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**Member Help Groups**

**Wiring Problems**

Charles Fenwick  
Lance Brazil

**Polishes, Waxes, Finishes**

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**

**April 6, 2014**–Pub Club Meeting, King’s Head Pub on US 1 north of St. Augustine. [www.tcnf.org](http://www.tcnf.org)

**April 19, 2014**–Wheels Across the Pond, Jupiter FL  
<http://www.wheelsacrossthepond.com/>

**April 26-27, 2014** – Road Trip Vilano Beach to Cedar Key. TCNF. See page 5. [www.cedarkey.org/lodging.php](http://www.cedarkey.org/lodging.php)

**September 9-14, 2014**–2014 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention at Dobson, NC. Hosted by The Triumph Club of the Carolinas. Start making plans now! <http://www.vtr.org/>

**October 25, 2014** – British Car Classic Hosted by the Triumph Club of North Florida, [www.tcnf.org](http://www.tcnf.org)

**Annual Dues are past due!!!** If you missed the early signup at a discount price, please send you check for \$25 to Norm Reimer. His address is :

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## President's Corner

For those of you who haven't heard... While I was en route to crash the MG club's monthly meeting, I was rear ended on my Triumph Daytona 675 by a woman who (more likely than not) was texting and driving . I was prepared! My helmet, jacket, boots and gloves did their job. My high visibility backpack did not do its job, alas. I walked out of the ER three hours later with a very sore back, which I still have.

Although our Little British Cars (LBC) are not as small as a motorcycle they are at a greater risk today than when they were new. With more driver distractions and SUV drivers who think that since they can see over our cars, it is ok to tail gate our bumpers. Modern cars have daytime running lights and third brake lights to make them more noticeable. There are modifications that we can make to our LBC's to make them more noticeable such as daytime running lights, brighter bulbs, and just cleaning out the 40-60 years of dirt in the inside our lenses. I will keep you advise on what mods I do for my TR-6 and welcome any ideas that you may have to increase visibility.

Steve, Cam (with his TR-4), and my son, Charles, did make it the aforementioned MG meeting at Sneakers. In spite of us showing up unexpectedly to their event, they were polite and invited our members to join them for dinner, which they did. About 35 MG club members were there with one MG., so we did match them evenly with cars. If I recall correctly, we had 4 Triumphs at our last meeting. To win in aerial combat, you must put up aircraft every day to match or exceed the enemy. It does not matter if you have 35 pilots with 34 planes in the hangar. We are getting our planes into the air, as we must do to survive! We shall Triumph!

Charles L. Fenwick

*Paid Advertisement Below*

Norm,

We are making a trip to Florida in a few weeks. Here is a list of cars that we are looking to purchase. Can you get the word out to your club? We do pay finder's fees. Last year we purchased 5 cars on our spring trip to Florida, (We cannot wait.) Long winter in Illinois. We pay very fair prices. Please have people call or email with what they have.

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1964-1967 Model T A, Karmann Ghia,  
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## John Popp



My daughter Liz and I didn't quite make it to the May TCNF meeting at the pub. We left our house near Ortega and made our way through Jacksonville and down Interstate 95. Everything was perfect. It was a beautiful morning, my TR6 was running great and Liz was having a great time riding in her "yellow car". There was a bit more traffic than usual and we were keeping up with the string of cars heading south. Just south of St. Augustine Rd, we started to slow down from our roughly 65 MPH as we neared a construction zone. Although there was no work being done that day, the road is in a temporary state where a strip of pavement is

roughly 1 ½ inches higher and of different texture.

Just as soon as I heard the expected change in road noise, the rear of the car swung violently to the left into the grass center median. In spite of my attempts to keep the car straight, the rear continued to swing around and we were backwards shooting across the two slower lanes. As we continued to spin, the smell of burning rubber and the sound of scraping metal were prominent. As we skidded towards the construction barrier, I continued my attempt to gain control and managed to miss the barrier and came to a stop sideways in the slow lane. The whole thing happened in just a matter of seconds.

I felt like I awoke from a weird dream. I looked over at Liz and realized that she was fine. It was a miracle we were not struck by the other cars and trucks and it was clear that we dodged what could have been a very tragic event.



