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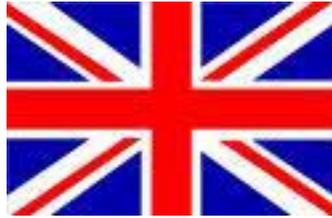
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Interior of last month's mystery cover car, See page 6 for answer

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Member Help Groups

Wiring Problems

Charles Fenwick

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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

July 13, 2014-Pub Club meeting, King's Head Pub on U.S. 1 about a mile north of St. Augustine, 1:00 p.m. until we run out of things to talk about.

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/> See pages 9 and 10

September 18-21, 2014—Southeast British Car Festival, [Hosted by the Peachtree MG Registry](#). Held in Dillard Ga.

October 4, 2014—The Grand Strand Myrtle Beach Britfest See Page 11 www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com

October 25, 2014 – British Car Classic Hosted by the *Triumph Club of North Florida*, www.tcnf.org

President's Corner

With precipitation in the forecast, we had a light turnout of Triumphs for the June meeting with only two in attendance. Jerry feared not the rain and came in his TR-8, with the top down. (For the May meeting, on a day which featured fairer weather, we had seven Triumphs!)

Besides declining membership, the other challenge we face is the loss of local Triumph cars when they are purchased by flippers via the internet. These cars are sold again for significantly more money than what the original owner received and some of these cars have issues that neither the owner or the flipper fixed.. I have recently seen two British cars that had been flipped and a third that was purchased to be flipped. The flipped cars were in poor running condition and missing parts. I read a 3/4 page advertisement on one of them. It listed all the mods and work that had been done and described how the previous owner took great care of the car. The asking price was over \$27,000. The other flipped car was listed with only 1500 miles on it. My examination of brake/ clutch pedal wear and other areas led me to believe it actually had 101,500 miles. The car to be flipped was purchased for \$3000 and is to be sold for \$7000. It needs at least \$2000 just in transmission work. The person looking to turn a quick buck on this vehicle knows nothing about cars. This was evident when he asked me to identify the contents of two boxes in his car, which turned out to contain brake rotors. As they say, buyer beware!

I would like to do more long range planning to attend distant British Car Shows and events such as the MOSS Motor Fest in Virginia next June 2015 or VTR this September in Dobson N.C.. This may be the time to get out of the heat of Summer, meet new friends, and do some sight seeing, Even if we sortie just two or three Triumphs, for an adventure of this type it takes planning and coordination. Please bring forward any ideas at the next meeting.

Useful Tire Information

My father would say "If you only own one tool for you car, it should be a tire pressure gauge." Tires last longer when inflated to the correct pressure and keeping them properly inflated improves gas mileage. So what is the proper tire pressure? It's what the manufacturer determine for best handling, performance, and safety. The information is always located in the owners manual, is on the door jamb on most cars, and sometimes on the glove box door.

NEVER USE THE MAXIMUM TIRE PRESSURE ON THE TIRE ITSELF. Tires over-inflated to the max have little surface area for traction and are at risk of blowing out due to tire pressure going up as the tire warms up. Under inflated tire pressure goes up also as the temperature significantly increases. This is why it is said to never let air out of a tire that has been warmed up and to check tire pressure when cold. A properly inflated motorcycle tire goes up 2.5 to 3 degrees F when warmed up with a proportional increase in pressure.. Amonton's Law of Pressure and Temperature ($P1/P2 = T1/T2$) explains this relationship. So, if a tire is checked on a warm afternoon and a few days later when the morning temperature is freezing, the tire will be down several pounds. Thus, tires should be checked when it's cold in the morning and adjusted when needed. Keep in mind that tires always leak down (and not up), it's OK to add a lb. or two to the set pressure; an extra two or three if winter is coming. For the spare tire that never gets checked, add five pounds and check the pressure prior to use.

