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CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB
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Ventura, CA 93002

President's Letter

Time is Relative

Another month has gone by; it seems that the older we get the faster time goes. Are we getting slower or are we getting faster? Let me tell you a short story. On 8 February, CCBCC got together to attend the annual British gathering at Woodley park. An arrangement was made to meet in a designated parking lot and then the caravan would drive by the car pool parking lot at the Las Posas Road exit in Camarillo so that I too could join the caravan to the event. The first car I saw was Gary Cooper's 1947 Triumph followed by a very nice British racing green MGB-GT. I was ready and got behind the MGB –GT. At that point I saw Darrell's Triumph, Gary Rice's Healey and Kelvin's White Super Charged B. As we got onto the ramp to enter the 101, I felt like we were in slow motion. I told myself, "Boy this is going to be a long trip." The 1947 Triumph was a bit slow and I thought, "Should I pass Gary?" Instead, I decided to stay behind and entertain myself by thinking of on-going projects and future events for the Club. I looked ahead and was amazed to find myself way behind Gary's Triumph. I accelerated and caught up to Gary and I was very surprised at the speed we maintained. From that point to the moment we exited the 101 freeway, we were passing cars and at times my speedometer read 75 mph. Believe it or not, we were passing cars from both the left and right lanes. During this adventure on the 101 freeway, we added a very nice MGB RD to our caravan, well..... for a short while. When we arrived, Kelvin reminded us that we were going faster than the group could do without going 4000 plus rpm's. The MGB RD that we encountered on the freeway told us that he could not keep up with us, us meaning Gary Cooper in his 1947 Triumph and me in my MGB RD 3.4 liter V6 with a super charger.

So, it really does not matter how old we are or how old our British cars are. Time goes as fast as you want it to go. The gathering was terrific. "Wish you could have been there."

Bill G.

CCBCC General Meeting

The meeting started on time by our president Bill Guzman. Many members were present.
At this meeting we had three guest members, one which joined the club. Paul ???
We did our customary introductions and many members shared a little about their cars and how many they own.
A few laughs were shared.

Budget report was done by our club's Treasurer Sue Wellwood. We do have money! Sue reported that a few members have sent their membership checks and she collected a few at the meeting.

Allen Marriam reported that all advertisers are in the news E- News letter.
Bill Guzman reported that the lap top that was suggested to buy for our club and to be used for the news letter would no longer be needed thus the proposal was canceled.

Upcoming events
C. Darryl Struth announce several upcoming events, Teddy Bear Run , Triumph Fest in San Luis Obispo, car shows (please see calendar) and organizing the caravan to the All British car gathering at Woodley park on Sunday, March 8.

Bob Muzio also shared the details of the Triumphest. It will be held in San Luis Obispo.
Allen Marian is getting the needed information to organize a one day wine tour. More info to come soon.

Donna Ingram shared the details of the Seaside Highland Games.

Bill Guzman talked about the car show and asked for two volunteers for the car show committee, Richard and our new member Paul volunteered for the committee. The car to be honored at the car show is going to be the Mini which is celebrating the 50 years of existence.

Dave Wellwood shared ideas for the car show such as having the Mini as the featured marque for the car show and a class just for daily drivers. Dave suggested that this would be a great class to have, as many had mentioned that their cars were not good enough for a judged show. The committee will work the details and report to the membership.

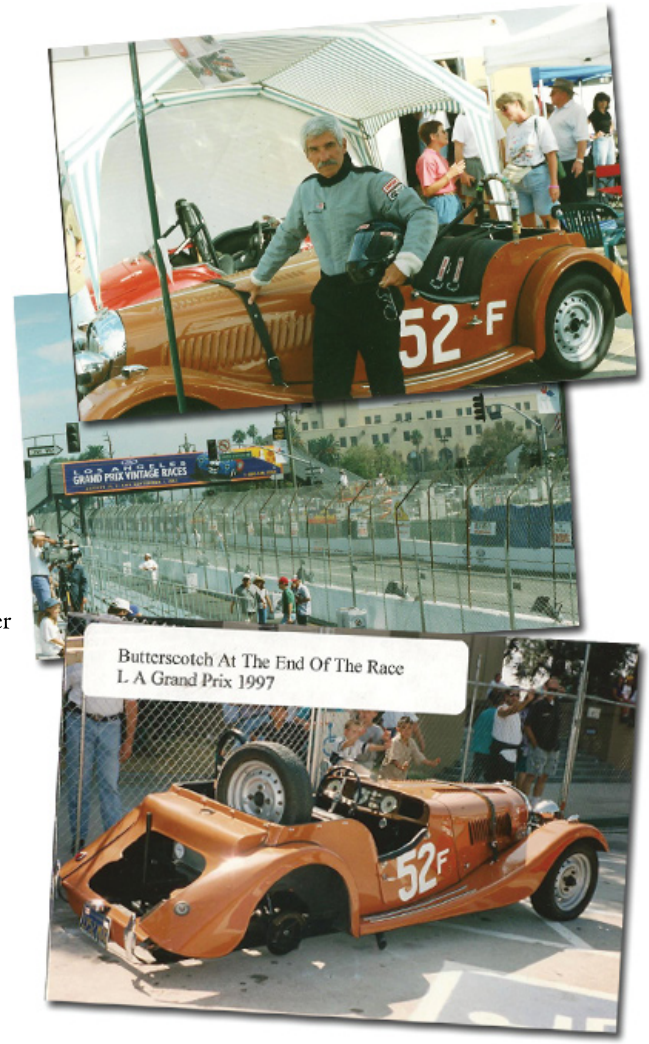
We had the drawing and meeting was adjourned.

