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*Dave and Sue Wellwood
on the Teddy Bear Run*
Photo by Patrick Redd

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Dec 2011 Presidents Letter

Well, here we are in December. The CCBCC activities year is over and on reflection I think the club has had a pretty good year. We've had a lot of fun events and breakfasts, the Wine Tour was very successful and the Commemorative Air Force meet at Camarillo Airport was very interesting. Our Annual Car Show was a huge success and we had a lot of cars on display at the Highland Games, the Teddy Bear Run was a really scenic drive and the year was appropriately finished off with a really fun Holiday Brunch at the Sheraton Four Points Hotel. If you weren't there you really missed a good time. The room, although windowless, seemed to have more atmosphere than on previous years, the food was excellent with more selection than before and the staff was very helpful. Lots of people said how much they enjoyed the event so we have made reservations there for next year. The business portion of the meeting was very short, most of the 2011 officers stayed on for 2012 but the Recorder, the Regalia and Raffle person and the Events Coordinator position, that we instigated this year, were open for 2012. Pam Rimlinger has offered to do the Regalia and Raffle but we are still short the other two positions. Also the members voted that as the first Tuesday in January is so close to the New Year we will not have a monthly meeting in January so our next meeting will be on February 7th.

This brings up another point. Our 2012 Wine Tour is on the weekend of February 4th so we will not have a meeting between now and the Wine Tour. All information will need to be communicated by mail, either E or USPS so look out for further information and make your reservations as soon as possible.

The contact Number for the Cottage Inn by the Sea is (805) 773-4617.

The Club Rates are – 2 night stay (Friday and Saturday) Traditional \$109, Ocean \$179

1 night stay (Friday or Saturday) Traditional \$139, Ocean \$199

The Cut-Off Date for these terms is 01/03/12

Will be in touch, see you all there.

All the Best,

Richard

Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - December 2011

December 2011 Meeting

Meeting was held at the Holiday Brunch. Some new officers were elected but info not available at time of press.

Due to the January meeting day falling so close to New Year's, it was decided not to have a January meeting.

Thanks to Trevor Marshall for donating his time as club recorder. We'll have a new recorder beginning in 2012.

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Here's a few of the British cars on hand at the Motor 4 Toys charity event that took place Dec. 4th in Woodland Hills. The show featured mostly American muscle/classics and exotic imports but there were a few nice LBC's peppered throughout the lot.

With the holidays rolling around, you'd think December would be a slow time for car events. On the first Sunday of the month I was at the Motor 4 Toys toy drive for an early morning show, then on to the club's bunch. After that I headed out to the MINI dealer in Calabassas where they had the test mule of the new MINI Roadster Coupe on display for a couple of days. Who would have thought the Hooter would feature spy photos of new cars?! After that it was off to another party held at Jim Belardi's. That was the first time I visited his legendary garage. There will be more on that in next month's issue.

I have a few new ideas for the Hooter and some interesting articles already lined up for 2012. If I find the time, I'd also like to give our club's website an overhaul. As with most technology, there are new and more efficient ways for doing websites, as well as formatting for viewing on phones and ipads. We'll see how things go.

Happy Holidays!
Patrick Redd
Webmaster/newsletter editor

MINI Roadster Coupe

In early December, I received an email that the new MINI Roadster was going to be on display in the showroom at Bob Smith BMW in Calabassas for 2 afternoons. I took a quick run over there after the holiday brunch to check it out. I waited until all of the sales people were out on the lot and quickly snapped these photos.

After debuting in concept form at the 2009 Frankfurt auto show, the Coupe and Roadster were essentially confirmed for production when Mini announced it would add two new models to its assembly plant in Oxford, England. This particular car looked like it's just about ready for production.

This MINI is expected to blend right into the family, sharing the same dash layout and front-end styling from the A-pillar forward as the updated 2011 Mini hatch, Clubman, and convertible. But from there back, these little guys will have a faster windshield and the obvious roof changes that give them a sportier look than the hatch and convertible. The car has an active rear spoiler, which can be seen in the photos.

The car is projected to shed a little bit of weight compared with the hatch and convertible. It won't carry the burden of rear seats, and the Roadster will get a manually operated top, eschewing a complex (and heavy) power system.

The Coupe version was already at the LA Auto Show. Look for this version to debut sometime soon.

The Clear Hooter!



Photos by Patrick Redd



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The Teddy Bear Run

By Patrick Redd

Photos by Patrick Redd and Michelle Brownstein

November marked the return of the Teddy Bear Run for the kids of Penfield School. This year CCBCC joined forces with the Corvette Club who also used the occasion as the starting point for one of their events. In doing so, there was a record number of bears collected for the school. There was talk that next year we'll both run on the same rally.