So when to check the tire pressure? Start by checking weekly and increasing the interval between checks until the pressure is observed to be down 2 pounds. Tube tires (spoke wheels) do leak faster. Stick type tire, public use and tire gauges that have been dropped a few times are not very accurate. Do not expect the guy at the tire store to have an accurate gauge nor set the correct pressure. *-Continued on Page 4*

The Department of Transportation (DOT) requires tire manufactures to place the date of manufacture at the end of the DOT tire serial number. The date is the last four digits. The first two numbers is the week, the second the year. If the tire is really old it will only have three digits. These tires should only be used in a museum. Tire experts recommend replacing tires after 10 years after manufacture. This a hard decision to make if the tire has plenty of tread. Like changing oil on a car, it has to be done on a schedule.

-Charles Fenwick

On the Lighter Side

Words of Wisdom from the "Duke" - John Wayne

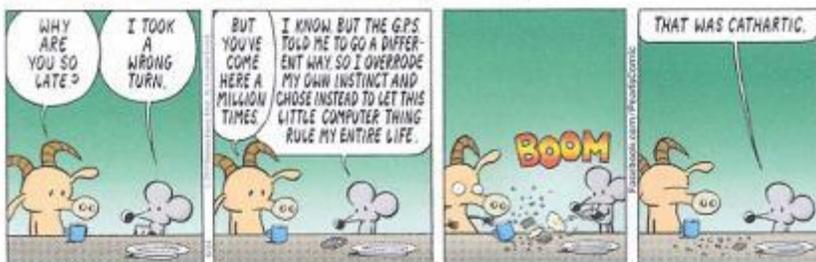
- Life is tough, but it's tougher when you're stupid.
- Tomorrow is the most important thing in life. Comes into us at midnight very clean. It's perfect when it arrives and it puts itself in our hands. It hopes we've learned something from yesterday.
- Courage is being scared to death... and saddling up anyway.
- If everything isn't black and white, I say, 'Why the hell not?'
- Tomorrow hopes we have learned something from yesterday.
- "A man deserves a second chance, but keep an eye on him."
- "You're short on ears and long on mouth."
- "All battles are fought by scared men who'd rather be someplace else."

Herbert Hoover, Paraphrased:

Find me a one-armed economist, I'm tired of hearing, "On the other hand..."

- An economist is a man who says if you are standing in a bucket of charcoal with your head in the freezer, on the average you should be comfortable.
- An economist drowned while crossing the river. On the average it was only 3 feet deep.
- Three economists went deer hunting. They say a twelve point buck. The first one fired his rifle and missed by two feet in front of the buck. The second one quickly fired and missed two feet behind. The third one yelled: "We got him."

Pearls Before Swine by Stephan Pastis • June 24, 2014



**SOMETIMES
I PRETEND TO BE
NORMAL.
BUT IT GETS BORING...
SO I GO BACK TO BEING ME.**

myholocaustgenia.com



CLICK and CLACK TALK CARS

by Tom & Ray Magliozzi



Midlife road trip can be a Triumph

Dear Tom and Ray:

I'm a 50-year-old male. For my midlife crisis, my old college roommate and I are taking a 1960 Triumph TR3 roadster on an 8,000-mile trip, retracing a 1987 trip we took in the same car after college. In '87, the car disintegrated along the trip, shedding parts (generator, hood, left rear wheel, even the steering wheel) across America. We limped home with a blown radiator, a leaking gas tank, a non-functioning electrical system, and a body held together with rubber straps. The car has been in my friend's garage for the past 25 years. We recently rolled it out, replaced tires, put in a new voltage regulator, drained and refilled the fluids and repaired the radiator. My questions: (1) Are we nuts? (2) What else should we do, and what spares and tools do you recommend? — Patrick

TOM: Of course you're nuts. And I wholeheartedly endorse this idea!

What spares should you bring with you? Well, probably, another car.

RAY: Are you going to break down? Absolutely. But if you go with the right attitude, you'll have enough adventures and laughs to last the rest of your lives.

TOM: So, get the car checked out for safety. Look at its structural integrity. If the frame is mostly rust, it would provide

no protection in an accident — a deal-breaker.

