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Lance Brazil

If you would like to volunteer to help other members with problems on their cars, let us know and you and be listed here.

## Coming Events

**May 4, 2013**—Legends on the Green, Concours d'elegance. See page 7

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

**May 5, 2013**—Pub Club Meeting, King's Head Pub, on U.S. 1 five miles north of St. Augustine.

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

**May 25, 2013**—Anheuser-Bush/First Coast Car Council Show. See Page 8

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## President's Corner

Welcome TR People

Mother Nature cannot make up her mind; it's either cold, or hot, or wet, come'on make a choice!

The weather was either brisk or warm, I thought it was spring, but I could not tell.

I would like to welcome Cam Anderson as our Event Planner; he will plan the events that the membership of TCNF wants to do, so send your thoughts to him or me or to a board member to forward to Cam.

At our last meeting Cam stood up and said in the newsletter it stated "Stand Up" and do your part, he said "I am Standing Up to do my part"!!!!

John Kirkham said that he would be our membership chairperson, he STOOD UP to do his part!

I think this is GREAT! Step Up and be ACTIVE, not just a member.

I will be out of service for a month or two, due to medical procedures, so you guys will have to make this group active until I am back, so GET WITH IT!! Call or email Cam with ideas, talk to your friends that have not renewed their membership, to renew, get ACTIVE, PARTICIPATE!! You will not be embarrassed.

*Walt*

El Presidente, according to Angelo

But you, the active guys, can always appoint a new one.

### Spitfire 1500

Trying to find a new home

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## Diagnosing Starting Problems

by Bill Unger

Grand Strand British Car Club

When your LBC refuses to start for you in the morning as you get ready to go to school or work or to a car club gathering, it can be very frustrating to track down the source of the problem quickly enough to get on the road. Oh well, just leave the car in the garage and drive your more dependable (but boring) Japanese or American jelly bean sedan and tackle the issue another day.

But if you are already on the road and your LBC refuses to restart, then you are facing a potentially embarrassing and expensive prospect. You will have to either get the beast started again or you may have to call a flatbed to haul your beauty home and explain the event to a spouse who "told you so".

In either scenario, you need to keep a cool head and methodically hunt down the problem without jerking back and forth from one end of the car to the other as well as crawling under the scuttle and bonnet.

And if you are on the road, you may also have a limited arsenal of tools to assist. So gain a basic understanding of how your car works and follow this simple procedure that I use.

### Diagnosing Starting Problems (cont.)

#### Ignition Switch in "ON" Position But Instruments Do Not Work, Then Check:

- 1) brown wire from battery to ignition switch #1 loose or disconnected
- 2) white wire from ignition switch #2 to hot side of fuse block #6-7 loose or disconnected
- 3) fuse #6 or #7 blown (windshield washer and wipers, horn, stop lights, backup lights, choke lamp, handbrake lamp, gauges)

#### Ignition Switch in "START" Position and Instruments Work But Engine Does Not Crank, Then Check:

- 1) brown wire from ignition switch #1 to starter solenoid relay C2
- 2) white/yellow wire from ignition switch #3 to starter solenoid relay W1
- 3) white/red wire from starter solenoid relay C1 to starter solenoid
- 4) black wire from starter solenoid relay W2 to ground
- 5) black wire from starter solenoid to ground

#### Ignition Switch in "START" and Instruments Work Except Tachometer and Engine Cranks But Does Not Fire, Then Check:

- 1) white wire from hot side of fuse block 6-7 to tachometer
- 2) white wire from tachometer to ignition coil

#### Ignition Switch in "START" Position and All Instruments Work and Engine Cranks But Does Not Fire, Then Check:

- 1) wires to ignition coil
- 2) high tension wire from ignition coil to distributor cap
- 3) faulty ignition points (no gap or burned contacts)
- 4) faulty points condenser or poor wire connection
- 5) faulty ignition coil
- 6) faulty fuel delivery (fuel pump not working or carb float needle stuck closed)

#### Engine Cranks But Will Only Fire If Battery is Boosted, Then Check:

- 1) poor battery cable connections
- 2) weak battery voltage below minimum required for electronic ignition even if engine cranks
- 3) long wiring runs or other causes of high resistance drops voltage below minimum required for electronic ignition

