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The Wine Tour was a total success. I have received several e-mails from several of the attendees saying how great it was for them.

Events do not just happen. There many behind the scenes that make it happen.

I would like to thank Byron M for taking care of the dash plaques, Michael Frustere and Allen M. for doing the routes and talking to the wineries, and the other surprise stops that every one liked. My wife Janet who took care of selecting the food for the event, Bill Rogers and Ron and Nancy for leading the groups, and Sue and Nancy for selling raffle tickets.

Bill Rogers' Birthday was Saturday. Bill and Carol celebrated by sharing 10 bottles of champagne at the after party.

The food was great. The weather was perfect and the atmosphere of the whole event was great. Oh yes, the late night party... lots of laughs!

Michael and Allen have already sent thank you letters to the wineries. Thank you to all of you for your support to the club.

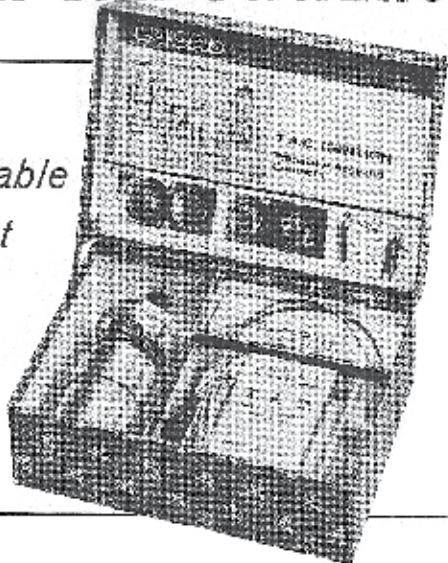
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*Bill G.*



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Board meeting 6pm Tuesday 3/2/2010 (Bill, Sue, Dave, Gary, Richard, Darryl, Patrick, Paul, Trevor)

## 1. Wine tour report

Overall, a tremendous success. The club even turned a profit on the event.

The board voted to use the same hotel (we booked 23 rooms this year) and the local Pismo caterer next year. Including the Triumph club was recommended although there was some concern noted over the 8 individuals (4 cars) who 'did their own thing'.

Special thanks to Bill/Jan, Nancy (prolific raffle ticket sales), Allen/Mike (route planning, contacting the wineries, excellent maps), Patrick (photos, videos), Bill Rogers (ageing, champagne)

## 2. Future events

- A. 4/10 – Triumph Club Santa Monica mountains tour
- B. 4/16 - 'North meets South' event by Paradise British Car Club, Pismo Beach - SeaCrest Resort Hotel
- C. 5/1 & 5/2 – Celtic Festival at Camarillo Airport
- D. 5/22 – Car Show at Leisure Village, Camarillo – entry is free
- E. 6/20 – Fathers Day Car Show – same location as our show, all marques including rods

## 3. Car show – 20th Anniversary - 7/24 & 7/25

- a. Featured marque to be Triumph per members vote (suggested in future to give one year notice for any rarer marques)
- b. We can expect 200 cars – pre-register incentives (\$30/\$35) as last year (Richard can organize registration but cannot be at show). Trevor suggested \$30/\$40.
- c. Tour route needed for Saturday
- d. Permits, etc.
- e. One trophy sponsor so far (Byron)

## 4. Membership badges (Paul)

- a. Currently have 63 paid-up members, 5 are new (Sue)
- b. 20 blank badges remain, we need 26 to be made
- c. Either \$8 each, or \$500 for 100
- d. Board agreed to get a further 100 now to secure the discount and ensure uniformity of appearance

## 5. Other

The 'regular' breakfast at Camarillo Airport on 2/28 was well attended by 18 members

Trevor donated a case of battery operated lanterns for the raffle. The board was so impressed by this magnanimous gesture they voted to give him a license plate surround.

CCBCC members meeting at 7pm Tuesday 3/2/2010.