RAY: Check that the wheels won't fall off and the brake lines aren't rusted.

TOM: Then take a few key belts and hoses with you. There are some oddball parts that were common in 1987 that are no longer easily obtainable.

RAY: Create a parts-shipping system. Set up an account with the old Triumph parts purveyor and give him your overnight delivery number so that, when you need a part, he can overnight it.

TOM: Pick up a gross or two of flares, and install an emergency-flasher system.

RAY: Plan a route on secondary roads. You should NOT risk your lives on highways at 65 miles per hour.

TOM: Plus, there are more car repair shops and more motels on those roads!

RAY: As for tools, bring the basics, as well as wire and duct tape.

TOM: This time you'll travel with a couple of key tools that weren't available to you in 1987: cellphones to call for help, and enough money to rent a Lincoln Town Car and rest your road-sore buttocks when you come out of your motel room one morning and find that the Triumph has disappeared, and all that remains in its parking space is a pile of orange rust.

RAY: Have a wonderful time, Patrick. I'm jealous!

Get more Click and Clack in their new book, *Ask Click and Clack: Answers from Car Talk*. Got a question about cars? Write to Click and Clack in care of this newspaper, or email them by visiting the Car Talk website at www.cartalk.com.

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Answer To Puzzler from June Newsletter

This is a beautiful example of a 1948 Healey Elliot—Woodie Estate, built by the well known Healey Elliot pre-war racer Hector Hobbs, seventeen were produced.



At the May Pub Meeting

This beautiful Morgan Super Sports was at the pub on Sunday May 4th. The owner was on a list to get the car when imported but he was last. One of the people on the list passed away and he was moved up to receive one of the 11 being imported in that year. Even though it was raining, we all had to go out to see the car. Tony Cascio picked up on a detail none of the rest of us saw: the right tail light had a fog light in the center. It was designed that way due to a new British law.



Those rear windows pop out for airflow. They also make a drop-top version of this car, but my preference would be for the coupe.



Pedals and Paws Show

The pedals and Paws show hosted by the Jaguar Car Club of North Florida was on June 7th at the Mandarin Riverplace Shopping center. The event was to raise awareness and generate revenue for Anna's Angels Animal Rescue, a nonprofit that takes in dogs and cats from other shelters to avoid euthanasia. Dogs and cats were shown and adopted at the Petco in the same shopping center. There were 42 cars in the show and JCCNF raised \$1600 for Anna's Angels Animal Rescue. The variety of cars was very good and, other than my own car, my favorite was a 1962 Corvette; it has always been my favorite year for that car.

Winners were:

- Best of show: Robert Ramey's 1967 Ford Cobra
- Best WOW Factor: John Schlier's 1962 Corvair Corsa
- People's Choice: Jermaine Roland's 1962 Ford Fairlane
- Anna's Angels Award: Jason Hayes 1962 Corvette
- Best American Car: Kenneth Byrd's 1965 Ford Mustang
- Best Foreign Car: Lance Brazil's 1980 Triumph Spitfire



Tony and Jeanne Cascio in Italy

I thought I would send just a few photos of the 385 photos I took while in Italy about a week ago.

Jeanne and I were walking to a local park to eat a light lunch (wine and cheese and bread!) and I spotted about 20 brand new Ferrari's driving by, before I knew it we were at check point #3 for the *Milla Milglia*, man was I excited!

These are some of the highlights; although Jay Leno was entered I didn't see him in the Jaguar that he was driving. This was definitely one of the highlights of the trip for me.





2014 VTR National Convention Registration

Please read and fill out the registration form. Mail the form and your check to: VTR National 2014, 5129 Gatewood Drive, Durham, NC 27712.

Terms and Conditions: Proof of car insurance is required to participate in moving events. Under VTR rules, all Triumphs entering Concours and Participants Choice car shows are required to participate in at least one moving event. Tech and safety inspections are required in order to participate in the Vintage Hill Climb and the Autocross. Any vehicle may be disqualified at the Technical Inspector's discretion for safety reasons. By signing below, I acknowledge that Triumph Club of the Carolinas and/or Vintage Triumph Register may revoke my registration and retain my registration fee should I engage in reckless, dangerous and/or unsafe behavior.

