

# TRIUMPH CLUB OF NORTH FLORIDA

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*Triumph Club*



*Of North Florida*

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## DONT DISCOUNT THE POWER OF PRAYER

(IT HAS LUCAS ELECTRICS - YOU MAY NEED IT)



Picture is of a Vitesse at the Triumph Worship Center in UK. Picture taken by (did not get response so will add info next month)

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### Wiring Problems

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### Polishes, Waxes, Finishes

Lance Brazil

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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

January 31st - Last day for Early Dues of \$15.00

January 27th, TCNF Planning Meeting, 6:30pm, El Potro Mexican Restaurant, 1553 3rd Street North

**February 5th** - Club meeting , 1:00PM at Obi's Fillin' Station, at 590 A1A at St. Augustine Beach

March - TBD

*OTHERS: First Fl. Chapter Military Vehicle Preservation Association Rally - Feb 24-26; Renninger's Antique Center /Flea Market, 20651 US 441, Mt Dora, FL. 32757.*

*Jan. 28th, Palatka Municipal Airport Show, 9-4*

- SWFL Nationals Car Show & Classic Car Auction; March 18-19, 2017;  
Go to [www.roadhousepromotions.com](http://www.roadhousepromotions.com)

FCCC - <http://www.carcouncil.org/events/>; for other local car events

Aug. 15-20th - Vintage Triumph Register National Meet; Princeton, NJ.; [VTR2017.org](http://VTR2017.org)

## President's Corner

Coming up: Thursday, January 26<sup>th</sup>. Planning meeting at El Potro Mexican Restaurant, 3<sup>rd</sup> street, Jacksonville Beach.

Saturday, January 28<sup>th</sup>. 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Open House, Palatka Airport. See flyer.

I hope you will be able to make it to the planning meeting. We have two excellent event planners, but we want input from all club members.

Due to a SNAFU several names were not added to our mailing lists and some members felt left out. I will have a corrected mailing list for officers at the planning meeting, so bring your thumb drives.

We are now looking for a person to handle regalia. Jerry Popp has served the club for the last ten years and cannot do the job any more. Thank you, Jerry, for a job well done. Here is a listing of shirts left:

**Small:** Black, Navy, Maroon, Blue, Gray, White, and two embroidered, Red, White

**Medium:** 2 White

**Large:** Blue

**2XL:** Red, Maroon, Black, Gray

We also have 3" four-color TCNF Patches that can be sewn on or ironed on. Get them while you can. There are only 98 left.

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## Dues are still due

TCNF dues are due. If 2016 members renew by January 31, the cost is \$15. So take advantage of this early deal and get yours to Norm Reimer soon.

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***7th Annual Open House/Fly-In***

**Saturday, January 28, 2017**

**9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.**

*Come experience the sights and sounds of a wide variety of aircraft for your enjoyment.*

**Warbirds, Antique and Modern Day Aircraft**

**Food, Fun, and Flying**

**Airplane, Helicopter and Open Cockpit Biplane Rides**

**Lunch Served Beginning at 11:30 a.m.**

**Skydive Palatka Actively Jumping Throughout The Day**

**Remote Control Airplane/Drone Displays and Demonstrations**

**Classic Cars and More**

Sponsored by the City of Palatka

## January TCNF Meeting

Triumph Club of North Florida meet on January 8th at the Kings Head Pub(KHP) near St. Augustine. As you can see we were running out of room to move tables - and that is a very good thing. While the majority of our meeting are held at the KHP, who are very good to our Club and members, we do try to move a few meetings around the region so the trip is no so far for members to drive every time. Let Lance know if you have suggestions for a meeting location closer to you.