Naturally traffic was backed up for what must have been miles while Liz and I waited for help. While the events didn't seem to scare Liz at all, she soon became a bit upset that her "yellow car" was broke. We were very fortunate that Michelle Anderson (Cam's wife) was passing by and offered to bring Liz to the pub where my parents were. Liz is autistic and has difficulty processing events out of the norm so it was a blessing Michelle stopped to offer help.

As best as I can tell, my right rear tire may have run along the raised pavement that is part of the construction and

it peeled off the tread much like a retread would separate. Apparently I was not the first one with issues on this stretch of highway. I noticed that the road was littered with tire pieces from other vehicles.

Mechanically, it could have been much worse, I had a broken axle, bent brake backing plate, worn down and cracked trailing arm and the rim was bent. The bottom of the quarter panel was curled under and the rocker panel trim was missing. I'll have it back together soon since I have spare parts for most of this.

**Lessons learned** – The tires on my car were on it when I got it some years ago and had very little mileage on them. They had a full tread and still had those little “sprues” that you find on new tires. Regardless of appearance, tires age and mine were probably at the end of their life.



The structural integrity of tires can degrade over an extended period of time. Tire aging isn't typically an issue with vehicles driven frequently, however the lower annual mileages put on sporadically used motor homes, classic cars, and seldom used spare tires make tire calendar age an important consideration. My old tires, coupled with different road surfaces, were a time bomb waiting to go off without a warning.

I've come to value my time with Liz in a much different light now and I realize how fortunate we were to have survived this event unharmed. I promised Liz that I will fix her car real soon!

John Popp

## Coast to Coast in a day!

April 26<sup>th</sup> – 27<sup>th</sup>

We will be leaving the Vilano Beach access , 2725 Anahma Dr, at 10 AM. The route will take us to Gainesville via Palatka. Plan on arriving at the Gainesville Alehouse (<http://www.millersalehouse.com/>) around noon for lunch. Afterwards we will take highway 24 down to Cedar Key. Dinner that evening will be somewhere on the wharf. More details later.

If you are feeling really adventurous, meet us at 6:46 AM for a sunrise photo shoot on the beach.

The Cedar Key Chamber of Commerce lodging website is:

[www.cedarkey.org/lodging.php](http://www.cedarkey.org/lodging.php)

Cam Anderson

Events Coordinator

## Recipe of the Month

### Cherry-O Cream Pie

- 1 9" crumb crust
- 1 8 ounce package cream cheese
- 1 15 ounce can (1 1/3 Cup) Eagle Brand milk
- 1/3 Cup lemon juice
- 1 tsp. Vanilla extract
- 1 Can prepared cherry pie filling

Let cheese soften and whip. Add milk. While beating, add lemon and vanilla and blend well. Chill for 2—3 hours. Serve slices topped with cherry pie filling.

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I just replaced the door glass in my TR6. Before I restored it, the fuzzy tracks in the door has lost their fuzz. As a result, the metal of the tracks had caused grooves in the glass. To keep costs down, I replaced the tracks but didn't replace the glass. A couple years ago, I purchased the new glass; this past week, I got around to replacing the glass.

"Free to good home" - used but serviceable TR4, TR5/250, or TR6 (they are all the same) door glass - just the glass. [stantr6@comcast.net](mailto:stantr6@comcast.net)

Stan Kinmonth

### Building a Tesla Automobile

A very interesting video made in the Tesla factory.

[http://www.youtube.com/embed/8\\_lfxPI5ObM?rel=0](http://www.youtube.com/embed/8_lfxPI5ObM?rel=0)

3000 employees, 160 robots. All done from scratch in the same factory.

