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Triumph Club



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SEVEN BRIDGES RESTAURANT - JANUARY MEETING

Best Waitress Ever, Kaitlan tries out TR-3 - it fits fine



Kaitlan gets a tip (no, not the car, but how to buy one)

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Wiring Problems

Charles Fenwick

Lance Brazil

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Lance Brazil

Vintage Triumph racing

Don Marshall

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If you would like to volunteer to help other members with problems on their cars, let us know and you and be listed here.

Coming Events

February 11th - Club Meeting at Copper Top Restaurant at 6:30PM

February 20th - Tech Session at Charles Fenwick's
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February ?? - Officer Planning Meeting TBD

March 6th - Club Meeting at Kings Head Pub at 1:00 PM; Welcome Spring by getting your TR out and about

April 9th - Club Meeting and Road Trip to Black Sheep Pub, time TBD

NOTE:

Dues are Due - still just \$15 if paid in February

There are still shirts and hats at GREAT prices - better get ready for summer now. Call Gerry.

TRIUMPH WORLD MAGAZINE

Grab a copy of this month's Triumph World magazine and you might find a car you will recognize. Look for this as feature in next month's newsletter.

Saturday Tech Session - February 20th

2461 Ridgecress Ave, Orange Park, Fl

On Saturday, February 20th, Charles Fenwick will host another Tech Session. During this tech session, we will take apart the Spitfire transmission and time permitting take apart a TR-6 transmission robbing any good parts out of it. Will also check calibration of torque wrenches provided. Come and help or just observe.

Any questions: Charles cell 904-505-1071

TECH SESSION held on Jan. 16th.



Pictured: Charles, Sammy, Dean and Don On Wed, 1/20/16

A Tech session was held rebuilding my spitfire engine. At the machine shop, the crank was turned, cylinder walls bored along with the camshaft journals for cam bearings. Dean and his friend Sammy, did most of the assembly work as I provided tools and parts. Don Marshall gave technical expertise recommending using the older type torque wrench than a new click type. A check between the two indicated a 8 lb difference. Charles did the reading of the manual since he had the only clean hands. My neighbor Don also came over to enjoy a day with the guys. **Charles L Fenwick, Jr**

TECH NOTE: CHECKING THE CALIBRATION OF A TORQUE WRENCH..

As mention in the Tech secession article, there was disparity between the new (click type) and old type torque wrench. After research on the internet, determined all was needed to check the calibration of each wrench was a heavy object of known weight, a vice and tape measure. A stop by the UPS store with a used 1493CC Spitfire crankshaft (including gear and nut) determine its weight to be 34.85 lbs. Mount wrench in vice parallel to the floor, hang weight on center of handle, measure from center point of socket head to center point of handle in feet (decimals). Weight times distance equals correct reading of wrench (1.41 ft times 34.85 lbs equals 49 ft/lbs of torque). The reading on the wrench was 48 ft/lbs. A inch/pound torque wrench could be checked by using a plastic jug of water (weighted in the vegetable section of supermarket, about 8.5-8.6 lbs).

January TCNF Club Meeting at Seven Bridges Restaurant



Our January Club meeting was held at Seven Bridges Restaurant. I think this was our first time here. While it was a bit too windy to sit outside, all had a great meal and a good time visiting. Four Triumphs were parked together and as you can see from the cover shot, some of the restaurant staff enjoyed looking them over and trying one on for size.



We had a nice area a little apart from the other dinners, so we could actually talk to each other. There was some group sampling of several of the micro brews and all seemed to enjoy them. As I could not back up more, didn't notice that Charles' face did not make it in the final frame - sorry Charles.

I think we did agree that this could be a site for a future meeting as with some planning we could display Triumphs right in front of the restaurant doors. Janet brought a few guest who jelled well with the group. They were Paul Thomas, Patricia Briggs (Janett's sister in law), Dave and Maureen Jonker.

DUES ARE DUE

Remember to get your dues in for 2016. Come to the February meeting at the Copper Tap Restaurant on the 11th or mail them to Norm Reimer at 1409 Forest Ave., Neptune Beach, Fl. 32266.

After February dues will be at the regular amount. So don't miss this good deal.

Triumph Rescues

(a new series from Lance Brazil, where our old, but loved Triumphs came to a new car's assistance)

TRIUMPH RESCUES LEXUS

In my garage I got in my Lexus to go out and it would not start. Darn! Message on the screen said "key not detected". So I went back indoors to find the spare key. There was still no action. Darn, darn!! Again the message on the screen said "key not detected". How could both key batteries fail at the same time, especially when the spare key had hardly been used?