# WHAT ARE “BREAKOUT SALES” AND WHY DO THEY MATTER?

**By: Rob Sass** (courtesy of Haggerty Weekly News)

Breakout sales are auction results that act as a re-set button for a particular market. They announce that a certain car has officially hit the radar. A breakout sale might not make the market per se (single sales rarely do), but they do focus attention on specific cars. They also ensure that similar cars come to market testing buyers' willingness to step up to what might be a new price point. A sustained uptick in interest and price is the key marker of a breakout sale. Anomalous results that do none of the above are just that, freak outliers, not breakout sales. On the eve of 2017's Scottsdale auctions, we'll consider a few notable North American breakout sales from years past, (plus some that weren't) and highlight some possible breakout sales in Scottsdale this year:

**1988 BMW M3** (Russo and Steele, Monterey 2012)- It's tough to believe that this was four years ago, I remember having a spirited discussion with Dave Kinney about this silver/red E30 M3 with just 40,000 miles on the odo. We both agreed that the \$20,000 or so that was customary for these cars seemed a bit light for this one. Neither of us pegged it at \$40,000. We shook our heads and finally agreed that this car, even at that price, would look very well bought sooner rather than later. The sale signaled the official end of cheap E30 M3s.

**1999 Acura NSX Zanardi Edition** (Russo and Steele, Monterey 2012)- Drew Alcazar and his team at Russo and Steele do a fine job of stocking interesting cars with breakout potential and 2012 in Monterey was a particularly good year for them. This NSX was one of 50 named for racer and NSX-developer Alex Zanardi. A number of us had been predicting the rise of the NSX for a while and we latched onto this car as proof of the theory. At almost \$65,000 it didn't disappoint. This was at a time when the going rate for clean (albeit non-Zanardi) NSXs was still mid to high-twenties. Sales like this coupled with Honda's reintroduction of the NSX effectively reset the market for these Japanese supercars. Gooding has a first year NSX in Scottsdale this year with under 8,000 miles. Will it break \$100,000? It just might.

**1986 Ferrari 328 GTS** (RM Auctions, Monterey 2014)- Ferrari 308s and 328s seemed like they'd be cheap forever. Even super low-mileage cars struggled to break \$50,000—until this sale that is. Overnight, dealers seemed to re-price everything, some more aggressively than others. It prompted me to get off my can and try to snag one of the last ones at the old price, (which I did). Early fiberglass 308s reached \$300,000 by the next year and even steel, carbureted cars could do half that. They've backed off since, but the new price floor will never return to what it was.

**1972 Alfa Romeo 2000 GTV** (Gooding and Company, Pebble Beach 2011)- Alfa GTVs are pleasant, pretty, Giugiaro-designed grand tourers. Few dislike them and they remained an affordable option for those priced out of the Ferrari 330 GTC market. None of us were expecting anything unusual out of this lot at Gooding back in still-sleepy, post-recession 2011. Anyone who commented on it pre-sale, found the \$25,000-\$35,000 pre-sale estimate to be ambitious for a '70s Alfa coupe, especially one that was blue rather than red. The final sale price was \$40,000 to a Palm Springs collector who used the car and sung its praises loudly. In less than a year, \$40,000 was the new \$25,000 for 1750 and 2000 GTVs.

Two that weren't...

**1983 Lotus Esprit Turbo** (Bonhams, Scottsdale 2015)- We pegged this one as a potential breakout sale last year. <https://www.hagerty.com/articles-videos/articles/2016/01/21/cars-to-watch-in-scottsdale> Turbo Esprits are great cars with James Bond cachet that just haven't seen enough interest in the market. This beautiful silver/red example was consigned by one of Bonhams car specialists and a very smart and savvy East Coast dealer bought it for what seemed a retail plus figure of \$48,000. Sadly, no sustained interest in Esprit Turbos was realized. They remain undervalued and after advertising it in the high sixties for a year, the dealer has brought it back to Scottsdale again, this time with RM. Maybe this will be the year of the Esprit Turbo. Or not.

**1963 Triumph TR4** (Barrett-Jackson Palm Beach, 2006)- Smack in the middle of the pre-Great Recession collector car market appreciation explosion, this car shocked every British sports car owner when it sold for \$99,000. The car's quality was off the charts and Austin-Healey 3000s had started to fetch six figures, so there was a fair amount of chatter that Triumphs would be the next big thing. This sale turned out to be a classic freak. No TR4 sold at auction has ever come close to this figure again. The bidders' bar was rumored to have figured into this sale as two determined bidders fought it to the threshold of six figures. Today, nice TR4s remain sub-\$30,000 cars as the pool of boomers who care about them dwindles. <http://www.barrett-jackson.com/Events/Event/Details/1963-TRIUMPH-TR-4-ROADSTER-39923>  
(not all article appears here)

I included this article as 1) an interesting aspect of car pricing and 2) as in points to a real issue of our British sports car clubs future. Many of us own and drive these rolling history vehicles because we, or our friends, did when we were young; and we now have time and/or money to buy and maintain one; or we want to save and protect a piece of automotive history for the future; or we just have a blast driving them. Whatever, there is one fact - the number of boomers is a finite group.

