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Business News

2020 Membership Dues

- Renew: \$30 (past due)
- New Member: \$35

Send membership forms and checks to Penny Levy @ 1039 Larkspur Loop, St. Johns, FL 32259.

President's Corner

Penny Levy, TCNF President

Happy October! This is the time of year when it is wonderful to be a Floridian. We can enjoy outside activities, including topless drives in our cars, without the heat and humidity for the next several months.

I hope that everyone who participated in the Jaguar club picnic earlier this month had a good time.

Since our last newsletter, we've added three new members: Anderson Haynes, 1974 TR6; Andy Pitler, 1973 TR6; and John and Mary Kay Mason, 1974 TR6. We're excited to have them join us.

Past TCNF president, Lance Brazil, asked me to share this video with you: [The Triumph Spitfire Story](#). I haven't had a chance to view it, but I look forward to watching. Lance has never steered us wrong when he recommends a video.

As I mentioned in an email a couple of weeks ago, I will not be serving as TCNF president next year. As "essential and compassionate caregivers" for my mother, who recently moved into memory care, neither Alex nor I can meet where people are removing masks to eat, and/or where physical distancing is difficult. Given those restrictions, and the removal of COVID restrictions on Florida bars and restaurants, continuing as TCNF president is impossible. It has been a pleasure to serve the club in that capacity for the past two years. Alex and I will continue to support the club, and participate in driving events and other events where we can maintain our distance. That being said, we now need a secretary and a president. If you are interested in serving in those roles, or would like to nominate someone, please email me – levy.penny@gmail.com.

Cheers! Penny

New Member(s)

Anderson Haynes
1974 TR6

Andy Pitler, 1973
TR6

John and Mary Kay
Mason, 1974 TR6

Upcoming Events Highlights

Nov 8 – St. John's
River Tour. Starts in
Orange Park and
ends at the Kings
Head.

Nov 14-15 –
Vintage Drivers Club
of America Road
Veteran's Day
Historic Races,
Braselton, GA

Dec 5 – Holiday
Parade - Toy
Donation

Dec 13 - Christmas
Party @ Culhane's.
1:00pm

Dec 11-13 – Vintage
Drivers Club of
America Season
Finale,
Bloomington, GA

Jan 10 – President
Drive to Ring in the
New Year

Feb 6 – Swamp
Thing Drive (and
Drive Your Triumph
Day Event)

Events may change
due to COVID-19.

The Fall TR Driving Challenge

In case you missed the email, there is still plenty of time to participate in the Fall TR Driving Challenge. It's pretty easy. Do the 10 things below and take a picture of the two of you (at least you and your car) and send them to thomas4511@comcast.net. While there are prizes, a great reason for this activity is to get the cars out, create visibility for the cars, and hopefully the club. Several of the other clubs often write articles about trying to stoke some interest in these wonderful cars for the generations behind us. This is one way to do that. Have fun!

TR Driving Challenge

A challenge to drive your British car more! Visit each of the locations between now and December 31st, 2020 in a drive not associated with any car club event. Take a picture of you and your car at the location and at the end of the year, submit your pictures to thomas4511@comcast.net. Have some fun and share your driving adventures!

1. Your favorite Microbrewery. (1 point; 2 points if you have a pint in your hand)
2. Historic landmark. Must be officially historic, not just old. (1 point)
3. A photo with you and your mechanic. Can't be a club member – although we do have several great mechanics. (1 point)
4. Someplace you've never driven to before. Going to a Target you've never been to before won't earn max points, if any. (2 points)
5. Ice cream shop. (1 point; 2 points if you have a kid 10 or under sitting in it)
6. Entrance to a state park. (1 point)
7. At a junk yard. (1 point)
8. Creative picture of you and your car, with background/location or whatever of your choice. Avoid driveway shots – they aren't creative. (3 points)
9. Beach or lake picture. No ponds or drainage ditches. ☺ (1 point)
10. At your local parts store, maybe the one you use the most. (1 point; 2 points if you get an employee in the picture with you)

*Who's in? Let's drive and have fun!
Prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd to be
awarded in January!*

Club Odds and Ends

Our website

- The calendar of events has been updated. Remember, we no longer post events on the BCCNF calendar
- Click the Newsletter button on the Club's Homepage to see the most recent version.
- A new Archives section has been added to the website. It contains newsletters back to 2015 and the very first newsletter from 1988! Click [here](#) to visit that page. It's really enjoyable to go back a few years to read about past club activities. The editor is partial to reading the '05-'06 years when my father was president but honestly they are all great to read!

President and Secretary position

- As of the writing of this newsletter, the Secretary position is still open. Please consider volunteering.
- Penny will be stepping down as President at year's end so the club is seeking a volunteer here as well.
- There are brief job descriptions available for both positions but it's duties as you would expect. If interested please contact Penny Levy.

Hats

- You can pick those up by contacting the Newsletter Editor and we'll arrange a time.

Other

- You might remember a new member article from Ken Moore several issues ago. He is rebuilding a TR 250. They have been making well documented progress. Check out these great pictures and videos on his [YouTube channel](#).

