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WHAT DO YOU MEAN - YOU TOOK IT ALL APART AND STILL CAN'T GET MY RADIATOR OUT?



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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

May - 7th - Club Meeting, 1:00PM, Kings Head Pub

May - 20th - Anheuser Bush Show - from 9 to 2 (registration from 8 to 10) - First Coast Car Council (FCCC) Brewery Car Show, at the Anheuser-Busch Brewery, 111 Busch Dr, Jacksonville. Registration is \$25. <http://www.carcouncil.org/events/>

June - 24th - Through the FCCC, we have an opportunity to participate in a fun event. As a club, we can reserve space for our Triumphs to park together in Springfield for their monthly Cruise In on June 24, and watch the start of The Great Race, a long distance road rally for classic cars that begins in Jacksonville, and ends in Traverse City, Michigan. Please let me know if you are interested in attending with your Triumph.

June - 4th - Club Meeting, 1:00PM, Kings Head Pub

July - TBD

OTHERS:

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

President's Corner

Well, here comes May. We have a pub meeting May 7th, at the King's Head Pub, and the First Coast Car Council Show May 20th at the Anheuser Busch Brewery. May 13th is the last day to register for the show. Registration information is shown below. Free brewery tours all day and spectators are admitted to the show free. Benefits go to the Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville. <http://www.carcouncil.org/events/>

Crank up the Triumph; push it out of the garage if you have not started it lately. It is time to show off your classic. At our seven Bridges meeting we had 15 members, six Triumphs, and one Volkswagen in attendance. We had 3 members of the MG club and everyone raved about the food. It was an excellent event thanks to Penny Levy for her planning.

We will have a planning meeting in May; the date, Time, and location TBA. The next six months are open on all dates. If you visit a restaurant or place this month and like what you see grab a take-away menu or brochure and bring it to the planning session; all club members are invited and encouraged to attend with their views and suggestions.

Charles Fenwick and I returned to Fernandina to finish the job of taking the radiator out of Janett Thomas's TR3B. There were only a few tasks to complete the job since Charles, Mike Dahnert, and Steve Arrington had done most of the work earlier and ran out of time. We are doing this without removing the front end of the car which is the shop manual's recommended method. There are just too many ways the paint could be scratched doing it that other way. Our method takes longer but it works. I will be calling for volunteers when the radiator comes back from the shop to reinstall it.

If you are a new member and have not received your name badge, contact Lance Brazil at lbrazil@bellsouth.net. Please print your first and last names as you want them to appear on the badge. PRINT Carefully!

FCCC Brewery Car Show and Tour Spring 2017

May 20, 2017

Registration for the show is \$25 and all proceeds benefit the **Ronald McDonald House Charities of Jacksonville, Inc.** Show registration is from 8:00AM - 10:00AM the morning of and show goes from 10:00AM - 2:00PM. SPECTATORS ARE FREE!!!

Hope to see you there! Any questions, please email firstcoastcarcouncil@gmail.com