- 1. Introduction of visitors – one new member from Scotland (drives a Lotus Elise)
- 2. Introduction of members and who drove what to the meeting
- 3. Raffle
- 4. Members voted on the featured marque (Triumph) for this year's show
- 5. Bill re-emphasized the need for help with the show. Members who actively contribute to the organization of the show will receive free entry.
- 6. The movie Aston Martin "Victory by Design" with Allan de Cadenet could not be shown owing to technical difficulties. Bill and Trevor will exorcise the Lucas demons from the projector.
- 7. Meeting closed at 8:10pm – very well attended

Spring is in the air and show season has already begun! So far we've had the wine country tour in Pismo and a great Sunday outing at the Santa Paula Airport. Look for reports on these events in this issue. By the time this issue comes out, the Woodley Park show will also be in the books. We are fortunate in Southern California in that with our great weather, we're able to have these events so early in the year while folks back east still have their cars in hibernation waiting for the thaw.

There are many local events coming up in the near future as reported on our events page. Take advantage of our great weather and get out there with your cars!

I've been very busy with all these events: taking photos, updating the club website and getting the info to these pages. Along with that, I had the opportunity to travel out to Blythe for the Desert Storm Rally with CCBCC's Bill Rogers. There were no British cars in the event but I may post the images to our club website. It was a lot of fun speeding across the desert and helping to cover the event as a photographer.

Flat Out!

Patrick Redd

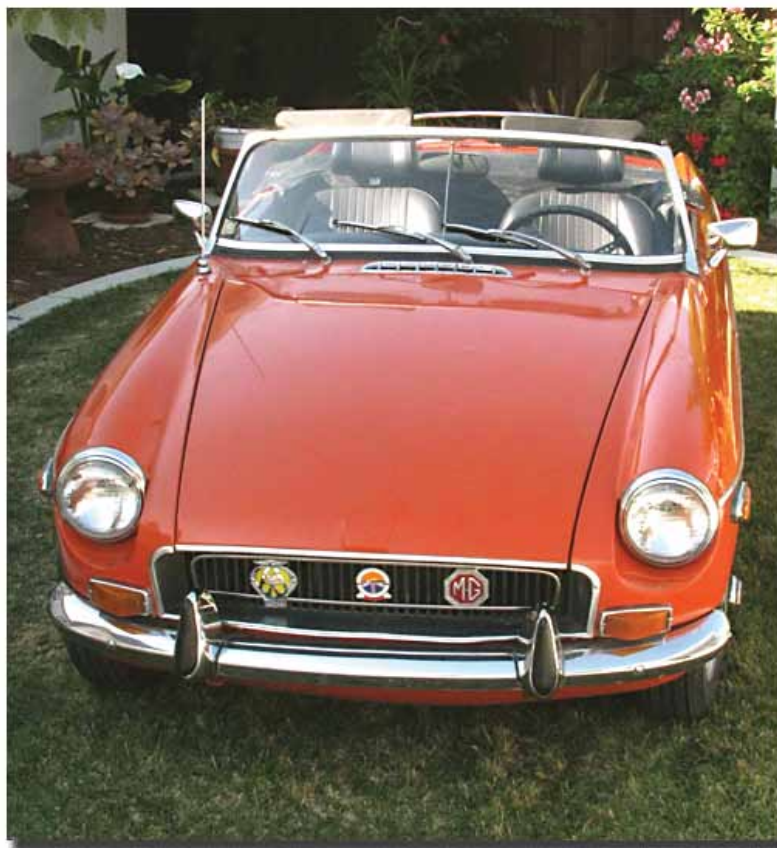
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## ***Another MGB joins the CCBCC ranks***

Thanks to Dave and Sue Wellwood, Pat and Bill Bullough now have a 1972 MGB.

"That's our badge --along with our old Tri-Counties MG Club and Brit AA badges" reports Bill. Dave found it in Long Beach. It will keep them busy with details but it runs strong.



*The Clear Hooter!*



## Manufacturer Recalls

By Steve Falcone, Gazette-Journal's opinion editor.  
Received from Rick Feibusch via email

I know unsafe cars, and my Toyota isn't one of them. For much of the 1970s, I owned a British-made MG sports car. I know all about an unsafe car, and it's not the Toyota that we now have in our garage. Actually, the complaints that have caused the recall of millions of Toyotas sound kind of familiar.