#### Engine Starts But Fires Erratically, Then Check:

- 1) high tension wire from ignition coil to distributor cap or spark plug wires or terminals loose, wet, cracked
- 2) faulty distributor cap (burned or broken contacts, cracked)
- 3) fouled or damaged spark plugs
- 4) faulty fuel delivery (low fuel pump pressure, clogged fuel filter, carburetor defects)

#### Engine Dies While Driving, Restarts Easily or Only With Key Jiggling, Then Check:

- 1) loose wires on back of ignition switch
- 2) burned or defective contacts within ignition switch

Keep a copy of this procedure (adapted for the specifics of your car) in your glovebox along with a copy of your car's wiring diagram. As you gain familiarity with your car, make additional notes such as "relay located above starter" or "original brown wire replaced with red wire". Carry a flashlight, extra relays, lengths of spare wiring and crimp connectors, jumper wires with alligator clips, and basic tools to assist you. Good luck!

—Reprinted from OCTAGRAM, Newsletter of MGs of Baltimore. Although this is specific to a particular car, wire coloring is consistent with all our LBCs. It costs less than two dollars to laminate it. Well worth keeping in the car.

## UPDATE

# Florida Bill to Eliminate Ethanol Requirement Moves to Governor

Following is a reprint of an earlier ethanol story

## My fun with Ethanol

John Popp

About three years ago my TR6 left me stranded in a not so good part of Jacksonville so instead of making a spectacle of myself and trying to fix it in one of our finer neighborhoods, I had it towed home. I first focused on the ignition system since I have had problems with cheaply made points in the past but it all checked out. I didn't suspect the fuel system at first since I rebuilt both carbs and fuel pump two years previously and surely those repairs should last more than a few years. Wrong! On further investigation, I determined that my fuel pump was intermittent and the pressure was low. I took the pump apart and found that one of the rubber wafers that make up the inlet check valve was swelled and was no longer keeping the gas moving on one direction towards the Carburetors.

Without giving it much more thought, I had another fuel pump kit so I rebuilt it again. That was three months ago and yesterday I noticed a puddle under my car. Normally this is not unusual for us Triumph owners but this was gasoline. To my dismay it was coming out of a small vent hole at the bottom of the fuel pump. Yikes! I just rebuilt it!

Since I'm getting very good at removing the pump, I determined the problem in about 5 minutes. The diaphragm was flaking apart and kinda gooey. It finally dawned on me that I was suffering from the same thing as all those boaters with melting fiberglass gas tanks....Ethanol! Poking around on the internet it seems that the gas we use is 10% ethanol and it is wreaking havoc on other groups of folks as well. A group of Mustang Club members complaining about continued accelerator pump problems, A Mini owner with the same experience as me, Hot Rodders continuously have to replace the needle and seat on their Holley carbs and so on.

I had another rebuild kit that was of much better quality in my shop so I used the diaphragm from that kit and used old stock check valves that use a fiber wafer instead of rubber. I'll keep an eye on this in the months to come. Feel free to contact me if any of you have gone through this or could recommend a solution.

Regards,

John Popp

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# **Track Day – Saturday May 11th!!!**

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**I realize this is a commercial venture, but I thought some members may be interested. –Editor**





Welcome to "Legends on the Green" in Historic St. Augustine, FL!



## Classic and Contemporary British Car Show...

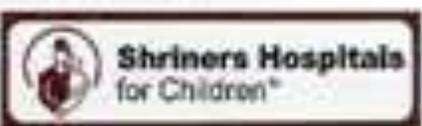


10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Saturday, May 4, 2013 at Francis Field



The Jaguar Car Club of North Florida continues its mission of enthusiastic support and involvement in our community by presenting the 2013 "Legends on the Green" Jaguar Concours d'Elegance and British Car Show. This Jaguar Club of North America (JCNA) sanctioned concours provides the opportunity for viewers to see a wide range of historic and contemporary British automobiles. Awards will be awarded to Jaguars, non-Jaguars, and to the "People's Choice."

Net proceeds of the entire concours will support the mission of The Shriners Hospitals for Children, where education and research support the life-changing care delivered to thousands of children without placing a burden on the families of their patients. This is all made possible by our participants and sponsors. Please patronize our sponsors.



