a seasoned veteran.
- A vulture boards an airplane, carrying two dead raccoons. The stewardess looks at him and says, 'I'm sorry, sir, only one carrion allowed per passenger.'
- Two fish swim into a concrete wall. One turns to the other and says 'Dam!'
- Did you hear about the Buddhist who refused Novocain during a root canal? His goal: transcendental medication. (*Contributed by Bill Parker*)

Nothing is quite as ironic as a fish tank in a seafood restaurant.

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 _____

Make your \$25.00 check payable to:

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