So, I fired up the TR3A and took the Lexus keys to a garage to get them replaced for something like \$15.00 which was probably a tenth of the price of a towing charge. So the moral of the story is that my 1959 Triumph rescued a 2012 Lexus! – Janett Thomas

FLAT TIRE

While driving my TR3 I once "rescued" a beautiful young woman who had a flat tire on the side of the interstate. I changed the tire for her; she said "thanks" and disappeared into the distance. I wish there was more to the story, but that's it. – Don Marshall

TRIUMPH RESCUES GTO

At a Clay County Cruizers cruise-in, The tools in the back of my TR6 provided the means for a GTO owner to tighten a heater hose and stop a coolant leak. – Stan Kinmonth

DEAD BATTERY

One summer afternoon while driving around with the top down I stopped at Olive Garden for lunch. When I came out I noticed 3 women standing around a Ford Excursion with the hood up and looking puzzled. I asked if they had a dead battery and they said yes. I pulled the spitfire alongside the SUV and used my jumper cables to get them back on the road. – Lance Brazil

What makes a Triumph a Triumph

There has been a lot of discussion over the years about the origin of the early Triumph motors, and most people seem think the TR3/4 engine began as a tractor engine. I just got the following email from Mike Cook, who was the public relations manager for Triumph in the US during the '60s and for British Leyland in the 70s. He puts the question to rest once and for all. **Don Marshall**

Some day you folks will finally understand that the car engine came first! The Massey-Ferguson tractor was a profit-making side issue for Standard-Triumph. The tractor engine was adapted from the engine in the Standard Vanguard. The Vanguard engine was also adapted for the Triumph 1800 and Renown and later for the TR.

As for what's a Triumph? If the company built it and put a Triumph badge on it it's a Triumph. Thus the Honda Ballade became the Acclaim.

If it has a Triumph chassis and drive train that was supplied by the company to an authorized producer, it's a Triumph. Thus the Triumph Italia.

If it uses components supplied by Standard-Triumph like engine, suspension bits, etc., but not chassis and body parts, it's not a Triumph. The Morgan, Peerless, Doretti, etc., are very different cars and deserve their own identity.

There! Got that off my chest! Time for a cocktail!

Mike Cook

SAFETY NOTICE

This is from the Jacksonville Sheriff's Office:

The Jacksonville Sheriff's Office has been actively monitoring and combating a citywide crime trend involving the theft of trailers. Please refer to the attached letter for tips on helping to prevent trailer thefts.

Also, we have noticed a series of auto thefts occurring involving vehicles being left unattended while running in the morning to allow them time to warm up.

While we understand the potential consequences of leaving our vehicles running and unattended, this holds especially true in the winter months when the bad-guys know this type of behavior will occur more often. As a reminder, Florida Statute 316.1975 specifically addresses leaving your car running while unattended as a traffic offense and you may also receive a traffic ticket if your vehicle is stolen under these circumstances. Please be safe this winter.

Regards,

Officer Sean Lindsey # 7188

Jacksonville Sheriff's Office

Crime Prevention Unit - (904) 630-2160

BRITISH EXPRESSIONS


Tosser – Idiot	Skive – Lazy or avoid doing something
Cock-up – Screw up	Toff – Upper Class Person
Bloody – Damn	Punter – Customer/
Give You A Bell – Call you	Scouser – Someone from Liverpool
Blimey! – My Goodness	Quid – £
Wanker – Idiot	Pissed – Drunk
Gutted – Devastated	Nicked – Stolen
Bespoke – Custom Made	Nutter – Crazy Person
Chuffed – Proud	Knackered – Tired
Fancy – Like	Gobsmacked – Amazed
Sod Off – Piss off	Dog's Bollocks – Awesome
Lost the Plot – Gone Crazy	Chap – Male or friend
Fortnight – Two Weeks	Bugger – Jerk
Sorted – Arranged	Bog Roll – Toilet Paper
Kip – Sleep or nap	Bob's Your Uncle – There you go!
Bee's Knees – Awesome	C of E – Church of England
Know Your Onions – Knowledgeable	Pants – Panties
Dodgy – Suspicious	Throw a Spanner in the Works – Screw up
Wonky – Not right	Zed – We say ZZZZZZZ
Wicked – Cool!	Absobloodylootely – YES!
Whinge – Whine	Nosh – Food
Tad – Little bit	One Off – One time only
Tenner – £10	Fiver – £5
Shambles – Mess	Daft Cow – Idiot
Arse-over-tit – Fall over	Do – Party
Brilliant! – Great!	Uni – College/University
Dog's Dinner – Dressed Nicely	Bits 'n Bobs – Various things
Made Redundant – Fired from a job	Shambles – plan gone wrong
Easy Peasy – Easy	I'm Off to Bedfordshire – Going to bed

VIA 9GAG.COM



What happens to OLD Car Guys when they get sent to the Nursing Home

I can't stop laughing...



No self respecting Triumph would be caught dead so under-dressed

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. _____

Home Phone () _____

5. _____

Please circle interest in:

Work Phone () _____

Tech Sessions

Email Address _____

Social Events

Autocross

Tours

Fun Rallyes

Car Show

VTR Member? Yes _____ No _____

T-S-D Rallyes Races

TRA Member? Yes _____ No _____

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