



# Triumph Club of North Florida

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## President's Message

Terry Sopher, TCNF President

Fellow TCNF Members,

2020 is in the rear view mirror and we have just finished the first month of 2021, which means I am 31 days into my service as your TCNF President. I am humbled to serve and appreciate the trust and confidence you have placed in me and the rest of the Board!

Goals for the TCNF:

- 1 - Keep the club active through a calendar of select events which provide opportunities for us to come together and stay connected, albeit in a different way than we are used to doing.
- 2 - Promote the Triumph marque and enjoyment of these British sports cars as they were designed to be driven.
- 3 - Engage the membership to share their knowledge & experience and assist with Events and Activities of the TCNF for the benefit all members.
- 4 - Seek out members willing to assist in filling vital club roles and provide them the support needed to be successful in an atmosphere of friendship and service to others. Many hands make fast work!
- 5 - Continue to grow the membership by providing a variety of events and socials, a high quality newsletter, website, and forums that encourage input and fresh ideas. All of these translate to great value for the Membership dues charged!
- 6 - Make the British Car Classic the premier British Car Show in North Florida that once again draws enthusiasts from across Florida, Georgia and beyond.
- 7 - Add PayPal option to the TCNF website for dues payments and BCCS registration.

**Volunteers Needed:** I am currently serving the positions of President and Vice President (Events). Member at Large Penny Levy is fulfilling some of the duties of TCNF Secretary. I am looking for someone to volunteer a few hours a month to help the club. Please contact me if you can help, it's fun and we'll all appreciate you stepping up!

If you haven't paid your dues, use the link in the green navigation pane. In closing, a sincere thanks to those who served on the Board of TCNF since our founding, those currently serving and a "Thank You in Advance" for those that are able to volunteer for your club this year!

## Business News

### 2021 Membership Dues

-Renew: \$30

-New Member: \$35

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

### New Member(s)

Brent and Malinda Owens, '77 TR7, '70 Spitfire

Karl and Robin Krause, '70 GT6

## Upcoming Events

*Highlights - see TCNF website for full calendar details.*

Feb 6 – FIRM Racing. **Postponed due to weather.** Stay tuned for a reschedule.

Feb 10 – International Drive Your Triumph Day

Mar 7 – Kings Head, 1pm. Bring chairs, small table and be ready to try British food and ales.

18 Apr – TCNF Cars & Coffee at Cummer Museum. 1030am-1230pm

May – Orange Blossom Tour and Amelia Concours

June – The annual TRA event in Lexington Kentucky has been cancelled.

## The Fall TR Driving Challenge Winner is...

Congratulations to **Mike Danhert**. He amassed a whopping 13/16 points, and I'm not the easiest judge! Mike was able to score points in every category and delivered all the evidence virtually. He certainly got his TR out in the community and had some fun at the same time. That's exactly what the challenge was intended to do. Way to go Mike!

When I asked Mike what he enjoyed the most about the challenge here's what he had to say. "It really was great to have another reason to get the TR out." He added "The pub picture was challenging. My favorite pub has no parking in the front where their main business sign is located, so I could only get the picture along the side of their business. My ice cream shop picture was the *most* challenging. Try renting a kid under age 10 to sit in the car. The kids had no problem, but mom and dad had concerns with COVID." The obvious prize is a British Driving flat cap from Moss Motors. Here are some pictures of Mike and his car all over town.



## President's Drive to Ring in the New Year! - by Cathy Sopher

The Jan 10th President's Drive to ring in the New Year was cool and refreshing on our chilly, north FL morning! Thank goodness for those Triumph heaters. We met up in the Home Depot parking lot and took the Callahan/Yulee route and back roads paralleling SR200 to the Amelia Island Harris Teeter parking lot—ultimately arriving toward the second half of a Porsche event for our "Cars and Coffee" socializing. What fun to arrive

and see the new and vintage Porsches and to have so many enthusiasts immediately drawn to our Triumphs and many saying “I used to have one of those” TR4As or Spitfires TR250s!

We brought hot coffee and caramel wafer bites for fellow TCNF members while we shared our little British sports cars with the public and Porsche Club members. We also found that the Harris Teeter coffee bar and bakery were a favorite of the attendees too. It was a great sunny, outdoor morning to ogle the cars and talk to all the other enthusiasts with social distancing and/or masks for COVID-19 safety. For all that didn't make it, you missed out on a great drive, but don't worry as there are more events to come!

A special thank you note to our new member Jeff Rogers in his TR4A that showed kindness to someone in need by buying them a meal before we departed on our drive.



*Right: Terry Sopher, Jeff Rogers, Charles Fenwick*



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### [Membership Benefits - New and Renewing Members \(click link to view form\)](#)

We are in annual renewal time so don't let your membership lapse. There are many benefits to membership. You get:

- ✓ this newsletter
- ✓ the Classic Motorsports Magazine begun by Triumph enthusiast Tim Suddard in Florida. A few years ago, several members had the pleasure of hearing him speak during a club event to Jekyll Island.
- ✓ access to members who are more than willing to share their time, knowledge and assistance with your cars
- ✓ information regarding mechanic shops in the area – there aren't many, and
- ✓ some great comradery with fellow members

Renew by March 31<sup>st</sup> to remain on the active member list and continue enjoying the benefits above. At the time of publication we currently have 55 active members. We have 32 renewals so far.

