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Triumph Spitfire at Willow Springs
Photo by Patrick Redd



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The Clear Hooter

Letter from the President

Greetings everyone:

My name is Joe Manheim and I am very excited to be taking over as your president of the Central Coast British Car Club. As a young boy I have many fond memories of riding around in my sisters 1964 MGB roadster and more of other family members owning such vehicles as, the 1965 MGB, the 1968 MG midget and the Uncle with

the MGBTC. Coming from what I would call an “MG family”, I of course made my first car purchase (at the age of 15) a 1963 MGB roadster and pretty much just sat in the driver’s seat, in my parents driveway for 6 months until I was old enough to drive, then turned the key and never stopped driving it. Well yes as you all know I did stop occasionally because...well...its a classic British car and it stops when it wants to. That frustration combined with no knowledge what so ever of how to fix them, complete with any attempts to fix them making things worse and no cash flow, I sold it! It took me 30 years to take on the challenge again and now I’m the owner of a 1966 MGB roadster and to my surprise, my wife’s 1969 MGBGT. I think what would have been helpful way back then would have been a friendly, knowledgeable British car club. I have that now and the motoring future looks bright. It’s wonderful to meet you all and I look forward to a great year with the club.

Thanks

Joe Manheim



Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - April 2013

General Club Meeting came to order at 6:59pm.

In attendance at the start of the meeting where 26 members and 2 guests.

President Joe Mannheim started the meeting by welcoming the guest who were in attendance and having everyone introduce themselves and say what British car they own. The two guests (Insert Names) who also are prospective members just purchased a New to them Morgan and showed photos of their new pride and joy. C. Darryl Struth announced that he now has a cell phone and showed it to all the members as they were in disbelief. What is next for C. Darryl Struth a computer!!!

The March Breakfast Run was a success as their where 32 persons and 18 cars in attendance. Brunch at the Wharf was enjoyed along with the views and the conversations of the people in attendance. The group then left the pier and headed to the Goleta Train Station Museum for the remainder of the drive. Hopefully someone has photos of the attendees and of the drive that they can send to Patrick Redd so he can put them in the news letter.

The March breakfast drive will be on the 13th of April and everyone will meet at the Santa Rosa / Pleasant Valley Rd. car park at 9:00am where the group will leave at 9:30 to drive the back roads to the restaurant and then to the Arboretum after the breakfast.

A member of the club brought up a question about getting some type of jacket or shirt that would identify the wearer as a Central Cost British Car Club. This became a discussion that eventually came to a vote of the attending members for the club to find a Polo Type shirt that the club logo can be put on the left front to identify wearer as a club member. The group decided to go forward with finding a suitable polo shirt and Sue Wellwood and Pam Rimlinger will get samples for sizing and bring them to the next general meeting so the members can see the choice's and decide which to acquire for the club shirt. The suggestion from the club membership is than the color of the shirt to be either blue or tan with the club logo on the left front. This was brought up for a vote by the members in attendance and was approved by a majority of the attending members (22 for and 2 against and 2 no votes).

The winner of the monthly general meeting gift card from Carrow's Restaurant and the club was Craig Peterman.

The General Club Meeting was adjourned at 7:59pm.

Recorder: Martin Keller

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It's Hooter time again! Even though we've moved to publishing bi-monthly, the due date seems to roll around before I know it!

Show/race season has started and there have already been 2 great events so far this year with many more on the horizon. I took a drive out to Willow Springs for the start of VARA's 40th season and the Return of Queen's English at Woodley Park. Both were good fun. Look for reports in this issue and lots of photos and video on the club website.

Speaking of the club website, plans are now in the works for a complete overhaul. There are now more efficient ways of building and running them. If all goes well, look for that in the near future!

Cheers~

Patrick Redd

CCBCC Editor



Mick's Morgan

*Submitted by Dave Wellwood via email
Original source unknown*

Mick Jagger owned this Morgan +8. I remember it on display at Tower Records in San Francisco when they had a contest to give the car away. I think it was in 1973. Sadly, I didn't win.

