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President's Message

Terry Sopher, TCNF President

Fellow TCNF Members,

We have had really nice spring weather and I hope everyone has been taking their Triumphs out or worked on them! We took the TR250 out last weekend to Riverside and stopped to talk with a firefighter and his family and admired his '67 Porsche 912, while he did the same with the '68 Triumph. After talking a while, we took each other for rides to experience the cars - what fun!

Speaking of fun, we had a great turnout for our British Ale Tasting & Nibbles Picnic at the King's Head Pub (KHP)! Thank you to everyone who turned out and for the wonderful picnic themes and decor! As always, Elaine and the Staff at the Pub provided fantastic service and made us feel so welcome.

Please check out the updated TCNF calendar and hold the dates for our events and meetings! Note that for the summer months we are returning to meetings at the KHP (Kings Head Pub), now that protocols and mandates have eased, so many have been vaccinated, and we are slowly easing back to something approaching life as we knew it.

Your Board of Directors is seeking volunteers to step up and help your fellow members by serving as Vice President and Secretary. Please give me a call or drop a line to find out how you can help! Additionally, we will be holding a Board meeting in the next 30 days to discuss club business and make a decision on holding the British Car Classic Car Show in October 2021.

Many events, shows, concours and races are going forward and being held this year. A few have canceled until next year and some have likely disappeared. Cathy and I are attending a number of Vintage Races, a classic car tour in the mountains in June and have some other big classic bike/car shows on the calendar. The hobby/motor-lifestyle endures and brings joy to our lives...in these times, we can use all the joy we can find!

Looking forward to seeing you soon - drive your Triumph and put a smile on your face!

British Ale Tastings at the King's Head Pub - by Terry Sopher

Business News

2021 Membership

Dues

-Renew: \$30

-New Member: \$35

Send membership forms and checks to Norm Reimer @ 1409 Forest Ave, Neptune Beach FL 32266

New Member(s)

Stephen Eva, '66
4A, '63 Morris Mini

Upcoming Events

Highlights - see TCNF website for full calendar details.

May 16-19 - Orange Blossom Tour and Amelia Concours

May 22 - Amelia Concours Cars & Coffee, TCNF participating

June 12 - King's Head Pub 1pm, Gen. Mtg & Kick-off Planning Meeting for 2021 British Car Classic

July 10 - KHP 1pm

Aug 7 - KHP - 1pm

Sept 18 - KHP 1pm

Oct 16 - British Car Classic Show XXXII

On Sunday, March 7, with glorious weather, the TCNF returned to the King's Head Pub. After many months absence, it was good to be back with our friend and proprietor Elaine and her friendly hard working staff at our long-standing TCNF home!

We had eight cars (6 Triumphs) and 15 Triumph enthusiasts in attendance on the field at the Pub! Everyone set up themed picnic displays, some on the lawn and others w/ tables and chairs. Prizes were given for the best picnic presentations - Congratulations to Vicki & Bruce Brady for their wonderful Scottish themed picnic display, complete with homemade scones & shortbread! The Fenwick's sported an "Appalachian Trail" Picnic presentation. A "full-on British" style was displayed by our very own newsletter editor - Paul Thomas! We even had a European "Magic Bus" tailgate done up by Chuck and Victoria Rylee and a St Patrick's Day theme by Terry and Cathy Sopher.

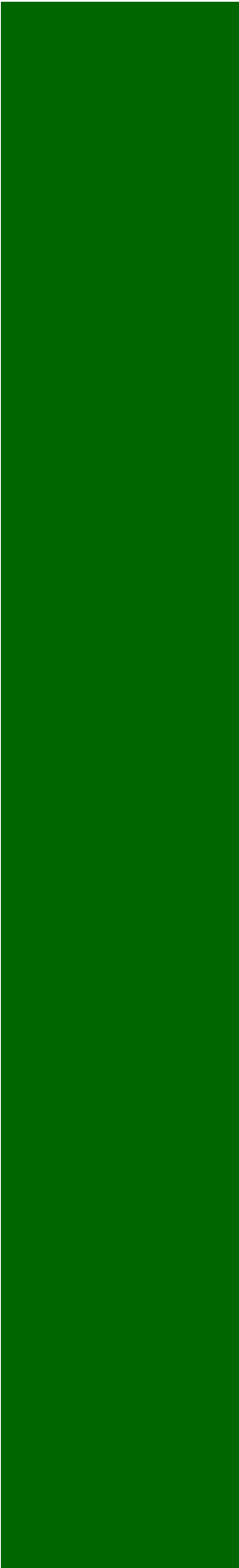
Everyone ordered food from the special TCNF menu and the KHP staff individually delivered the food to us on the green.

While we waited for the fare, we also made our selections for the British Ale Tastings from 3 Ale options on tap! Fuller's London Pride was the uncontested winner of the tastings and as such is now the "Official British Ale of the TCNF!"

Wonderful weather, good friends and our favorite British Sports Cars -what a great day!

Editor's Note: It was great to see both new and current members out for this event on the lawn.





Famous Race Car Drivers - by Penny Levy (former President)

When I used to think of famous racing car drivers, the ones who first came to mind were Mario Andretti, Michael Schumacher, Juan Manuel Fangio, Jackie Stewart, Stirling Moss and, more recently, Lewis Hamilton. Then, there are the celebrities who also raced; Steve McQueen, Paul Newman, James Garner, and Walter Cronkite.