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# Anheuser-Busch Brewery Tours & First Coast Car Council Car Show

Saturday – May 25<sup>th</sup>, 2013

Registration 8 – 10am – Show 10:00am – 3:00pm

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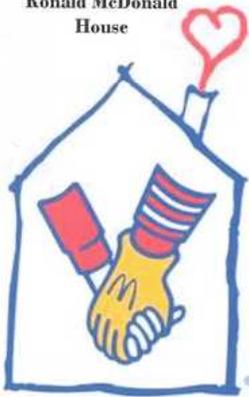
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If you plan to attend this show, arrive early because registration gets very busy the later you arrive.

## Ultra Ever Dry Video

This is amazing stuff, may have applications for our LBCs

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## 2013 Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye is a Hit

David Simes From the Jaguar Club of North Florida Newsletter

JCCNF Rallymaster, Harold Kelly, has put together another fantastic event that we can all be proud of (no surprise here). The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye, which occurred on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> was a major success. This JCNA sanctioned rally was enjoyed not only by the Jaguar Club, but was also members of the MG, Triumph, and Lotus clubs.

The starting line was at Panera Bread in Fleming Island and the course included some of the most scenic highways in Clay and Duval Counties. The weather was absolutely perfect, with cool breezes and plenty of sun. All and all, you could not have asked for a better day to drive you favorite Jag (ideally with the top down). Lunch was at Dick's Wings in pretty little Lake Asbury and the awards party was at Southwest Buffalo Café on Youngerman Circle in Orange Park (a car club favorite).

This year's overall winner was Wally Conway with navigator, Tonya Stokes, driving a 1975 MG Midget. Always competitive, their total penalty was only 5 minutes, 21 seconds. Job well done Wally and Tonya! The best time for the morning leg belonged to Paul King in his beautiful 2000 Jaguar XK8 with a penalty of only 3 minutes, 3 seconds. The winner of the best time for the afternoon leg again was Wally Conway with a total penalty of only 41 seconds (note that Peter and Liz Atkinson in their pretty white Series 3 XJ6 missed winning this leg by only one second).

Winner of the Rallymaster's Award for the most inspirational participant was Gary Avant, who again came all the way from the Tampa area with his son Cody for the event. Gary and Cody left home at 3:30AM to make sure they were on time. Never lacking in enthusiasm, Gary was proudly waving a large Jaguar flag from his beautiful 1969 baby blue Jaguar E-Type Coupe as he pulled to the starting line.

Putting on a successful time-distance rally is a logistical challenge which takes many volunteers along the route to make everything happen like clockwork. Many thanks to the numerous volunteers whose hard work made this event so memorable and congratulations again to Harold for making us all smile. A summary of the winners is below:

Overall Rally Winner: Wally Conway, 1975 MG Midget  
Morning Leg Winner: Paul King, 2000 Jaguar XK8  
Afternoon Leg Winner: Wally Conway, 1975 MG Midget

### **Class 1 (Pre - 1960)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mark Steiger, 1959 Triumph TR3-A  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Hugo Scheuer, 1955 MG TF  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Lamar Drake, 1955 MG TF

### **Class 2 (1960 – 1980)**

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Wally Conway, 1975 MG Midget  
2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Cam Anderson, 1965 Triumph TR4A  
3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Barry Northway, 1968 Triumph TR250

### Class 3 (1981 to Present)

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Lynn Preston, 2010 Lotus Evora

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Paul King, 2000 Jaguar XK8

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: Peter Atkinson, 1985 Jaguar XJ6



TCNF Member Mark Steiger, First Place Winner in Class 1 (Pre 1960) in his 1959 TR3-A



TCNF Members Cam & Michelle Anderson, Second Place winner in Class 2 (1960-1980) In their 1965 TR4-A



TCNF members Barry and Diane Northway, Third place winners in Class 2 (1960-1980) in their 1968 TR 250



Rallymaster Harold Kelly





Congratulations Mark Steiger



Congratulations Barry



Congratulations Cam & Michelle



Angelo Guzman

The Great Dixie Brit Car Rallye has proved to be a first class event. It seems it just cannot get better but The Jaguar Car Club of North Florida outdoes itself with each new rally. TCNF salutes JCCNF for a fantastic not to be missed event.

## Stag for Sale

I have a 1973 Triumph Stag project for sale in Miami. It has a 2001 Chevy 4.8L V8 motor sitting in it (not bolted in) with ECU, wiring harness, P/S, alt, & A/C compressor, with a rebuilt six speed T-56 gearbox. \$700 without drivetrain. \$2300 with drivetrain. Photos provided if interested.

Thank you.

Randy - 305.608.8165



## 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...

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