Mick Jagger behind the wheel of the very same yellow Morgan +8 roadster in St. Tropez, France, 9 May 1971. Mick Jagger owned this Morgan +8. I remember it on display at Tower Records in San Francisco when they had a contest to give the car away. I think it was in 1973. Sadly, I didn't win.



Mick Jagger behind the wheel of the very same yellow Morgan +8 roadster in St. Tropez, France, 9 May 1971.





40 YEARS VARA AT WILLOW SPRINGS

PHOTOS AND WORDS
BY PATRICK REDD

From an idea in the minds of founder Jerry Rosenstock and a few racer friends in 1973, VARA started with a small group of enthusiasts who mostly drove their race cars to Willow Springs Raceway, set-up a grid and raced. This informal 'happening' soon galvanized into the Vintage Auto Racing Association. The new organization's first official event was held in the spring of 1973 with a few run groups and tons of fun. That event now brandishes the name: "High Desert Challenge."

April 6th and 7th marked the 40th anniversary of VARA. Like last year, strong winds and cold temperatures were in the forecast. On the drive up, it seemed that maybe the forecasters got it wrong. Once I reached the plateau of the 14 freeway in Palmdale, the whitecaps were visible on Lake Los Angeles and the wind was in full force. To my surprise, the wind wasn't too bad at the track. It wasn't cold either. Unfortunately I had planned on wearing a hat and jacket all day and wasn't prepared for the sun. I paid for it with a sunburn. I opted to go on Saturday which I later learned was a better choice as far as the wind goes.

The usual classes were running that day with quite a few cars that were not there last year. Saturday was mainly practice and qualifying but there was still some good racing to be seen. I took my MINI out on the track for the lunchtime track tour and had some fun, taking somewhere around 5 laps around the track. Speeds were limited by the pace car but it was still fun to go through the twisties at speed.





Lotus Challenge Cup

VARA welcomed the Lotus Cup USA Series, who joined the week-end with running in their own run group. After a long winter, the first race week-end of the season was finally here. New drivers, new teams, and new sponsors were welcomed to kick off the season for this double-points event. The race week-end featured two exciting wheel-to-wheel races (one per day) and Time Attack competition for Lotus enthusiasts of all skill levels.

Lotus Cup USA is the factory-backed, motorsports venue for Lotus enthusiasts across North America. The West Coast race series features the top Lotus drivers in the country, competing in a variety of modern Lotus racecars - Elise, Exige, 2-Eleven, and Evora. The series offers drivers a true developmental series with professional coaching, technical support, and more.

It was fun to see some modern cars running that week-end along with the vintage classes.



CCBCC's Randy Wilson looked pretty fast out on the track in his Morgan.



GT6 Battle



*For more photos AND video from Willow Springs, please visit our website:
www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com*



Woodley Park

By Patrick Redd

QUEEN'S ENGLISH MEET



An estimated 200+ cars and their owners were on hand for the first big show of the year - Woodley Park in the San Fernando Valley. After being rained out for the past 2 years, moving the event from March to April proved to be a good idea. The turn-out was great too as a lot of the car owners probably had a pent up urge to get their cars out to a show.

Many CCBCC members made the trek to the valley. Mark Costello had his new Imp race car on display, Bill Rogers with his Sunbeam Tiger, Martin Keller and his Lotus, among others. There was so much ground to cover that I'm sure I missed a few.

One of my favorites from the show was a 1957 Bond Minicar. It was an odd shaped 3 wheeler that featured a motorcycle engine up front. The owner demonstrated how to start it which involved popping open the bonnet and using the kick starter! Very primitive but pretty cool!

There's only so much room on these pages for photos. To see many more photos from Woodley Park, please visit the photos page at: www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com



Bond Minicar

The basic concept for the minicar was derived from a prototype built by Lawrence "Lawrie" Bond an engineer from Preston. During the war, Bond had worked as an aeronautical designer for the Blackburn Aircraft Company before setting up a small engineering business in Blackpool, manufacturing aircraft and vehicle components for the government. After the war he moved his company to Longridge where he built a series of small, innovative racing cars, which raced with a modest amount of success. In the early part of 1948, he revealed the prototype of what was described as a new minicar to the press.

