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The current issue of Triumph World Magazine, available at Barnes & Noble for \$9.99, Has an article and pictures of Barry & Diane Northway's TR250.

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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 can be listed here.

Coming Events

June 9, 2015 – Monthly meeting, Tom & Be y's Restaurant

See page 6 for Details

June ? TR-4 Birthday Party POC Cam St Johns County

July 12, 2015 – 1 PM Kings Head (monthly meeting) Kings Head Bri sh Pub

July ? Camp Blanding Picnic POC Charles Camp Blanding, Clay County

August 2, 2015 – 1 PM Kings Head (monthly meeting) Kings Head Bri sh Pub

August ? – Tubing POC Cam TBD

September 8, 2015 – Monthly meeting, Location TBD TBD

October 10, 2015 – British Classics Car Show, Green Cove Springs
Downtown Festival POC MG Club

Tech Session at Charles Fenwick's House

On February 2, seven members of TCNF met at Charles's Fenwick's house in Orange Park to remove the engine from his son's Spitfire. The project was to remove the engine and completely dismantle in preparation for sending it to the machine shop for rebuilding.

It took only about an hour to remove the engine with all the help we had. After the engine was out, Charles III went to get pizza and we adjourned to the house for a cold beer—after a thorough hand washing, of course.

The next part of the session was to remove the cylinder head. There was one stud that had rusted and was stuck on the head. Normal methods to remove the head without damaging it failed.

Next we tried hooking the hoist to the head, raising it a few inches off the driveway and tapping on the block with a rubber mallet to separate the two parts. That failed and the next thing was to try stomping on the side of the block and even that failed to separate the two parts.

Finally, Don Marshall, an avid and expert racer, suggested removing a spark plug, feeding rope into a cylinder, and turning the crankshaft pulley. After several minutes we had rope filling the cylinder next to the sticking stud. It took about ten minutes but the head broke loose. It took longer to get the head off than to get the engine out of the car.



Charles Sr. starting the job



Charles and Dean Layton while Sid Manur looks on



Solution: Charles, Charles III, and Don Marshall



Angelo Guzman

March Event

On March 3, 2015 the Triumph Club of North Florida met at Ragtime Tavern in Atlantic Beach. We were escorted to a balcony overlooking the bar. It was a narrow place with just enough room to walk behind the chairs to be seated. In spite of the close quarters service was excellent and all food and beverages were delivered promptly and still hot from the kitchen. Everyone raved about the food.

In all we had 22 members in attendance, some we had not seen in quite a while due to our regular meeting on the first Sunday of the month conflicting with other obligations. This was one of our best events this year with more to come.



Steve Arrington's Project

For the last few months, TCNF's own Steve Arrington has been working on a restoration project at the Civic Center. The project is to completely restore a steam locomotive to new-like condition. What follows is his description. There were pictures in *The Florida Times Union* of Steve working but unfortunately I did not copy them. Steve says he was always behind the camera so there are no pictures of him.

It is a 1919 Light Pacific 4-6-2 Steam Locomotive with a coal (auger supplied) / water Tender. ACL 1504 was used in passenger service generally from Richmond to Jax and Tampa and then used for freight till taken out of service. It was operated by the ACL (Atlantic Coast Line) RR till about 1960 (or a couple years earlier) when it was taken out of service just after a rebuild. It was then set up as a display in front of the now CSX building in downtown Jax. It was given to the City by CSX in 1985 and moved to its current site in the parking lot of the Convention Center in 1986 and repainted.

Being exposed to all elements in Florida the paint and body soon looked distressed with rust marks and many other issues. With no prospects of the City doing much in the near future, many were concerned that the damage would accelerate causing major issues. Led by the local chapter of the National Railroad Historic Society (NRHS) and with 3 other similar local organizations, several grant applications were prepared. Finally we got \$10,000 from Trains Magazine which CSX matched. The group also collected about \$5,000 in donations and gifts for Tee shirts.

We have been actively working on train from last Dec. and started major work in Feb. We have held a few work days with as many as 23 folks participating. We did most of the prep work of sanding, scuffing and a lot of spot priming and patching holes etc. We did hire an industrial painter to do the spray painting, but a lot of detail paint was done by our members or volunteers, such as the white for the wheels and all work inside the cab.

This past week installation of new cab windows was done and I built bracing for the cab doors so new locks and latches can be installed. We still need to apply final coat of paint on window frames and door bracing, complete the new security system and I will polish the Plexiglas door panels so folks can see into the cab.

Our last action will be a new information / history sign we will install in front of the engine. Lance, I have a lot more details if you want or need more and we have a lot of pictures. Also we have a *Facebook site* - "*Project Return to Glory*" which has a lot of quick info bits.