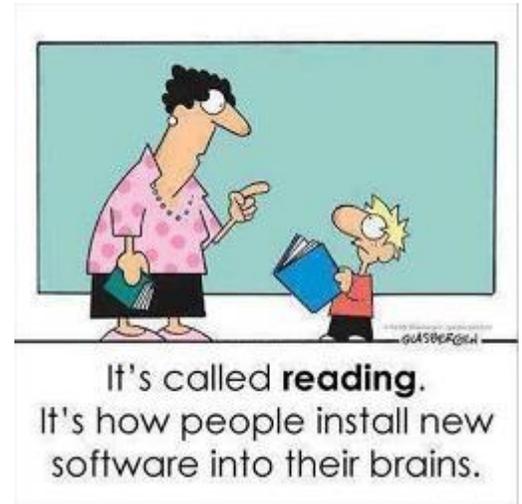
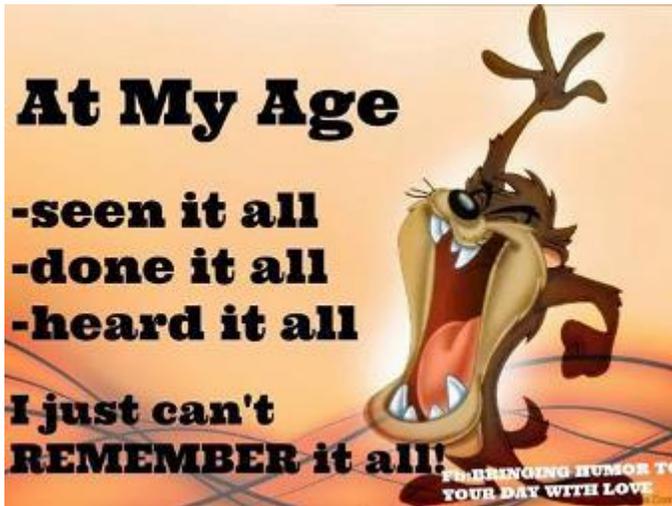
I have a 1973 TR-6 for sale. It's a very nice running car with overdrive, British racing green, biscuit interior, black top and Michelin red strip tires. I plan to be at the meeting at the pub this Sunday. Asking price is \$13500. [tddriver53@bellsouth.net](mailto:tddriver53@bellsouth.net)

Wayne Snook

"I would like to let you all know what a great guy you have at your helm. Lance Brazil drove all the way from Atlantic Beach to Amelia Island in order stick down some carpeting that kept falling off in Graham's TR3. Thank you Lance for that and all the hard work to do on our behalf. "

Janett Thomas

## On The Lighter Side



## Have you ever noticed...?

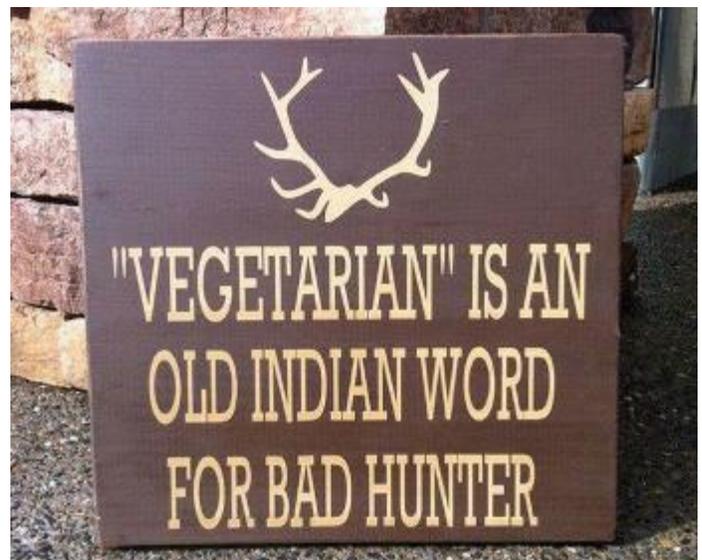
**Wheel of Fortune:** if the Bonus Round contestant is a woman or a woman and man, Pat Sajak always takes the lady by the hand and leads her to her mark. If it is a man, he just says: "Follow me over to your mark."

**Car Commercials:** Cars in commercials are driven in such a way that if we bought the car and drove it as they do, it would void the warranty.

**Portraits:** Most people don't like pictures of themselves. **Reason:** very few people have perfectly symmetrical faces. When we see a photo, it is true to how our face looks. Since the way we see ourselves most often is in a mirror where right and left are switched, the picture just doesn't look like we see ourselves. In college I tried an experiment. I put negatives in the enlarger backwards and printed them with left and right transposed. More often than not the person would say "That is the first picture that really looks like me."