## International Drive Your Triumph Day

In memory of Sir John Black, the man who organized Standard's purchase of Triumph after the WWII and went on to make the cars we enjoy driving today! Rye Livingston, Activities Chairman of the Triumph Travelers Sports Car Club in northern California, received pictures from 13 different countries last year. Photos came in from Australia and New Zealand, South Africa, Europe and of course many submissions from North America. Despite COVID, TCNF had several submissions this year. Thanks to Carol Biondo, Angelo Guzman, Terry Sopher, Iris Lipsky, Lance Brazil and Paul Thomas for their 2021 submissions. Click this [link](#) to see some pictures of other Triumphs from around the world. 2021 isn't posted yet but this link is the landing page where you'll find them plus previous years as well.



Sir John Black - Hall of Fame Inductee ...

*TL: Carol and Bob's '78 Spitfire – running and looking great*

*TR: Anitra & Angelo's '76 TR6 – & special guest Rita*

*ML: Terry and Cathy's '68 TR250 – awaiting parts*

*MR: Iris and Mark's '75 TR6 – a picnic day*

*BL: Inge and Paul's '59 TR3 – just fixed and resting*

*BR: Gloria and Lance's '80 Spitfire – looking sharp*

## For Sale



*A brand new vinyl interior set for a TR3A. Purchased from Moss Motors about one year ago. Value almost \$600. Selling for \$350! That's a great deal if you are in the market for a new 3A interior. Contact Alex Levy at [levy.alexandro@gmail.com](mailto:levy.alexandro@gmail.com)*

## For mechanical help...

With several new members over the past year or so (more than 10), a handful have reached out to me asking for a list of mechanic shops. I know of only three in the greater Jacksonville area that members have used. I provide these only as a north to south list of resources and no endorsements are being offered by the Editor or TCNF. If you wish to contact members to learn their experiences at these various shops, I can share their contact info with you individually.

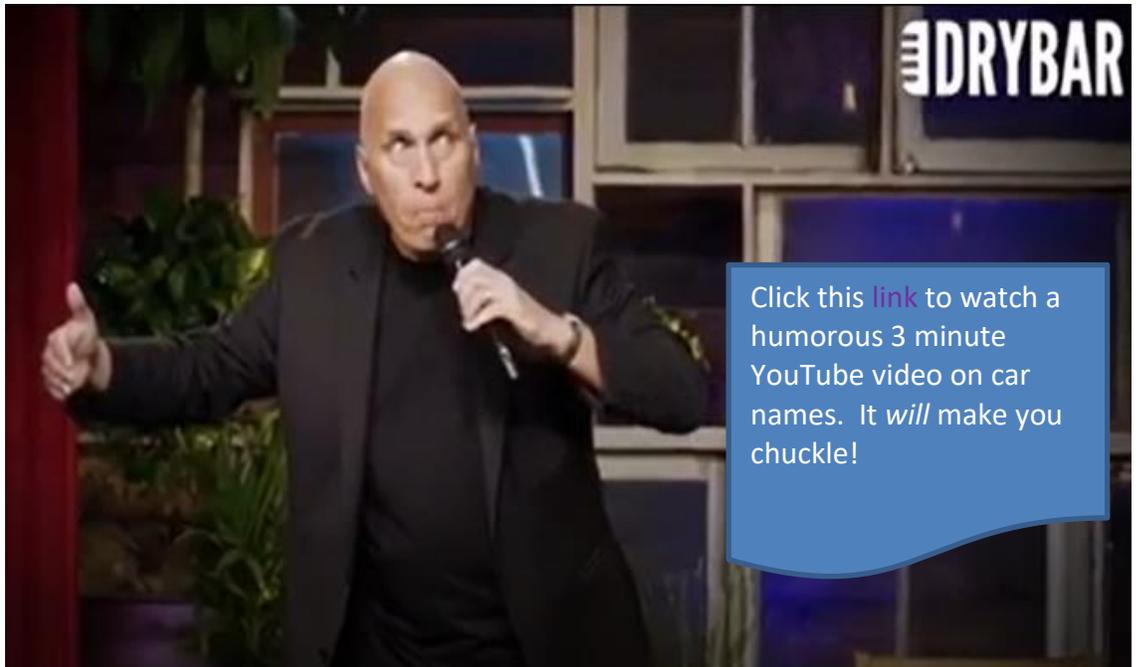
**8 FLAGS AUTOSPORTS** – Fernandina Beach

**THE ENGLISH GARAGE** – Jacksonville

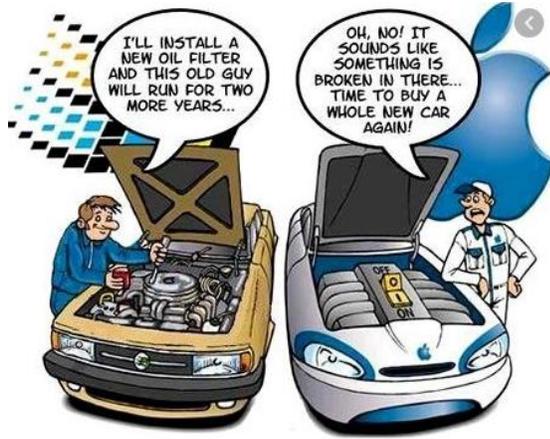
**DOCTOR'S LAKE AUTOMOTIVE** – Orange Park



## Humor



Click this [link](#) to watch a humorous 3 minute YouTube video on car names. It *will* make you chuckle!



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



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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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