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## An Unexpected Gift

Reprinted from [bringatrailer.com](http://bringatrailer.com) By Chris Thompson

What follows is a tale of two cars, two brothers, two birthdays, three generations, and our third BaT Success Story. Upon seeing the BaT listing for the 1969 Austin Healey Sprite Reliable Blasphemy on April 12th, I immediately forwarded the link to my father and brother.

You see when I was sixteen my brother and I were on our way home in my fathers 1962 Sprite from Thanksgiving dinner at our cousins' house in Santa Barbara and it was a very dark and foggy night, the road was slick, the tires were bald, the 16 year old was driving too fast and you can guess the rest...I had included a brief note expressing regret that I couldn't just run out and buy this car for my father to repay him for the one that he lost some 35 years ago by my hand. I had always wanted to find another Sprite and restore it for him as a surprise one day.

My father called back chuckling that, at 74 he felt that he was a bit past his prime car loving years, it was a long time ago, that ship had sailed and so on. My brother on the other hand, responded almost immediately with enthusiastic support of the slightly crazy reference to a slightly crazy surprise idea. He volunteered to put up the cash if I would orchestrate an acquisition and surprise delivery to Santa Barbara late in May for my fathers' birthday. I contacted Tim in Washington and began the process to make a deal and get the car shipped to my place in Richmond in the Bay Area. It arrived a day or two later and now.... for the 'rest of the story'...

The drive line has been seriously upgraded with the Mazda Miata running gear, (essentially double the HP than the original car but without the additional 500 lbs or so of a Miata...), so a big brake kit was sourced and the rear axle half shafts were determined to be sufficient. If my father were to get into racing this thing then we would want to go with racing half shafts but since the factory went with sturdier half shafts in '69 we focused on other things. We did however install race valving in the front lever shocks to assist with the much heavier drive line than stock.

The Mazda install is very sanitary and it was obvious that a lot of thought went into how to make this work. It truly looks as if it belongs. The car itself drives amazingly well, it is very solid, extremely fast, sounds terrific and yes, it doesn't leak oil....a perfect canvas with which to begin with.



The car starts, drives and acts just like as you would expect a Miata on steroids and Jenny Craig would do but looks like it popped down from the countryside to get a spot of tea. Even my sister got in on the act by providing a package with an English cap and driving gloves.

The plan was to arrive at my parents house while they were out at church on Sunday and park the car at the end of the driveway with a big bow on it while hiding up on the deck or in the garage when they came home. We left SF on Saturday night at 7:30 after working all day installing the top and finishing up a thousand other last minute details and spent that night in Paso Robles where my brother had put me and my son up at a hotel. My son's 14th birthday was the next day, the day of the surprise, and my brother had the hotel staff place in our room a huge pyramid of Dr. Pepper, boxes of candy and a very large Mylar Happy Birthday balloon for my son.

As they came down the driveway with my father driving, they slowed, then stopped, leaning forward a little looking through the windshield, a puzzled look or possibly curiosity was captured on their faces. Then slowly the edges of my fathers' lips started to curl upward ever so slightly and then became a small grin, I could almost see the wheels spinning in his head as he remembered the link that I had sent to him last month. My mom took a little longer to recognize what she was looking at, after all it had been 35 years since she had ever paid attention to an Austin Healey Sprite and you don't see them on the road that much anymore and she had no idea that I had sent my dad the listing previously.

They both started to look around for help, an explanation, personal support, the police (?), a doctor (?) and my mom spotted my son up on the deck with the video camera and she notified my father that they weren't alone. After exiting the car and being greeted by their two sons and a grandson, the incredulity was palpable. My father donned his English cap as soon as it was unwrapped and wanted to take the car for a spin almost immediately. My son jumped in the back of the Prius with the camera and continued his chronicling of the event as my pop and I took off down towards the beach.

To state that he was impressed would be an understatement. He kept remarking about how stable the car felt, how solid and of course how fast. This isn't exactly like the old one is it?? And so on...He appreciated the roll up windows, the new top and as my folks listened to the tales of the previous weeks and all that went into this presentation they just kept shaking their heads.



## Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - MARCH 2014

General meeting was brought to order by club President Joe Manheim at 8:05pm. 24 members were present for the general meeting.

Presidents Announcements: Joe Manheim

The March monthly breakfast / brunch drive will take place on March 9, 2014 and will meet at the Golden China Parking lot at 8:30am and will depart at 9:00am for the drive to Santa Barbara and the Beach Café even though it was washed out by the last storm. The general manager has said that they will be open for the planned breakfast / brunch for us on Sunday.