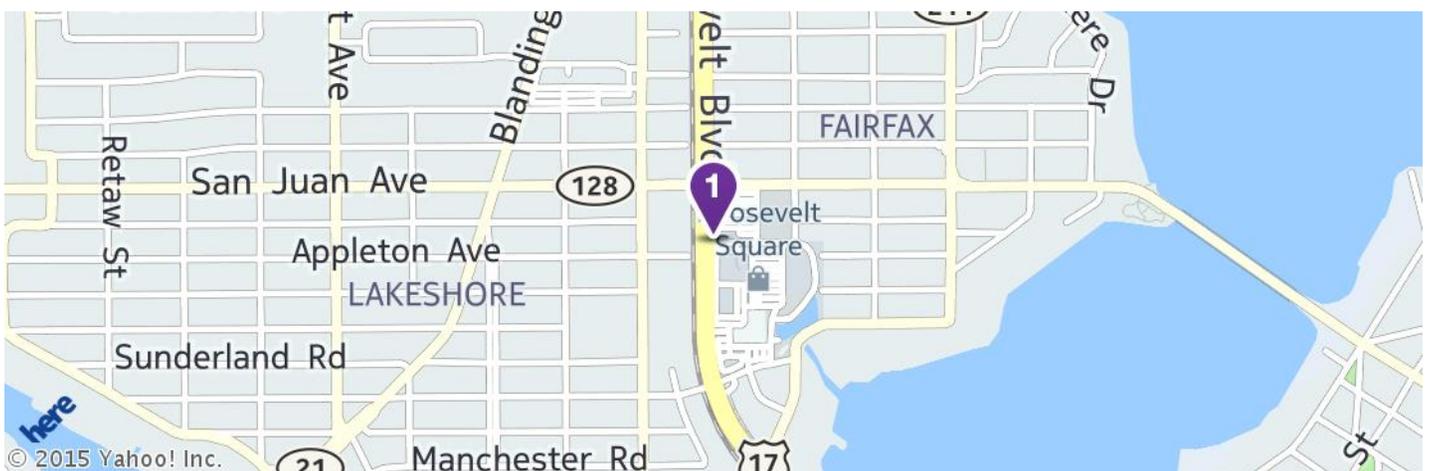


Monthly Meeting at Tom & Betty's Restaurant

In keeping with moving our monthly meeting to various locations around Jacksonville to have a meeting close to members homes, we will be having our June meeting at Tom & Betty's Restaurant in Orange Park. We will meet there at 6:00 p.m. and order around 6:30. This should give us time to eat and get back on the road before dark.

This restaurant is located in the Roosevelt Square Shopping Center, 4409 Roosevelt Blvd. Jax. FL 32210 (904) 387-3311 and there is plenty of parking so bring your LBC. It faces to the side so you might not see it immediately. KFC is Next door.

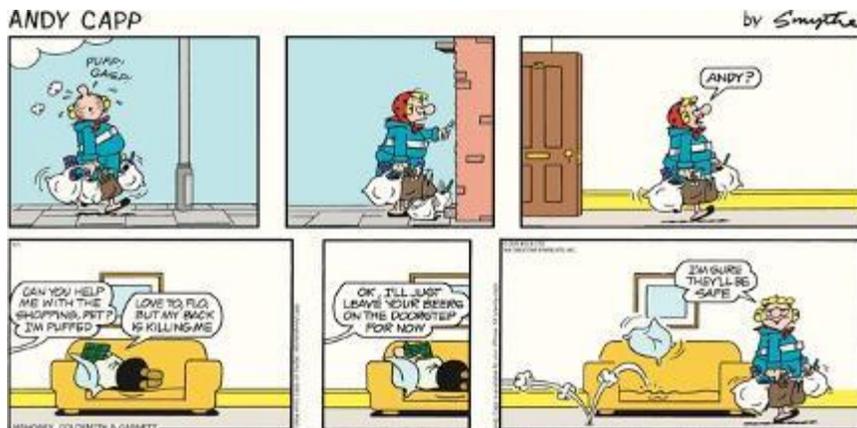
All of the sandwiches are named after cars: Alfa Romeo, El Dorado (Walt says this one is a meal for two people), Jaguar...etc. There is only one Triumph listed, the TR7. Maybe we can convince them to rename one or two with our showing of great cars.



On the Lighter side

Random Thoughts As We Age...

- I don't need anger management. I need people to stop pissing me off!
- The biggest lie I tell myself is ... "I don't need to write that down, I'll remember it."
- I don't have gray hair. I have "wisdom highlights". I'm just very wise.
- My people skills are just fine. It's my tolerance to idiots that needs work.
- Teach your daughter how to shoot, because a restraining order is just a piece of paper.
- The kids text me "plz" which is shorter than please. I text back "no" which is shorter than "yes".
- When did it change from "We the people" to "screw the people"?
- Even duct tape can't fix stupid ... but it can muffle the sound!
- Why do I have to press one for English when you're just gonna transfer me to someone I can't understand anyway?
- Of course I talk to myself, sometimes I need expert advice.



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

T-S-D Rallies Races

VTR Member? Yes _____ No _____

Make your \$25.00 check payable to:

TRA Member? Yes _____ No _____

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