Being a woman who enjoys driving, and driving fast, it struck me that my list didn't include any women. To make up for my lack of knowledge of my racing sisters, I set about correcting that gap in my education a few years ago, beginning with the search parameters, "Triumph female race drivers". As the owner of a Triumph, a 1966 TR4A, that seemed a good place to begin. A familiar name came up – Moss, Pat Moss, Stirling Moss' sister.

Pat, born 27 December 1934 was an international equestrian, competing for the British show jumping team. She couldn't help but become a car racer. Her father, Alfred, won the Indy 500 in 1927. Her mother, Aileen, was an ambulance driver in WWI. Her brother, Stirling, was a Formula 1 racing driver, who won 212 of the 529 races he ran.

It was while dating Stirling's manager that Pat began rally racing. Using her winnings from show jumping, she purchased a Triumph TR2, which she loved. She approached Triumph to sponsor her as a rally driver. She was turned down, a decision Triumph came to regret. She is now known as one of the most successful female rally drivers ever. Where Triumph refused, MG jumped in to sponsor her, arranging for her to race in the 1955 Tulip Rally in an MG Midget. The pivotal point in her rally career was when she and her navigator, Ann Wisdom, won the Liege-Sofia-Liege rally, racing against men and women, in 1960. They were driving an Austin Healey 100/6, a car about which Moss said, "I gave it three years to kill me and it nearly did!" Dear to my heart is "Granny", Moss' Austin Morris A40. As a child in Long Beach, California, my dad always had a project car. One of them was an A40. On weekends, he and I would jump in the car to head to the nearest track to drive it around the circuit.

Pat, and the women who came before and after her, continue to inspire female racing drivers. One of my favorites is Sabine Schmitz, who sadly succumbed to cancer last month on 11 March, at the age of 51. The first time I noticed Schmitz, the Queen of the Nürburgring, was during a 2004 Top Gear episode in which she coached presenter Jeremy Clarkson in his goal to drive a diesel Jaguar S type around The Ring in under 10 minutes. At one point, she taunted that she could drive the lap faster in a van. Clarkson was barely able to get the Jag around in under 10 minutes. In a later episode, she did drive the Ring in a Transit Van. She was not able to finish in under 10 minutes. However, she was able to beat Jeremy's lap in the Jag by 40 seconds. For context, the fastest Nürburgring lap in a street legal car is held by professional driver, Maro Engel, in a Mercedes-AMG GT Black Series, on 4 November 2020. Photos on the next page.




Pat Moss and Ann Wisdom



Sabine Schmitz

Robert William Kastner, who?? - *obituary supplied by Terry Sopher*



R. W. Kas Kastner
August 30, 1928 - April 11, 2021
Kas Kastner Championship Race Car Driver and Race Team Manager dies at 92

Robert William Kastner, known as Kas Kastner, or R. W. Kastner, died from bladder cancer at his home in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Sunday, April 11, 2021. He recently moved from Southern California to be near his daughter Toni, who was with him. Kas was born in Batavia, New York, in 1928. He was a post-WWII Army veteran and a relief operator on the Union Pacific Railroad before moving to California in 1956. Kas excelled as a championship race car driver, race team manager and sailor.

He authored and illustrated racing preparation manuals for Triumph sports cars that are actively sought by enthusiasts. Kas was Director of Motor Sports for both the Standard-Triumph Motor Company and Nissan Motor Sports, and has been called one of the most influential Americans in the history of Triumph sports cars. From his position as Competition Director for Standard-Triumph in the United States, Kas was a guiding influence and prime instigator for the company's success, essentially writing the book on how to successfully race cars on a budget and setting the standard for others in the industry to follow.

The enthusiasm of Triumph owners and drivers led Kas to establish "The Kastner Cup," an annual vintage Triumph sports car race held at various racetracks around the country. Kas received the Harry Webster Award for his contributions to the Standard-Triumph movement in 2016 and he was inducted into the British Sports Car Hall of Fame in 2017. Kas coined the maxim, "Never be beaten by equipment." More details about his accomplishments are available at kaskastner.com.

Kas was preceded in death by his first wife Shirley Jane Anderson, daughter Jane Karla Kastner, and second wife Peggy DeMerritt. No services will be held.

This fine gentleman authored and illustrated manuals for racing TRs. He has been called one of the most influential Americans in the history of Triumph sports cars. He spent time at Nissan Motor Sports too. He was inducted into the British Sports Car Hall of Fame in 2017.

He recently passed away. Read his short obituary (I) or click [here](#) to read more about him.

Doctor's Lake Automotive is on the move...

We spoke with Mike last week... Doctor's Lake Automotive is moving to 3042 Bravo Court, Orange Park, Florida 32065 and it's ½ a block off Blanding Boulevard. Just under a mile away from his old place.

He hopes to be open for business May 10th. In the meantime, you can call 904-541-1144 to ask questions, or schedule an appointment.

Classic Triumph Cars



There is certainly no classic car quite like the Triumph. In this programme we explore a hand-picked selection and take a front seat as they're put through their paces, including classic and iconic models; the Stag, TR2, TR7, Herald and schoolboy dream Spitfire. We also discuss the rich history that lies behind each featured model.

Click [video story](#) to watch this great video! (56 min) Thanks for sharing Lance Brazil.

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 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, I think?!?

Where do Volkswagens go when they get old?

The Old Volks home.

What do you call a Ford Fiesta that ran out of gas?

A Ford Siesta.

A man drove his expensive car into a tree...

And found out how the Mercedes bends.

How is a golf ball different from a Chevy?

You can drive a golf ball 200 yards.

If you have better jokes or car humor (or articles), please send them in!

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