The Clubs car show is coming up and we finally have a person to be the chair for this event. The board has approved Martin Keller as the chair person and Joe Manheim to be the co-chair for the 24th Annual CCBCC Car Show with the Rootes Group being the featured mark for the show with the Sunbeam Tiger being the featured car of the group. The Rootes Group consist of Sunbeam, Hillman, Humber, Karrier, Singer, Talbot and Commer. The show will be on July 20, 2014 at the Channel Islands Harbor Park in Oxnard, Calif..

In Sept. the club will be displaying their cars at the Santa Barbara Airport. Jack Washbusch is the point of contact for this event and more information will be forthcoming about times and where to meet.

C Darryl Struth brought up the subject of the Penfield School Teddy Bear Run and lunch for the kids at the school and asked if the club would be willing to take this event on this year. The members at the meeting indicated that we should do this as it is for fun and the kids enjoy it a lot. C Darryl Struth will be the point of contact for this event and will provide more information as the time come closer.

Kelvin Dodd reminded the members that it is a bad idea to run straight E85 fuel in our cars as they were not designed to use this as it causes corrosion and eats the natural seals that are in the fuel system.

Julie Root ran the clubs monthly raffle and it was very entertaining to say the least. The winner of the Carrows Dinner Gift Card for March was Jack Washbusch.

General meeting adjourned at 8:20pm..

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At long last it's Hooter time again! Sorry for the long radio silence. I gave up the post of doing the newsletter but we have been unable to find someone to take over the job.

The newsletter is a vital piece of communication to keep members informed of what is happening within our club and lists events that are happening that may be of interest to club members. Hopefully someone will step up and take over the position. I've done the newsletter for 4+ years and I just don't have the time to continue with it. I am continuing to maintain the website and Facebook pages. In the meantime, though it isn't the preferred method to some of the membership, the club's website and Facebook page are kept current with the latest events and photos. By the time that information makes it to print, it's already old news. We've also added a new page to the club website for our advertisers/sponsors to give them more exposure than the newsletter distribution allows. If you haven't visited the club's website or Facebook page, I encourage everyone to pay them a visit. There's a lot of good information there.

Cheers-

Patrick Redd  
CCBCC Editor

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### **Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - APRIL 2014**

April 1, 2014 Board meeting has been canceled due to the majority of the board being out of town. General meeting came to order at 7:00pm. by Vice President C Darryl Struth. 21 members present at the start of the meeting.

C Darryl Struth announced that the April 12, 2014 Breakfast drive will meet at the Golden China Parking lot at 9:30am and will leave at 9:45am. For Ojai and the Emporium Resturant for breakfast / brunch.

Martin Keller showed the members present the different types of designs that are available and the color of the t-shirts that can be used for the car show shirts. The members in attendance vote to have a black t-shirt for this car show by a showing of hands for the black t-shirt.

Byron McCracken showed the different types of plaques and trophies that are available and will provide more information on other designs and types of plaques for the car show at the next meeting. Byron also presented the club with a preptual trophy that will be given out at the Holiday Party to the person who the board of directors determines provided the best support / patronage of the club and the classis car hobby. Members present agreed and voted to make it happen for this year.





# Open House

By Martin Keller

*Wellwood Auto Restorations*

Photos by Bill Rogers and Patrick Redd

Well Central Coast British Car Club member and friends, another year of fun is now upon us. It started out with a club drive that started at Santa Paul Airport parking lot on New Years Day at 10:30am. The run finished up at Wellwood Auto Restoration's new facility and open house.

CCBCC had a very good showing with 14 cars on the drive. A couple of new friends also showed up with their cars. One of which was a true Bugatte Type 57 (1937). If you do not know what that is, that's OK. It is from the late 1930's. It's a true work of art which is rarely seen being driven on the street as they are mostly in museum collections or are trailered to shows. The owner of this Bugatti drives and races his car. He has even had it shipped to Europe to take part in a Bugatti gathering this past summer.





The drive was uneventful. We all made it to the Wellwoods Auto Restoration Shops open house with about 92 other cars and over 300 people. There were at least two other car clubs / groups that were also at the open house. The selection of cars was just amazing and the company of other car nuts was just great. The Wellwood's new shop is amazing to say the least. It's neat to be able to walk around and see the cars that they are working on along with looking at the cars that the people attending drove to the shop. There were Triumphs, Jaguars, MG's, Maserati's, Porsche's, a Bugatti Type 57, Morris' and several others. There was a lot to see and a lot of folks to talk to and visit with on a beautiful New Year's Day in Southern California at the Wellwoods New Shop. I am looking forward to seeing the photos that Patrick Redd and others took at the event as there were more European cars at the open house than I ever expected.

Thank you Dave and Sue Wellwood (CCBCC Members) for letting us and others into your new facility at the start of a Great New Year.





# Pismo Tasting Tour

By Junie Cooper  
Photos by Patrick Redd



Kudos to Michael Frustere (and Dee) and Allen Merriam (and Lynn) for organizing the recently completed very fun and most enjoyable 2014 wine tour January 31st through February 2nd in Pismo Beach. A delightful time was had by all who were fortunate to have attended.