What can we do to insure that as we are ready to turn over these wonderful (if aggravating), fun cars go to people who will care for them and find the special freedom of the road that will make them keep their and really our memories going. Be thinking of ways to bring your folks into our passion.

## SAFETY LESSONS



### Slow Motion Analysis of Air Bag Deployment

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[Photron FASTCAM Mini UX50 slow motion analyzer](#) records seat airbag deployment at 2,000 frames per second for slow motion replay at 30 fps for motion analysis so that engineers can see exactly what just occurred. [Visit us here for additional Photron applications.](#)

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## IRISH VIAGRA

An Irish woman of advanced age visited her physician to ask his advice on reviving her husband's libido.

"What about trying Viagra?" asked the doctor.

"Not a chance" she replied. "He won't even take an aspirin".

"Not a problem," said the doctor. "Give him an Irish Viagra."

"What on Earth is Irish Viagra?" she asked.

"It's Viagra dissolved in his morning cup of coffee. He won't even taste it. Let me know how it goes," he said.

She called the doctor the very next afternoon. "How did it go?" he asked.

"Oh faith, bejaysus and begorra, doctor, it was terrible. Just horid, I tell ya! I'm beside meself!"

"Oh, no! What in the world happened?"

"Well, I did the deed, Doctor, just as you advised. I put the Viagra in his morning coffee, and he drank it. Well, you know, it took effect almost immediately, and he jumped straight up out of his chair with a smile on his face, a twinkle in his eye and his pants a-bulging. Then, with one fierce swoop of his arm, he sent the cups, saucers, and everything else that was on the table flying across the room, ripped me clothes to tatters and passionately took me then and there, right on top of the table. T'was a nightmare, I tell ya, an absolute nightmare!"

"Why so terrible?" asked the doctor. "Wasn't the sex good?"

"Freakin jaysus, it was the best sex I've had in me last 25 years, but sure as I'm sittin here, doctor, I'll never be able to show me face in Starbucks again!"

## **GOLDEN MOMENT**

They weren't in my pockets. Suddenly I realized I must have left them in the car. Frantically, I headed for the parking lot. My husband has scolded me many times for leaving my keys in the car's ignition. He's afraid that the car could be stolen. As I looked around the parking lot, I realized he was right. The parking lot was empty. I immediately called the police. I gave them my location, confessed that I had left my keys in the car, and that it had been stolen.

Then I made the most difficult call of all to my husband: ***"I left my keys in the car and it's been stolen."***

There was a moment of silence. I thought the call had been disconnected, but then I heard his voice. ***"Are you kidding me?"*** he barked, ***"I dropped you off!"***

Now it was my turn to be silent. Embarrassed, I said, ***"Well, come and get me."***

He retorted, ***"I will, as soon as I convince this cop that I didn't steal your car!"***

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### **FOR SALE**

***1973 Triumph Stag*** - MKII, 30,000 miles, Mallard Green exterior with Tan interior.

Has the Stag V-8 engine and automatic Tran. Good running engine. Needs - Soft top needs adjustment, headliner in hardtop , Heat and AC control unit in the dash board plus number of other "tweaks"

Telephone - (757) 486-4705

Email : ESmithTR@aol.com

***Members: Starting next month we will devote a page to cars for sale. I will need the info at least by the 15th of the month. It is best to email me material and a digital picture. I have a flyer for the car listed above but quality was not good enough to scan for a picture to show here. Notice of each car will appear (space available) for 2 months. Longer if you communicate to me that car is still for sale.***

***As for now, we will not be charging for ads, but may do so in the future.***

***I et me know what you think about doing this?***

## 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. \_\_\_\_\_

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4. \_\_\_\_\_

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5. \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Please circle interest in:

Work Phone (    ) \_\_\_\_\_

Tech Sessions

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

Social Events

Autocross

Tours

Fun Rallyes

Car Show

T-S-D Rallyes    Races

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

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

Make your \$25.00 check payable to:

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