After an evening at Harrah's Lake Tahoe one summer, for instance, I was driving down U.S. 50 from Spooner Summit toward the U.S. 395 intersection when the accelerator stuck open. I threw it into neutral -- urging my date not to panic, no simple request of a young lady in the passenger seat of a runaway MG -- and pulled over to the side. Opening the hood, I could see the problem: The accelerator cable had frayed right where it passed through an eyelet on the way to the carburetors. I snipped away at the fraying with a knife, pulled it through the eyelet, and we were on our way. The girl never went out with me again.

The first of many times the brakes went out was on a hill in Montreal, Canada. Come to think of it, there was a young lady involved this time, too, and I'm sure it was the last time I saw her. I replaced the brake master cylinder, on the other hand, once a year after that. One difference between the MG's problems and the Toyota's problems (which, so far, have not involved ours) was this: I knew that the MG was the most enjoyable car I'd ever own but that it also was built to make my life miserable, and it succeeded at both admirably. The British simply didn't seem to care that their car was a mechanical nightmare; the Japanese are genuinely mortified to think their cars aren't perfect.

Another difference is that we expect more of our cars today. Odd noises were common in the cars of the '70s. They were, in fact, expected. When a 21st century car makes an unusual noise, we're on the phone to the service manager, demanding that he find it and get rid of it ... now.

And a third difference: there wasn't a single electronic device in the MG until I installed an AM radio in the console. ("I don't think I've ever seen one come from the factory with a radio," said the salesman at a dealership in Spain authorized to sell U.S.-standard cars to American sailors.) And I don't think there's anything in the Toyota that doesn't have an electronic component. If there were something wrong with it coming down the hill from Tahoe, I wouldn't bother opening the hood because I wouldn't know what I was looking at anyway. I certainly wouldn't go poking around with a knife in there.

The MG and I parted a long time ago with no tears shed. The company pulled out of the States decades ago and was sold to a Chinese firm in 2005. Imagine if they could make a car with all the fun of my old MG and the reliability of my new Toyota. Now that would be some car.

*Steve Falcone is the Gazette-Journal's opinion editor. His usual car is a Honda. It has never been recalled.*

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## *Pismo Beach Tasting Tour*

by Patrick Redd



Photo by Patrick Redd

After a one year hiatus, the Pismo Beach Tasting Tour returned to the Cottage Inn by the Sea. As always, this was an event not to be missed. There were 2 groups making the rounds. The tour had something interesting for everybody. This year along with a few winery stops, there was a visit to an orchid farm and a visit to an olive oil tasting. We had driven up just for the day on Saturday so we missed the first stop (the orchids). From what the group was saying, the orchid stop was impressive.

Our event usually gets lucky as far as avoiding the rainy weather and this year was no exception. We did have some rain the day before the tour on Friday which unfortunately led to most of the club members leaving their British cars at home. Those who did bring their cars were rewarded with some great driving weather on Saturday.

This year one had to pay closer attention to the route maps (which were some of the best this year). With everyone driving their daily cars, it wasn't as easy to just follow someone else like it is when we have our British cars!

At the tour after-party back at the Cottage Inn by the Sea, club members enjoyed catered food, a raffle, and some laughs. Champagne provided by Bill and Carole Rogers to help celebrate Bill's 70th birthday.

A big thanks goes out to all those who helped to make the event a great success! Be sure to visit the photos page on the club website ([www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com](http://www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com)) for lots of photos from some of the club members.



Photo by Patrick Redd



# Pismo Tasting Tour



Photo by Patrick Redd



Photo by Patrick Redd

Club member cars.

Birthday boy Bill Rogers celebrated his 70<sup>th</sup> birthday on the tour. He and wife Carole also provided numerous bottles of champagne to help celebrate!



Photo by Bill Rogers

One of the stops on the tour was at an orchid farm - one of many hi-lites of the tour.

## E-Type

Steve Remington's E-Type was one of the few British cars to brave the rain the night before and drive on the tour. On tour day, the rain stayed away and drivers were rewarded with perfect driving conditions!



Photo by Patrick Redd

*The Clear Hooter!*





# First Sundays

## *Santa Paula Airport*

Photos and words  
by Patrick Redd

Every first Sunday of the month, local aviation history comes alive on First Sundays, an event that takes place at the Santa Paula Airport. The chain of hangars are open for the public to explore from 10am until 3pm.