Participant Information

Name(s): _____
Address: _____
City, State, Zip: _____
Phone(s): _____ Email: _____
Club Affiliation: _____ VTR Member No. _____

(Not sure of your VTR Membership Number, this link may help... www.vintagetriumphregister.org/amember/member.php)

Car Show Registration (Please make copies of this page if you are entering more than one car.)

1st Car Make: _____ Model: _____
1st Car Year : _____ Commission No. _____

My car will be entered in the Participants Choice Show.

My car will be entered for the Charles Macartney Daily Driver Award.

My car will be entered for the Carolina's Cup Award.

My car will be entered in the Concours Show.

For the VTR Concours, you must choose a Category/Class. **Descriptions are at www.vtr2014.com**

You must have driven your car in one of the driving events in order to participate in the VTR Concours.

My car will be entered in the Showroom Stock Category.

My car will be entered in the Modified Touring Category.

My car will be entered in the Modified Prepared Category.

My car will be entered in the Senior Class. (Must declare by July 28th)

My car will be entered in the Preservation Class. (Must declare by July 28th)

My car will be entered for the Carolina's Cup Award.

Model, Craft and Photo Contest (Please check all that apply.)

Craft Contest

Model Contest

Photo Contest

Concours Judging

I will be a VTR Concours Judge. I will attend the VTR Judging School, Wed 9/10, 4:00 – 5:30.

Event/Activities Participation

Please indicate the events/activities you will be joining and where requested, the number of people who will be joining. Note that some of the activities have participation limits.

Moonshine TSD Rally.

Ron Hassell Fun Rally.

Tech Session #1.

Tech Session #2.

Welcome Reception. No. attending _____

Vintage Hill Climb.

Funkhana.

10:00 Wine Tech Session. No. attending _____

12:00 Wine Tech Session. No. attending _____

2:00 Wine Tech Session. No. attending _____

VTR Membership Meeting.

Autocross.



Vintage Triumph Register
P.O. Box 655
Howell, MI 48844

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Convention Registration

VTR Members before July 28, 2014		\$ 99.00	\$ _____
VTR Members after July 28, 2014		\$134.00	\$ _____
Non VTR Members before July 28, 2014		\$149.00	\$ _____
Non VTR Members after July 28, 2014		\$184.00	\$ _____
Additional cars		\$ 25.00 each	\$ _____

Meals and Food

Box lunches for Autocross (order by 9/10)	No. of lunches: _____	\$ 16.00 each	\$ _____
Box lunches for Hill Climb (order by 9/8)	No. of lunches: _____	\$ 16.00 each	\$ _____
'Back to Mayberry' Barbecue	No. attending: _____	\$ 19.00 each	\$ _____
Awards Banquet	No. attending: _____	\$ 50.00 each	\$ _____

Regalia (Orders MUST be received by July 28, 2014.):

Full Zip Hoodie: Light blue with the Convention logo on the back and the Triumph Club of the Carolinas grill badge on the front.

Men's Hoodie	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___	\$ 39.00 each	\$ _____
Woman's Hoodie	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___	\$ 39.00 each	\$ _____

Short Sleeve T-Shirt: Light blue with the Convention logo on the back and the Triumph Club of the Carolinas grill badge on the front.

Men's T-Shirt	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___	\$ 19.00 each	\$ _____
Woman's T-Shirt	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$ 19.00 each	\$ _____

IZOD silk wash Polo Shirt: Light blue with the traditional Triumph Club of the Carolinas 2 state map embroidered on the left breast. Below it in straight lines is "Back to the Blue Ridge" on one line and "2014 VTR National Convention" on the second line.

Men's IZOD Polo Shirt	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___	\$ 39.00 each	\$ _____
Woman's IZOD Polo Shirt	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$ 39.00 each	\$ _____

Denim Shirt - Long Sleeve: Has the traditional Triumph Club of the Carolinas 2 state map embroidered on the left breast. Below it in straight lines is "Back to the Blue Ridge" on one line and "2014 VTR National Convention" on the second line.