'59 3A Carburetor gasket and washer replacement - by Paul Thomas

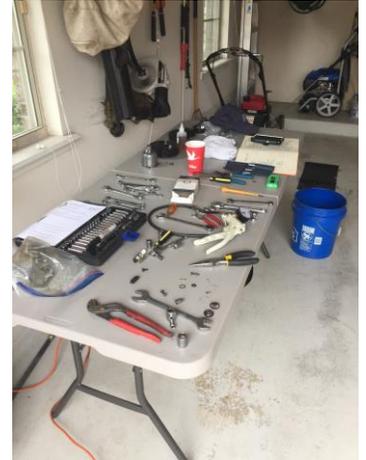
Many months ago she (the car) began hesitating when under acceleration and when coming to a stop she struggled to stay running until I tapped the accelerator. After a few probing questions about the maintenance on the car, Brian Fitzgerald thought it might need some gasket and washers replaced in the jet bearings. Fuel was likely bleeding through those gasket areas, especially those old cork ones, causing it to run rich. Those parts were ordered promptly and had been sitting in the garage tantalizing close to the carburetors for 4+ months. Been too hot to work on the car let alone drive it like it should be. Recently Brian sent me an email, "hey when are we doing your gasket rebuild?!" or something like that. My answer, this weekend, thought you'd never ask. Ha! The fun started at 11am sharp. I had the car out, hood up, work table set up, air filters off, tools out ready for



the doctor. And off we went. Pizza and an adult beverage got inserted between the 1st and 2nd carburetor. It was discovered along the way it was indeed running rich as evidenced by the very sooty spark plugs. Anyway, all went well but one of the replacement washers for the upper jet bearing was noticeably thinner than the original. That we think, once reassembled, was the cause of a small fuel leak in the front carburetor. Getting everything clean in those jet seal areas is paramount for success. Depending on what the issue is Brian explained to me that sometimes the carburetor can stay put and at other times it has to come off the car because you can't reach or access what we needed to see. So...the front one was going to have to come off but the rear one could stay put. That was for another day. Brian also discovered the vacuum advance was a "memory" as he called it.

Fast forward one week, the new vacuum advance unit had arrived and work began again. Off came the front carburetor with cotter pins, nuts, washers laying everywhere. Glad Brian knew where the heck they all went. As it turned out, the surface area where the jet bearing washer sits was a little dirty. Once that was cleaned up along with a few other areas, it was reassembly time and within 30 minutes it was back together and no more leaks. It was now time to set the timing. Once that was done, adult beverage(s) were enjoyed again. Over the next week I took it for a few test drives, noted any hiccups and checked the plugs for soot. Pretty darn good but a touch sooty. Also the idle seemed to be a little low. I got in touch with the doctor again and he was willing to come one more time to dial it in just right. This relatively new Triumph caretaker is so appreciative for all of Brian's time. Can't say enough about our club members.

Fast forward one more week, and as a side bar story to this article, I decided to take on the oil pan gasket replacement on Saturday using some tips from a previous newsletter article. The oil pan has been leaking for at least a decade and of course not getting any better. Back to the carbs. The following day Brian showed up, his third weekend lending his expertise, to do the final tweaks to the carburetors.



The car purrs nicely and two weeks out, there are very few oil drips now which are probably coming from somewhere else. Quite normal for an old British car I've been told many times. Ha! It's now time to enjoy some nice driving weather.

[Southeast British Car Festival 2020 - by Terry Sopher](#)

Weary of COVID driven car event cancellations, Cathy and I were excited to hear that the 2020 S.E. British Car Festival, organized and hosted by the Peachtree MG Club was a "GO"! We decided to go after reviewing the protocols the event organizers were employing and talking with Peachtree MG Club President, Tim Gafney.

On September 14th, we drove up to Savannah to check on the Race Spitfire's engine rebuild with Andy Greene Sports and Vintage Race Cars and to pick up the race trailer and then back to Jax.

Hurricane Sally was out in the Gulf and things were not looking good for the Festival based on the projected path of the storm. We had planned to drive up to beautiful mountainous Dillard, GA on Thursday, but we decided to delay and recheck the weather outlook Friday morning. Thankfully Sally deteriorated and dissipated, so we loaded the TR250 in the race trailer, hitched up the RV and arrived Friday night in time for dinner followed by a bonfire and live guitar music outdoors at the lovely Dillard House. It was in the low 50s at night and 70s during our stay, which was very refreshing after months of Jax summer weather.

Dillard House is a privately owned lodge/restaurant/conference center and has been the location of South East British Car Festival (held every other year) since 1990. The food is amazing, staff very friendly and rates were very reasonable (although we ended up staying in our RV because we had the dogs with us).

Thursday was the drive-in movie day that we missed - thanks to Hurricane Sally! Friday the organizers had multiple guided and self-guided drives and tours (Tail of the Dragon, shopping, winery, antiques) and all had picturesque routes with lots of turns, and smiles! We drove most of them on Sunday and Monday.

Saturday morning the cars were lining up waiting to enter the show field surrounded on all sides by views of mountains. The Peachtree MG Club did a fantastic job getting everyone on the field. They had a professional photographer available for pictures of your car and also had Glen's MG & Triumph repair doing car side tech sessions where on the spot he took care of issues people were having with their cars (TR6 running poorly - diagnosis blocked fuel filter, replaced on the spot.; MGB carbs out of synch - adjusted and more!).

Following the car show, there were drawings for raffle prizes, 50/50 & silent auction results were announced. Each car that won an award was shown up on the big screen.

The TR250 did receive an award...we just aren't sure which award! The only awards that got mixed up were for TR4/4A/250 & TR6 classes but eventually it was sorted.

We had fantastic weather and a glorious time Sunday and Monday driving what I believe to be the best sports car roads in the South East - miles of smiles!

Kudos to the Peachtree MG Club - the volunteers were so kind and thoughtful. The Hospitality Room was stocked with great snacks and beverages every day - we will be going again in 2022.



Humor



Regalia: Hats, Grill Badges, and Shirts - *contact Paul Thomas*



Contact Us

President: Penny Levy

Vice President: Terry Sopher

Treasurer: Norm Reimer

Secretary: Open
(please consider volunteering)

Newsletter: Paul Thomas

Contact me to pick up your hat. I live very near the St. John's Towncenter so if you are ever in the area give me a ring. I'm still working from home most days. *Any new member interested in club items, we have extra shirts, hats and grill badges.*

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