Departure to start our “adventure” was at 9:15 AM on Saturday, February 1st from the parking lot of “home base,” the Cottage Inn by the Sea. Our first stop was at Edna Valley Winery located in San Luis Obispo, a lovely tasting room and wines (only mishap was a certain “unnamed person” who backed up into a bottle of avocado oil which made a mess on the slate floor!). The Edna Valley crew were very gracious about the cleanup and seemingly unperturbed by the incident.



Then on to Sculpterra Winery in Paso Robles where we viewed the beautifully landscaped gardens along with the amazing and unique works of differing types of art both outside and inside as well. Our picnic venue was enjoyed in the lovely garden/patio area where all enjoyed great camaraderie, beautiful weather and good wines. John Williams had a bit of a car problem just before he reached the winery, which was resolved with the help of the Waschbusch's and staff at the Sculpterra winery and he got his Metro humming along again.

Next stop was the Estrella Warbirds Museum in Paso Robles (which we were first introduced to on the CCBCC wine tour in 2012) for



# Pismo Tasting Tour



an interesting and enlightening guided tour of a vast array of WW I and WW II memorabilia, planes, tanks, uniforms, marvelous old photos, etc., etc. Then on to the adjacent Woodland Auto Museum, the extensive and varied private collection of Richard Woodland who is an avid car and racing aficionado. We were personally met and welcomed by Richard and his lovely wife Claudia. (Have to of course mention that the Cooper's 1947 Triumph 1800 Roadster was on display at the museum.)

Last stop on the "official" tour was the EOS Estate Winery in Paso Robles as well as an optional side trip to Olea Farm (olive oils and other goodies) and the Avila Valley Barn for fruits, veggies, etc.

The choice of wineries and the drive through the beautiful countryside was well thought out and mapped and enjoyed immensely. Even though the hills, usually verdant green, were dry from lack of rainfall, it was a very lovely and relaxing day. The personnel at all the wineries were extremely welcoming, gracious and hospitable and I'm sure I can speak for many that we look forward to return visits to these wineries.

In the evening, the always fun (and sometimes loud and raucous) get together for food (always a delicious and very generous array of appetizers, hot dishes, salads, desserts, etc.) was enjoyed by one and all. And of course the always much anticipated and very fun raffle was conducted by our one and only Julie Root!

A super big thank you to those business' and/or individuals who very generously donated items, gift certificates, etc. for the raffle and of course an super big thank you to Lori Manheim and Lynn Merriam for soliciting the terrific donations.

The biggest winners were Dennis and Bridgett Lambert who won at least four of the prizes although they were not in attendance during the raffle but had entrusted their raffle tickets to VERY honest and trustworthy friends. NOTE: Dennis and Bridget generously donated three of their winning prizes back to the club as the locations for the prizes are too far away from where the Lamberts reside. (These prizes will be raffled off at upcoming CCBCC meetings.) Thank you Dennis and Bridgett! Among the other winners were Ron Root (Holly Ware, a prospective new CCBCC Member, who won at least three prizes), Bob McCowan, Leonard and Judy Halpin, Bob and Linda Collins (good to see you two!), Joe Manheim,



John Williams, Jack and Pam Waschbusch, Aida Aslanian and of course "lucky Junie Cooper" who won the "50/50" drawing of \$40.00 cash (my winning streak continues!).

Thank you to Lori Manheim for conducting a special raffle of items from Trader Joes. This was in addition to the regular raffle and everyone entered by writing down their British car on a slip of paper, winners included Holly Ware and John Williams.

If I have inadvertently left out your name(s), I apologize, this was all done pretty much from memory. Again, thanks to the Frusteres and the Merriams and all of you who participated in this very, very fun annual event. See you next year!

NOTE: You may view the great photos taken by Bill Rogers and Patrick Redd from the 2014 wine tour on the CCBCC website ([centralcoastbritishcarclub.com](http://centralcoastbritishcarclub.com)) under "Photos."