Described as a "short radius runabout, for the purpose of shopping and calls within a 20-30-mile radius", it was reported to have a 125 cc (8 cu in) Villiers two-stroke engine with a three-speed gearbox, a dry weight of 195 pounds and a cruising speed of around 30 mph. The prototype was built at Bond's premises in Berry Lane, Longridge.

Production - 1956-1958

3,761 made

Successor - Bond Minicar Mark F

Body style - Convertible

Engine - Villiers 9E 197 cc (12 cu in) Single cylinder 2 stroke

Transmission - 3-speed manual

Wheelbase - 5 ft 6 in (1,680 mm)

Length - 9 ft 10 in (3,000 mm)

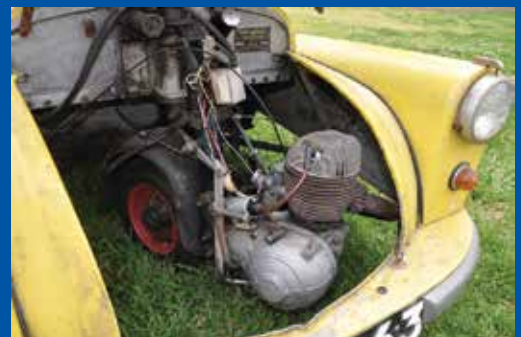
Width - 4 ft 9 in (1,450 mm)

Height - 4 ft 2 in (1,270 mm)

Kerb weight

520 lb (240 kg) Family,

470 lb (210 kg) Tourer



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VEHICLE MAKE _____ TYPE/MODEL _____ YEAR _____

VEHICLE No. 1 COLOR _____ VEHICLE No 2 COLOR _____

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Monthly Breakfast - CCBCC event

Breakfast meets will be at Four Points by Sheraton for the remainder of the year (see info above). New venue TBD in 2013. Address: 1050 Schooner Drive, Ventura, CA 93001. For more information and dates, contact Richard & Diane Armstrong - 805-659-1557

British Extravaganza: May 4-5 at Buttonwillow Raceway Park.

The Vintage Auto Racing Association invites all VARA members and SVRA West members to attend the 18th Annual British Extravaganza at Buttonwillow Raceway Park. As always, this event will feature the British Concours of cars. In addition to VARA's normal run groups, the event will have feature races including the MG, Mini, Sprite, and Triumph Challenge Race* and the Pre-War/Historic Run Group (*other small bore British Cars will be invited in the specialty race). For more info, visit <http://vararacing.com/next-event.html>

San Marino Motor Classic Concours, Sunday, June 9th

The San Marino Motor Classic is held in Lacy Park on Sunday June 9. It's a beautiful small park in San Marino that makes for a great car show with easily 150 to 200 or more classic autos, from the brass age through the 60's and early 70's on display. For ticket and event info, visit <http://www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com>

CCBCC British Car Show, Sunday, July 21. Channel Islands Harbor

This year the Central Coast British Car Club will be featuring 50 years of Triumph Spitfire and GT6. All British cars are invited to attend, regardless of condition! Entry is \$35 per car and includes an event t-shirt. For the latest info and online entry form, visit www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com.

Clovis British Car Roundup, Saturday-Sunday, September 28th & 29th, 9:00AM to 4:00PM

The 10th annual "Clovis British Car Roundup" benefitting the Fresno Wildlife Valley Nature Rehabilitation and Education Center will be held along side of the Clovis Antique and Collectable Show on Sept. 29, 2013 on Pollaski in "Old Town Clovis" from 9:00 am to 4:00pm hosted by the Valley British Auto Club as well as a car run into the Sierras on Sept. 29, 2013. All British cars welcome. For more information, visit www.valleybritish.org.

Combined Triumphest / VTR National, October 2-6, 2013

Combined Triumphest / VTR National, October 2-6, 2013. The combined Triumphest and The Vintage Triumph Register will be held at the Embassy Suites Hotel in San Rafael, CA., week-end of October 2-6, 2013. Go to www.triumphtravelers.org for more info.



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