**Sleep:** The person who snores always goes to sleep first.

**I'm Right:** No one ever admits they are wrong half as loudly as they claim they are right.



## Photo Shoot for *Triumph World Magazine*

Walt Lanz received a call from Andy Willsheer with Triumph World magazine. Andy wanted to shoot some pictures of Triumphs in north Florida. Walt sent him to my home number. He would be in Jacksonville the next day and if I could round up some cars for him? When I talked to him he was not specific about times, so I thought 3:00 p.m. would be nice since he had to drive from Daytona where he was staying with friends.

On Thursday, March 27, I got the call and he wanted to start around 12:00. I scrambled around and contacted several members by email. In all we were able to get four cars to come out.

I arrived at the meeting place at 12:05 and waited to meet Andy. Once he arrived I drove to Office Depot to get two other members who were to meet there. Only one showed up. There seemed to be some confusion between Office Depot and Home Depot. We went to the Jacksonville Seawalk Pavilion. The one lost member called and we gave directions. Now we had three cars: my Spitfire, Barry & Diane Northway's TR250, and Stan Kinmonth's TR6.



As we set up my Spitfire, I got a call from Tony Cascio. He was coming down from Brunswick, Georgia and would arrive in about an hour. Little did we know he had plenty of time. I thought Andy might shoot 10 or 15 pictures of each car and that would be it. Wrong! Andy must have made at least 60 or 70 pictures of my car. He also wanted a different background for each car. Next Andy wanted to get a drive-by and panning shot. I drove north on First Street and had to wait for a while to let traffic clear. I had two drive-bys to get it right.

I won't say we did anything wrong, but I believe if the police had driven by while my car was on the sidewalk we would have been told to leave. Luck held with us through the entire shoot and after my car was back on the road they did come by and tell us (politely) that this was a no parking zone and we had to move our cars.

The second shoot was Barry Northway's TR250. They went to the other side of the plaza behind the Jacksonville Beach City Hall. Lots of shots there and the drive by again.

It was not time for Stan Kinmonth's TR6. We moved down the beach to the turn around in front of Joe's Crab Shack. Stan's car was parked as far back as he could get it without actually driving onto the sand; there is no way our little cars would make it into the sand and come back out without a tow truck.





Photo by Roger Gorringe *Triumph World Magazine*



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By this time it was getting on toward 3:00 and we were getting tired from standing around on the concrete all afternoon but we all had to stay because after the photography Andy would interview each of us about our cars. Tony Arrived while Andy was still shooting Stan's Car. Each car had to have shots of the engine bay and the boot. We all helped Stan unload his boot for a clean look. Then we had another encounter with the police. Once they saw what we were doing they said it was Okay. Stan's drive by shots were made in the roundabout next to Sneaker's. I don't know how many times he went around while Andy stood on they wall and shot panning shots, but Stan said a few more times around and he would be tossing his cookies.

Next we moved further down the beach at another turn around for Tony's TR4. It is always fun to get our cars out and show them off. One fellow asked about my Spitfire and what year it was. He then told me he had a Spitfire and he was pretty sure it was a '58. I didn't mention to him they came out first in '62.

Tony's shoot lasted until about 5:00 and then the recorded interviews began. Since Tony had the longest drive home we all agreed he should go first followed by Stan, then Barry, and finally, myself. When I finished my interview it was 6:10 p.m. and I was tired.

Andy and his assistant, Roger Gorringe said the article would be written and we each would get a copy to verify everything. It could be six months to a year or longer before it gets into publication.



Tony's TR4A. These shots were not made at the beach.

# Touring Tips and Protocol

Traveling in a caravan presents a unique set of conventions that, when followed, will help insure a safe and pleasant trip as well as extending consideration to other motorists who share the road. A tour consists of a leader, the cars in the group, and a sweep vehicle.

If you have a cell phone, exchange numbers with the group at the start.

If your packet contains a map, review it and have it available in case you lose sight of the vehicle ahead of you. This will prevent missed turns

**The Leader** will hold a brief meeting prior to departure. The leader's car will pull out first from the start and follow a pre-determined route. There will be comfort stops planned at frequent intervals. The leader will spend a lot of time looking in the rear view mirror to check on the group and will be in communication with the sweep vehicle.