All the participants left Penfield school with maps in hand. The rally took the drivers along the foothills of Ventura with a short section through downtown. They then proceeded along highway 33 and around Lake Casitas. As they neared

Carpinteria, a couple of drivers lost track of the route and were on their way to Santa Barbara. The rest continued along to Carpinteria and then proceeded to the frontage road along the coast.

The weather was fantastic. It was one of those days when one really appreciates the fact that we're fortunate to live here. Those who could drove with tops down.

At the end of the route, bbq lunch was served at the VFW.

For more photos from the event, please check out the photos page at www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com



The Teddy Bear Run



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Photos clockwise: As we just passed Lake Casitas, I happened to catch a glimpse of these guys so I pulled over. I just snapped the picture when they saw me and ran for cover. 2. Lake Casitas. 3. Trevor Marshall in his Morgan. 4. The end of the run and lunch stop. 5. The bears. 6. Thanks from the people at Penfield School.



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The Clear Hooter!



Happy Holidays!





Lots more holiday party photos at
www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com





Jaguar C-X16

Los Angeles *Auto Show*

Photos and story by Patrick Redd



This past November brought the return of the LA Auto Show to Los Angeles. Club member Bill Rogers and I attended both media days of the show. This year's show seemed much more upbeat than in the past couple of years, with manufacturers offering many new and interesting models and concepts. The following paragraphs are a report on the latest British offerings. I had hoped to be doing a report on the new Morgan 3 wheeler but it was a no show. There weren't any reps in their display either so I don't know what happened to them.

If anything can be said to define Jaguar designs it is one word: drama. The C-X16 is no exception, taking the traditional two-seater sports car template and redefining it in the Jaguar form.

In its simplest form, sports car design is defined by the relationship between the mechanics and the bodywork. The aim at Jaguar has always been to wrap the form as tightly as possible around the function to create a taut, sculpted appearance that could only be that of a Jaguar. Finished in Gunmetal, there is no wasted space, movement or surface on the C-X16, every line serves its purpose in creating a whole that is more than the sum of its parts.

The C-X16 moves the award-winning Jaguar design language on to the next level and is startling in its simplicity, defined as it is by three 'heart lines' the front fender crease, the rear haunches that wrap into the tail and the sweeping roofline.

The front-mounted supercharged V6 engine develops 375HP (280kW) and 332lb-ft of torque from a capacity of 3.0-liters.

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Gorgeous and glamorous speed is how one could describe the latest offering from Aston Martin. Aston Martin is well known for the luxurious cars they manufacture but one of their newest models, called the One-77 is letting us know the brand has what it takes for recognition in speed as well. Achieving speeds of 220 mph is cake for the One-77

The One-77 is equipped under the hood with a 750 HP V12 engine that helps it reach 220 mph and blends beauty in to make it the most attractive supercar.

The One-77 is exclusive – with production limited to 77 cars; hence the One-77 moniker. It features a full carbonfibre monocoque with aluminum body panels and front mid-mounted 7.3-litre normally aspirated V12 engine, putting power to the rear wheels through a rear mid-mounted 6-speed automated manual gearbox.



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The latest from Bentley



Latest concepts
from Land Rover:
The DC 100 Sport



Land Rover presented a re-interpretation of the Defender. The aim was to capture the adventurous, indomitable spirit established by the Series 1 in 1948. The potential Defender of the future was named the Land Rover DC100 Concept vehicle.

Land Rover has so far shown two concepts for the future Defender. The DC100 is a two-door wagon, while the Sport is a more fashion-focused roadster. It was reported that they're likely to lead with the wagon, but that a plethora of different body styles will arrive in due course.

When it was unveiled back in Frankfurt, the concept drew some criticism for appearing too toylike, especially from traditional Defender customers.

However far this unique vehicle has come, its shape and stance would be instantly recognizable anywhere in the world - capturing the inherent simplicity and reassurance of the original short-wheelbase Land Rover. Created for the next generation, Land Rover's DC100 design undeniably demonstrates that it has the capability to take you places no other vehicle can.

Text - Land Rover press release

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Every Third Saturday of the month at The Cottage from 9am-1pm. Have breakfast while you display your classic car, muscle car, streetrod, bike, or lowrider. No entry fee. Drawings and trophies at noon. The Cottage Cafe, 2611 E. Thompson Blvd, Ventura - next to the USA gas station. See the events section on our CCBCC website for a copy of the flier. For more info, call C. Darryl Struth at 644-6211.

Monthly Breakfast - CCBCC event

Breakfast meets will be at the Cottage for the remainder of the year (see info above). New venue TBD in 2012.

2012 New Year's Run. Calabasas, CA Sunday, January 1, 2012 - Meet at 9AM, depart at 10AM

Believe it or not, 2012 is right around the corner. With the new year is the promise of beautiful driving weather for our annual fun run on New Year's Day!