Men's Denim Shirt	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___ 2XL ___	\$ 39.00 each	\$ _____
Woman's Denim Shirt	S ___ M ___ L ___ XL ___	\$ 39.00 each	\$ _____

Baseball Cap: One size fits all hat with the traditional Triumph Club of the Carolinas 2 state map with "VTR 2014 National Convention" embroidered on the front. Curving around the opening on the back will be "Triumph Club of the Carolinas".

Baseball Cap		\$ 18.00 each	\$ _____
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Total Amount \$ _____
Enclosed

Release and Waiver of Liability and Indemnity Agreement: We, the undersigned, RELEASE, WAIVE, DISCHARGE, AND COVENANT NOT TO SUE the Triumph Club of the Carolinas, the Officers of the Triumph Club of the Carolinas, the Sponsors of VTR National 2014, the Vintage Triumph Register, the Officers of the Vintage Triumph Register, Shelton Vineyards, Surry County Community College or others collectively or separately, holding them free from all liability for any and all loss or damage, and any claim on account of injury to persons or property resulting from my/our harm, death or property damage during the course of VTR National 2014.

Signature(s): _____ Date: _____

The 2014 Grand Strand Myrtle Beach Britfest

The Grand Strand British Car Club would like to encourage all British car owners to attend our second annual show to be held on October 4, 2014, at The Market Common of Myrtle Beach!

The 2014 Myrtle Beach Britfest will be held at The Market Common (former Myrtle Beach Air Force Base) located on Farrow Parkway between Highway 17 Business and Highway 17 By-Pass. In addition to all of the beautiful British cars, only a block away is The Market Common which boasts lots of shops, restaurants and a cinema so your weekend will be packed with fun for everyone!

Dash Plaques will be given to all early registration entrants and will be available for some late and “day-of” registrations. Trophies will be presented to winners in each class. A special award for the entry with the “Best Picnic Presentation” will be given. Special “Britfest” t-shirts will also be available. Food vendors, restrooms, local restaurants, and shopping are available nearby all day!

Event Agenda for Saturday, Oct. 4, 2014:

9:00 - 11:00 am Show Field Open & Late Registration

1:30 pm Popular Voting Ends & Vote Tally Begins

2:30 pm Awards Presentation, Raffles, Etc.

Off-Road Trailer Parking will be available next to the show field.

If you would like to show off your British automotive beauty, then you need to fill out and mail a registration form today. Early registrations by Sep. 14 are \$25 first car entered plus \$15 for each additional car entered. Late registrations after Sep. 14 are \$30 first car entered and \$15 for each additional car entered. There are over 40 classes from which to choose. Register early and plan to stay all weekend to soak up the fun!

For more information contact Rod Smith, Myrtle Beach Britfest Committee Chairman, at jrod-smith@yahoo.com or tel. (843) 651-7644. Or visit our website at www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com. This will be a fantastic event, and we would hate for anyone to miss out on the fun!

Are You an Active Member?

Are you an active member, the kind that would be missed?
Or are you just contented that your name is on the list?
Do you attend the meetings and mingle with the flock?
Or do you meet in private and criticize and knock?
Do you take an active part to help the work along?
Or are you satisfied to be the kind that just belongs?
Do you work on committees, to this there is no trick?
Or leave the work to just a few, then talk about the clique?
Please go to meetings often, and help with hand and heart,
Don't just be a member, but take an active part.
Think this over, members, you know what is right from wrong,
ARE YOU AN ACTIVE MEMBER, OR DO YOU JUST BELONG?
- Quadriga News, September 1989

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 Rallies

Car Show

VTR Member? Yes _____ No _____

T-S-D Rallies Races

TRA Member? Yes _____ No _____

Make your \$25.00 check payable to:

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c/o Norm Reimer,
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Neptune Beach, Fla 32266