

## Traveling in Your LBC, How to Avoid the Flatbed

### A list of travel supplies

*Lists - Martin Keller, Jon Korbin*

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In the last couple of Months, I have had the opportunity to witness how some of our members prepare for road trips in their LBC's. Roadside repairs are probably inevitable at some point and flatbed retrievals are no fun (nor cheap).

Some of you may know members Jon & Claudia Korbin, they travel thousands of miles a year on long road trips across the county in their TR6. On the club's two-day Wigwam trip, members came to the roadside rescue of other members by having spare parts and tools buried deep inside their LBC.

This got me thinking; most of us keep our cars pretty local, so a flatbed ride is close enough to be covered by AAA or our insurance so we carry little to no tools or parts in our classic cars. But what about those who adventure a little further like a Sunday drive down highway one or a club event to New Cuyama? Then there are the multi-day trips to Cambria or the Wigwam in San Bernardino. All of which become more reliant on us to be a bit more prepared for the roadside breakdown.

The size of our cars limits what we can bring, especially when we have luggage and lawn chairs taking up valuable trunk real estate, and we can't exactly tow a parts car behind us. So, I asked two of our experts (**Jon Korbin & Martin Keller**) if they would share with the club what they consider important supplies to keep their LBC moving down the road and making that event or hotel reservation. They generously provided the following lists for you to pick and choose from in case you decide to travel beyond your local tow limits. We hope you find this helpful some day in your future adventures.

Cheers,  
Ted Carlsen

### Jon and Martin's LBC survival lists

#### Safety

Automotive fire extinguisher	Roadside assistance card (e.g. AAA or Hagerty)
Foldable roadside hazard reflectors	Work gloves
Bright yellow/orange reflective safety vest	First aid kit
Flash light/headlamp	Water bottle
Cell phone and charger	

## **Supplies**

Zip ties  
Safety wire  
JB Weld kit  
Tube of super glue  
Sheet of gasket material  
Shop repair manual  
Parts catalog  
Sharpe Pens (Fine line and wide tip)  
Zip Lock Bags  
Several Golf Tees (used to plug lines)  
Can of Fix a Flat

## **Spare parts**

Points  
Condenser  
Rotor  
Electronic module if applicable  
Distributor cap  
Coil  
Couple feet of (1/4" ID) fuel line  
Set of radiator hoses  
Fan belt  
Roll of electrical wire, red and black  
Assorted electrical connectors  
Fuel pump

## **Box of tools**

¼" Box/Open End wrench  
½" Box/Open End wrench  
13mm – 12mm Open End Wrench  
Modified ½" Open End Wrench (Cut down Length)  
7/8" Box/Open End Wrench  
8" Crescent Wrench  
6" Crescent Wrench  
Straight Needle nose pliers  
90 deg Needle nose pliers  
3" Vise Grips (2 pair)  
6" Straight Slot Screw Driver  
6" No 2 Phillips Screw Driver  
Straight Slot Stubby Screw Driver  
No 2 Philips Stubby Screw Driver  
¼" dia. Drift punch  
½" Steel Chisel  
6" Vise Grips  
10" Channel Lock pliers  
6" Channel Lock pliers  
General pliers  
Small Ball Peen Hammer  
Box Cutter and extra blades.

Tire Plug Kit  
Roll of Duct Tape  
Role of Blue Tape  
Painters Plastic Tarp (2mil x 10' x 10' folded up in bag)  
Tub of Hand Wipes  
Old Bath Towel  
Radiator stop leak (Power Tube)  
Small tube of bearing grease  
Small can of WD 40  
Quart of motor oil

Fuel pump rebuild kit  
Spare bulbs  
Light switch  
Voltage stabilizer  
Fuses (10,15,20 amp)  
Exhaust flange gasket  
Carburetor linkage and cable ends and cable  
Water pump  
Hose clamps (assorted sizes)  
Cotter pins (assorted sizes)  
Assorted size nuts, bolts, screws, washers

½" drive torque wrench  
Alligator Clips attached to wire (3ft long)  
Small Set of Sockets and Ratchet Wrench and extensions.  
Small Air Compressor  
Small Battery Jumper / Charger  
Small Jumper Cables  
Tow Strap (10 ft long)  
Two 500 LB Load Ratchet Straps  
Cars Road Jack and Rod  
Lug Wrench Socket and Breaker Bar  
Two Magnetic LED Flash Lights and charging cord  
LED Head Lamp Light  
Small Wheel Chock  
6" Hemostats  
Flat File Metal  
Feeler Gauge Set  
Small Pick/Hook Set  
Magnetic Tray to hold parts  
Magnetic Extension Pen (use to pick small parts up when dropped into small places)

## Jon & Claudia Korbin's cross-country road trip advice

As some of you know Claudia and I have been crossing the country in our 1973 TR6, Iris, for the last 5 years. Before getting our TR6 we drove our TR3 all over the western states, traveling a total of around 325,000 + miles.

Some parts and tools are specific to the model, but basically these are things that can be repaired pretty quickly on the side of the road. I would like to add that regular maintenance is as important as having the right parts with you on the road. So, for those of you who asked or are just curious here is what we pack for our travels in the TR6.

2 sets of Spark Plugs (12)  
2 sets of points and condenser  
2 red rotors  
spare set of spark plug wires  
spare coil  
3 fan belts  
2 dual filament bulbs  
1 brake light switch  
electrical wiring repair ends  
wire  
1 distributor cap  
1 backup electronic module  
1 fuel pump and gasket  
1 fuel pump kit  
1 oil pressure valve  
1 oil pressure switch  
1 radiator cap  
1 thermostat and gasket  
1 float bowl float (I have SU Carbs)  
2 sets of front wheel bearings  
2 throttle return springs  
assorted zip ties  
small coil of safety wire  
set of radiator hoses  
assorted nuts, and washers, and small bolts  
repair kit for rear brakes  
repair kit master cylinder  
spare jets for SU carbs  
fuel filter  
gas line  
tire plug kit  
2 u-joints  
Alternator

water pump and gasket  
brake fluid  
20/50 Valvoline VR1  
can of Fix a Flat  
I do not carry a spare tire  
  
carb synchronizer  
breaker bar (for removing road wheels)  
torque wrench  
small compressor  
tire pressure gauge  
small multi meter  
hand cleaner  
tube of gasket maker  
a small container of wheel bearing grease  
small butane soldering iron and solder  
test light  
plumbers tape  
electrical tape  
cleaning and polishing supplies

Most importantly a set of hand tools, no sense in bring the parts if you don't have the tools.  
Sockets, in the usual sizes  
3/8" and 1/4" drive ratchets  
short and long extension  
open end wrenches  
screwdrivers, both Philips and flat blade  
wire cutters and pliers  
feeler gauge

***Jon Korbin***