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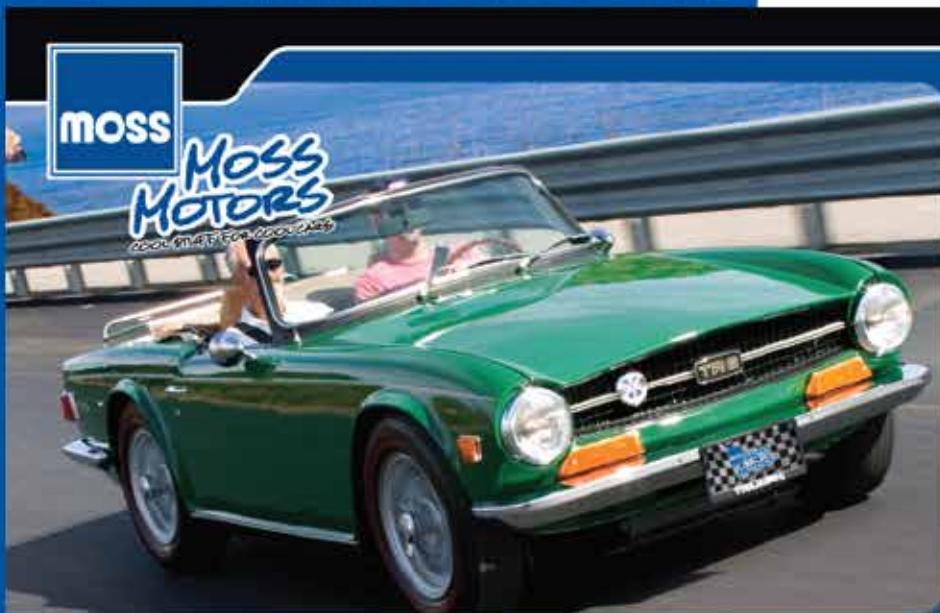
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Spencer Mackenzies, Ventura, gift certificate, value \$25.00

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Lori Manheim, Trader Joe's gift bag of wonderful goodies, value \$30.00

## CCBCC Breakfast meets

They will be at different venues throughout the year. New venues TBD in 2014. For more information and dates, contact Joe Manheim at [dontspeed.manheim@gmail.com](mailto:dontspeed.manheim@gmail.com)  
Monthly Breakfast - CCBCC event

## CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2014, MAY 28TH-JUNE 1, MORRO BAY, CA

To celebrate AHASC's 40th Anniversary, California Healey Week, 2014 we will return to Morro Bay, where one of the early club events was held in 1975. The event will be held from May 28th through June 1st at the Inn at Morro Bay. In addition to the planned activities outlined below, there are many things to do in this beautiful beach city, including biking, kayaking, hiking, golfing, bird watching and wine tasting. BE SURE TO SAVE THE DATES and stay tuned for additional announcements.

## CCBCC CAR SHOW, CHANNEL ISLANDS HARBOR, OXNARD CA JULY 20, 2014

The Rootes Sunbeam Tiger is celebrating its 50th year so it will be the featured auto for the Central Coast British Car Club Annual Car Show. The show is on Sunday July 20th, 2014 at the Channel Islands Harbor Park in Oxnard, CA. 9am.-3pm. All British cars are invited, regardless of condition! For more information and an entry form, see flyer in this issue. Online registration coming soon!

## FIRST SUNDAY – SANTA PAULA AIRPORT, SUNDAY SEPTEMBER 07, 2014

As background information, the Aviation Museum of Santa Paula has an open house on the first Sunday of each month. They have invited Car Clubs to join them during these open houses to showcase our cars. So our date will be Sunday September 07. If you have never been to the Santa Paula Airport during one of these open houses you have missed quite a treat in seeing a lot of beautiful aircraft, many vintage and many new. The plan would be to meet at 0830 AM and make a short run to be in place at the Airport by 0900 AM. They will have a coffee truck available and by September they hope that the restaurant on the airport will be open again, if not they will have a food truck available for eats. They would like us to remain until 1:30 PM. If you are interested in participating in this event please REPLY TO THIS EMAIL to [jwaschbusch@aol.com](mailto:jwaschbusch@aol.com) or call me @ 805-641-3452 within the next week. I have tentatively told their coordinator that we will have about 12 to 15 cars for their planning purposes.

## TRIUMPHFEST 2014 SEPTEMBER 25-28, 2014, SANTA MARIA CA

The Southern California Triumph Owners Association would like to invite you to spend three days of fun filled driving, competition, and camaraderie at this years Triumphfest! Every make, model and year of our favorite LBC's are represented at Triumphfest. From TR2's to TR8's, and everything in between. Bone stock – original owner cars arrive at the same time as highly modified engineering marvels and "barn-find" beaters. Trailer queens show next to daily drivers. For lots more information, please visit [www.triumphfest2014.com](http://www.triumphfest2014.com)



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### ***Who came to the April 2014 "April Fools" Meeting***

Patrick Redd	Honda CRX
C. Darryl Struth	1954 Ford F100
Chuck and Pam Rimlinger	2004 Corvette
Steve Remington	MINI S
Trevor Marshall	Morgan +8
Allen Merriam	Toyota Highlander
Thomas Warden	2006 Mustang
Gary and Pat Rice	2005 Toyota Corolla
Martin Keller	VW Beetle
Ron & Julie Root	Rode here
Bob & Heidi Ives	2014 Jeep
Gary & Junie Cooper	2005 Prius
Leonard & Judy Halpin	2004 Pontiac

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