Hangar Number One is the first in the chain of hangars. It tells the story of the founding of Santa Paula Airport in 1930, and that's just the beginning of the adventure. Each of these privately owned hangars in the chain houses a variety of vintage aircraft and privately owned collections of various types of memorabilia from antique radios to racecars. Several other aircraft owners put their antique aircraft on static display and many vintage aircraft also fly in each month. Car Clubs also frequently grace the taxiways on First Sundays.

On this particular Sunday, a few of us from the club met for breakfast and then set out to explore the hangars. It had rained the night before but the storm cleared and the weather was perfect. There was even a dusting of snow on the surrounding hilltops.





# First Sundays - Santa Paula Airport



*Every First Sunday  
is a little different,  
but First Sunday  
Open House is always  
free to the public.*



Some of the collections found in some of the hangars were very interesting. Some housed collections of toy planes, vintage oil cans, helicopters, hot rods, vintage radios, and coke machines, to name a few of the things I saw. Many of the hangars were like a home away from home for the owners. One was literally like having an airplane parked in your livingroom!

Over at the runway, vintage planes took off and landed at regular intervals. Seeing these planes up close, I was really surprised to see how primitive they really are. One guy was measuring how much fuel he had by inserting a stick in his gas tank. I'm not sure how well that would work while in flight!

I had often heard of this event mentioned as a club event but this was the first time I attended. It was definitely worth the trip and I'd recommend it to those who have never been there.

As always, visit the club website at [www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com](http://www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com) for a lot more photos from the event. Only so many can fit on these pages!

*The Clear Hooter!*

**Seeking information:** My wife Pat and I are new members of the CCBCC and former members of the old Tri--Counties MG Club that became the Tri--Counties SCC. Before retirement I was a California history prof and writer; now I'd like to try writing the history of cars clubs in the area. Perhaps there are other members of the old clubs who can remember (harder as we age) who can share thoughts. My number is 641-0952. Also, does anyone have a Tri-Counties SCC badge? I'd like to make photographs.

Thanks, Bill Bullough

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## Monthly Breakfast - CCBCC event

CCBCC breakfast is to be held the 4th Saturday each month, at The Waypoint Café, 325 Durley Ave, Camarillo, (805) 388-2535. Occasionally, this venue will be switched to the Santa Paula Airport 1st Sunday each month. For more info, contact Bill Guzman at (805) 484-1528

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April 16-18, 2010 - Pismo Beach. Not since 1998 has the club used Pismo Beach as an event location for their North Meets South event. Contact Jim Bull at 805-937-4208, or email him at [torocasakb@msn.com](mailto:torocasakb@msn.com) for more information. See flier on the club website.

## VARA British Racing at Buttonwillow - May 1-2

## Great Looks & Great Books - Triumph gathering - Saturday, May 15 - 8am-2pm - Burbank @ Autobooks/ Aerobooks (3524 W Magnolia, Burbank)

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### Who Drove What to the March 2010 CCBCC Meeting

Sorry if there are any misspellings. Some of the writing on the list was difficult to read.

Patrick Redd	1990 Honda CRX
Trevor Marshall	Solara (not part of the recall!)
Richard Armstrong	Chevy S10 truck
Paul & Karen Keener	'08 Dodge Nitro
Leonard & Judy Halpin	Pontiac 2004
Ron Root	'08 Silverado
Barry Roberts	92 Ford F250
Bill, Jan, and Kai	
Guzman	1998 Camaro z-28
Bill Rogers/John Hanna	'02 Sube Wagon
Bob Prieve	Rode with Muzio
Bob Muzio	'06 Explorer
C. Darryl Struth	'54 F100
Don Greene	'71 E-Type
Dave Schwitzer	'02 Saturn
B.J. Bastow	Rode with DS
Martin Keller	Miata
Steve Remmington	MINI S
Allen & Lynn Merriam	Jeep
Dave Wellwood	Bugeye Sprite
Sue Wellwood	Kia
Ron & Nancy Roberts	'01 S500 Mercedes
Bob Pazen	'96 Bentley Turbo R
Gary Rice	'05 Toyota Corolla
Randy & Debbie Manes	'73 Triumph TR6
Jim & Sue Thurmond	'53 MG-TD
Michael & Dee	'64 Jaguar
Donna Ingram	'59 Triumph

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