**The Sweep** vehicle will always be the last car in line. The sweep will be in communication with the leader. Together they will monitor the position of the group at all times. (Example: If the entire group did not clear the stoplight, the leader will pause or slow the first part of the group until eye contact can be regained between cars.) After a roadside stop, the sweep vehicle may pull onto the roadway first and hold position to allow the leader and the entire group to pull onto the road at the same time. But the sweep will always remain at the end.

Group members can help the leader and the sweep by extending these courtesies:

1. Follow the group leader. Turn when the leader turns and so on.
2. If the leader stops the whole group stops. The leader will look for a good spot to pull over that will allow all cars to get safely off the roadway.
3. Watch the car in front of you and the car behind you. Try to keep both in sight at all times, while maintaining a safe and comfortable driving distance between cars.
4. Do not pass other members of your group. Generally, try to stay in the same order in line as when you pulled on to the road. (Example: If you are the 5th car in line try to stay the 5th car in line.) This is very important to the leader when looking back in the rear view mirror.
5. Adjust your speed as needed to assist other motorists trying to pass thru the group.
6. If either the car in front of or behind you gives a signal, you need to pass the signal along up or down the line.

## **SIGNALS:**

**If you need to STOP:** Signal by flashing your lights, blowing your horn, and give the standard hand signal for stop. (Arm out the window, bent at the elbow with hand pointing down), this will tell the car in front and behind that you want to stop.

**Emergency:** (If you need to pull off the roadway immediately, and cannot use the stop signal.) The car in front and behind will be watching and signal to the others for you. The group will stop.

**If you want to leave the group and not return:** Signal by, flashing your lights, and blowing your horn, while waving BY-BY. If you know you will be doing this, tell the leader in advance. (Example: On the way back home you will be leaving the group at an intersection near your house).

From the Quadriga, North Carolina MG Car Club

## Joint Event–Triumph and MG Club

On Marche 22 at 5:30 members of both the Triumph and MG Classics clubs met at **Copper Tap House** restaurant for an early evening meal. We had a great turnout, around 25 people and really enjoyed socializing with friends of a like mind.

Everyone, without an exception, had good comments about the food and service.

Finally, we got to see Steve Arrington's Stag, a beautiful car. Steve says it needs to go back into the shop because it is still not shifting correctly.

There were two MGs present an MGB and a beautiful example of the last of the MGAs, a 1962 cream white that was perfect.

We were glad to have Walt & Barbara Lanz and Jerry & Louise Popp with us for this event.

Charles Fenwick had his TR6 at the event and showed us a method of adding LED lights inexpensively to our LBCs. This may be the gist of an article in a future issue of the newsletter. My Spitfire was also in attendance.

## On Television...

A recent answer on **Jeopardy!** Was: This sporty Triumph car that debuted in 1962 shares its name with a classic British fighter plane.

The question was: What is the Spitfire?

On Gas Monkey Garage they bought a 1981 Rolls Royce and tried to “flip” it by doing American hot rod changes; bad mistake. No knowledgeable buyer would bid on such a bastardization of a classic luxury automobile. Aaron Kauffman, master mechanic, on looking under the car after more problems than they cared to admit said: “Whoever designed this was either fired or given a medal of honor when he finished.”

Don't mess with our British Cars.

## A collection of Prince of Darkness Jokes

I know you have heard most of these before...

- ❑ Lucas--inventor of the first intermittent wiper.
- ❑ Lucas--inventor of the self-dimming headlamp.
- ❑ The three-position Lucas switch--DIM, FLICKER and OFF.
- ❑ The other three switch settings--SMOKE, SMOLDER and IGNITE.
- ❑ The original anti-theft devices--Lucas Electric products.
- ❑ "I've had a Lucas pacemaker for years and have never experienced any prob...
- ❑ If Lucas made guns, wars would not start either.
- ❑ Did you hear about the Lucas powered torpedo? It sank.
- ❑ It's not true that Lucas, in 1947, tried to get Parliament to repeal Ohm's Law. They withdrew their efforts when they met too much resistance.
- ❑ Quality Assurance phoned and advised the Engineering guy that they had trouble with his design shorting out. So he made the wires longer.

## 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 \_\_\_\_\_

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Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle interest in:

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Tech Sessions

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

Social Events

Autocross

Tours

Fun Rallies

Car Show

VTR Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

T-S-D Rallies    Races

TRA Member? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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