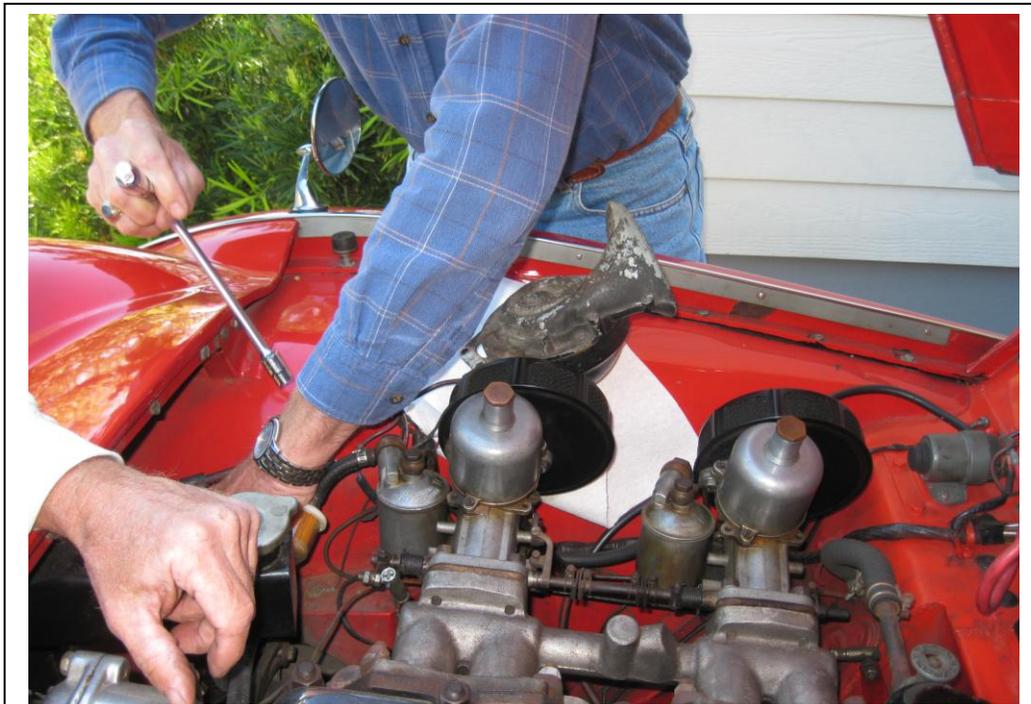
TECH SESSION - Remove radiator from TR-3

On Saturday April, 8th, three members traveled to Fernandina to help Club member, Janett Thomas, with a leaking radiator. Our plan was to remove the old radiator on the 8th, then take it to be re-cored. And once the repairs were made we would return to install the repaired unit. Well, as you can tell by the cover photo, all did not go as planned. (Yes the picture was staged as Janett was most gracious about our not being able to actually remove the radiator as we ran out of time. OK, OK, we ran out of time as we had more than a bit of trouble getting the fan removed. Maybe a first was almost going door to door to find a 1 1/2" wrench, which none of us seem to have. We did find one close by - aren't good neighbors great. While Charles had the instructions and lead the work, Mike Dahnert and I got our hand more than a little dirty.

Charles and Lance Brazil drove back up to Fernandina last week to finish the removal as covered in President's Corner.

So, coming up soon will be the return trip to put it all back together and test the repaired radiator.

Hey, all I can say is that the removal team didn't get a scratch on the front cowl.



Mike gets one horn out of the way



Trip to Seven Bridges Restaurant in April

On April 9, 2017, the Triumph Club of Northeast Florida met at Seven Bridges for lunch and fellowship. The food and service was as good as our last time there, but it was more crowded, so missed being able to park all Triumphs in a row. We did have 6 Triumphs in the lot which did draw attention from many other customers. There is always at least one who recalls his/her dad or uncle driving a Triumph and is excited to take a seat behind the wheel. And yes, my Stag was one of those six. She is running great, but there are other issues (isn't there always). About 16 folks attended, but we had room for a few more. This is the perfect time to crank up your car and get a little wind in your hair. Plan to join us at our next event and show off your car - no matter what condition.



We never get tired of looking at other member's cars and visitors love to sit in the driver's seat





THE GREAT RACE

Thanks to Lily Kinmonth, we have five reserved spaces for TCNF members for parking for the start of The Great Race, on June 24 in historic Springfield. At this time, three of those spaces have been reserved by those who responded to my previous email - Stan and Lily Kinmonth, Alex and Penny Levy, and Bill Byrd. The other two are open for the first two who respond to this email.

For Fun



This is quite understandable, once you know that the refrigerator has a new and full keg of beer

FOR SALE:

We will have a page for notices of item for sale in our newsletter. Priority will be given to TCNF members and Triumphs, but others are welcome. Just let me know.