As is tradition, this run will start at "The Commons" on Calabasas Road, just off the 101 freeway. We will meet on the east side of the lot near Williams Sonoma. Meeting time is 9:00 AM with a scheduled departure of 10:00 AM. The route follows the entire length of Mulholland Highway from East to West, then South on Pacific Coast Highway before climbing up to Charmlee Park for tire kicking and views of the ocean. Please note there is a \$4 fee (honor system) for parking at Charmlee.

What: 2012 New Year's Run

Where: The Commons is located at 4799 Commons Way, Calabasas, CA 91302 (east side of lot, near Williams Sonoma)

When: Sunday, January 1, 2012 - Meet at 9AM, depart at 10AM

For more information including photos of previous runs, visit the official discussion thread in the Vintage Motoring Forums <http://www.vintagemotoring.net>

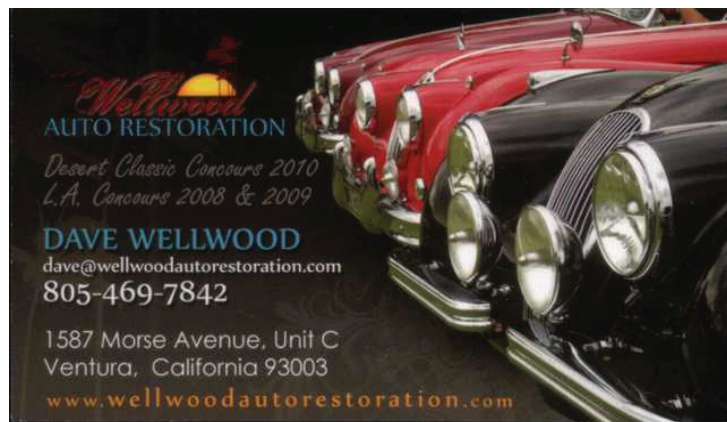
Annual CCBCC Wine Country Tour - February 3-4, 2012, Pismo Beach, CA

Once again we'll be returning to the Cottage Inn by the Sea in Pismo Beach. The tour will be on Saturday with an after party to follow. Details are still in the works. Rooms at a group rate have been set aside for CCBCC. Make your reservations now!

Latest info on the Wine Country Tour!

The special hotel rate at Cottage Inn by the Sea in Pismo Beach is in effect for a short time. People should book a room now for as many nights as they choose around the tour date; the Sat eve dinner (Feb 4th) is pot luck. Please bring a dish for 4-5 people, and - if possible - advise Michael Frustiere or Allen Merriam what afternoon tour option you prefer: 1. Hearst Castle or 2. Peidras Blancas historical lighthouse tour, or 3. Wine tasting/glass blowing/pottery barn. There are separate fees for the castle (\$25) & lighthouse (about \$10) and there may be time after these tours to stop at the glassblowing shop.

Tour registration (\$10 per car/2 people) will be in breakfast room at hotel on Friday evening from 5 to 7 pm, and early Saturday morning at 8-8:30 am before the tour starts at 9 ---- for those arriving that day. See you there!



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The Night Before Christmas (British car version)

submitted by Kevin Lynch of Denver, CO
via Rick Freibusch

'Twas the night before Christmas and out in the shed
Sat a tired old Triumph, its battery dead.

Its fenders were rusted, the floorpan had holes
The seats and the carpets had been eaten by voles

The tires had dry-rot, the gas tank was leaking
A turn of the wheel sent tie rods a-creaking.

So I put on my coat with a weight on my heart,
And went out to the shed to get it to start.

The engine turned over--there arose such a clatter!
I knew from the sound it was timing chain chatter.

From under the dashboard there came a bright flash:
The wiring harness had just turned to ash!

"I've had it with Triumphs!" I finally swore
"Enough is too much! I can't take any more!"

When what to my red, teary eyes should appear
But a little Englishman (hey, I might need a beer!)

"Good Day," I heard, as he tapped my shoulder.
"Im Joe Lucas he said as the car continued to smolder.

"This one can be saved; there's no reason to grieve.
All you need is some faith--Man, you've got to believe!

"A hammer! Some duct tape! Get me more tools!
When you work on these cars you just make up the rules!
"We'll get her cranked over - no way that she'll stall
(But stand over there with your back to the wall.)"

A cough and a sputter, the cacophony stunning--
I couldn't believe it! The damn thing was running!

The ghost winked at me and said, kicking a tire,
"Whatever you do, DO NOT TOUCH THIS WIRE!"

The old man then vanished amid sneezes and farts
But when the smoke cleared he had left me some parts.

So I opened the shed door and let the hood down
Put her in gear and went out on the town.

And I thought to myself as I missed second gear
Merry Christmas to All and a Happy New Year!

Happy Holidays

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