1976 Spitfire;

Trying to help a friend sell this 1976 Spitfire. Has not ran in 20 years. Has sat unmolested under cover in a carport all these years. If you know of any club members looking for a project car or even a good parts car, let me know. I don't think he is looking for a lot of bucks for it, perhaps, \$1500- to \$1700 bucks. thanks Richard Pierson, Jax Southside: pierson2426@comcast.net

1976, Triumph Spitfire 3 speed and reverse. 4 cylinder. 1500 cc. The last year everything was chrome, no plastic.



Auto Books for sale;

I am contacting you because you or others in your automobile clubs may be interested in one or several of the items now up for sale.

The listings are fairly general, but if there is any interest in any one of them, I can provide more information. Books are from '40 to '90s and cove many makes (Antique Automobile to **Salon de l'Automobile**

The books are in Orlando, Florida. I live in New York but go to Orlando, monthly. I generally would not ship but could meet with you or you could come to see them.

Please contact me with any questions.

ANNE MORRIS - annasenf@yahoo.com

NOTE - List of books is in attachment of email with newsletter



Connect the Dots

Art Fournier

You've just bought a new set of tires and note that they have colored dots on the sidewall, but do you know what the dots mean? These dots can be confusing since some manufacturers use them while others don't, and some dots are different colors than others. Here's some information from "TireBusiness.com" that helps explain it.

It's difficult to manufacture a perfectly balanced tire, so some tire manufacturers apply a yellow dot to the sidewall to indicate where the tire is lightest. This is meant to serve as a guide to help balance the tire to the wheel during assembly. The yellow dot should be aligned with the valve stem on both steel and aluminum wheels since this is the wheel's heavy balance point. This will help minimize the amount of weight to be added to balance a tire and wheel assembly. Generally, whenever there is a yellow dot, match it up with the valve stem.

This is always true except in cases where a red dot also appears in the lower sidewall. The red dot indicates the high point for both radial runout and radial force variation. Not only is it difficult to manufacture a perfectly balanced tire, it also is difficult to make a perfectly round tire.

Tires tend to have high spots and low spots. The difference between the high and the low is called radial runout. Radial runout changes the radius of the rotating assembly, causing it to raise and lower the vehicle as it rolls along. That gives the perception that the tire is "hopping" or "bouncing" down the road and ends up delivering a rough ride and irregular tread wear.

Radial force variation is similar to radial runout and is a result of a heavy or thicker area being manufactured into the tire due to variations in component thickness, placement and overlapping. Radial force variation applies more force against the road at the tire's thicker spot as the tire runs, which causes one sidewall to flex differently than the other. The result is tire/wheel assembly vibration and irregular tread wear.

To avoid or minimize these problems, whenever you see a red spot, match this up with the valve stem—unless you happen to have a steel wheel that has a dimple on the exterior side of the rim area. The dimple indicates the wheel's low spot so that wheels and tires may be properly matched.

If you see both a red and a yellow dot on the tire, the red dot takes priority. An easy way to remember this is the phrase "Red Rules." Ignore the yellow dot and match the red dot to the wheel low point dimple as some vehicle manufacturers do or, if no dimple is marked on the wheel, align the red dot with the valve stem.

If you see any other color dots, ignore them. They are there for factory purposes. Once the tire leaves the manufacturing plant, dots of those colors have no use.

Some manufacturers do not put any dots on their tires. A tire with no dots does not indicate a lack of tire uniformity or factory inspection. It simply means that those tire companies didn't want to put any dots on their tires. So you are on your own. If you find imbalance to be a problem after mounting the tire, rotate the tire 180 degrees on the rim and then recheck the balance.



Right or wrong?

These are the dots that piqued my interest. Each of the four tires in this set had a yellow dot and a red dot on its sidewall. In each case, the red dot lined up with the tire's valve stem indicating the tire is properly aligned on its wheel.

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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

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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 Rallyes

Car Show

T-S-D Rallyes Races

VTR Member? Yes _____ No _____

TRA Member? Yes _____ No _____

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