In the News

From the Archives

Club historian Bob Prieve dug up these photos from the club archives. This was from the weekend of Aug 30, 31 Sep 1 in 1997 in downtown LA. It was called the LA Gran Prix. The event only took place once.

Club member Jim Belardi took his Morgan (Butterscotch) to the event. You can see in the one photo they had almost the entire course lined with concrete barriers so that there was no place to go off course. In the last photo you can see Jim had a problem and lost a wheel. Bob can't remember much about the mishap, but that he was lucky he did not get hurt.



Abarth to get Lotus-based sports car by 2011

Fiat's reborn Abarth division has struck a secret deal with Lotus to use the next Elise to underpin its first stand-alone sports car in more than 30 years, sources have revealed. The project has been planned to hit European streets in 2011 and will give Abarth a light-weight two-seater to give a halo model to its existing Grande Punto- and Cinquecento-based sports models. While there has been no indication of the car's name, nor a description of its exterior, we've put together a speculative illustration to underscore an important point: this will be much more than a simple re-badge.

Sources insist Abarth has made up for its lack of in-house resources by enlisting Lotus Engineering's help to short cut the cost, time and complexity of developing a new chassis. It will use an almost-identical version of the Elise's chassis – itself a smaller version of the modular, bonded aluminium chassis technology which will debut with the Lotus Evora this year. Slightly wider and longer than the existing Elise chassis, the new architecture will arrive in the Elise first in 2010, then in the Abarth less than a year later.

Story by www.leftlanenews.com

Behind the Wheel editors corner

The evolution of the news letter continues. With the news letter being available online, I am now able to take full advantage of the use of color in its design. My intent was to make the news letter more magazine-like rather than a typical news letter. I received some feedback stating that if someone wishes to print our each issue, it will take up too much ink from expensive catrtidges. With this issue, I will be posting a "printer friendly" version which will not have as much color/ink usage in it. For those who will do their reading online, the full color version will be available as before.

If any members have any feedback on what they would like to see in the news letter, feel free to let me know. It is for the club's benefit.
Flat out!
Patrick Redd
Webmaster/temp newsletter editor

Royal Mail

The British post office has come up with an edition of Mini stamps for the 50th anniversary. This Mini Medal Cover takes a look at the iconic small car and features two Mini stamps and a commemorative medal struck by the Royal Mint. To order yours directly from the post office go to:

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1958 Triumph TR3A in Faster, Pussycat! Kill! Kill!, Movie, 1965

Feature Club Member Dave Wellwood

Photos and story by Patrick Redd

This month we are featuring club member Dave Wellwood, owner of Wellwood Restorations. Dave has been restoring cars for a number of years. He has done work for many members of our club and his work is always top notch.

On this visit to his shop, he had 3 different cars in the works. The black Hillman seen in the photo was very close to being completed. It was awaiting interior and a new top.

Freshly out of the spray booth was a MK I GT6. Dave can do gound up restorations but in this particular case, the customer was going to complete the assembly himself.

In the tear down stage (seen on the cover photo) was a Jaguar E-Type that will be getting a complete restoration.

He recently took over the bay next door where he stores his own cars. He had 9 cars stuffed in there - from a late 40's Cadillac, a few Jags, a couple of Sunbeams, and, an old Mercedes among others.

Wellwood Restorations

This GT6 body was fresh out of the spray booth

Here are some of his personal cars Dave hopes to get to one day. The Sunbeam (seen in the back right corner of this photo) is his favorite of all the cars in his collection.

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Dave Wellwood

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Celebrating 50 years of the Mini

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Queen's English Woodley Park by Patrick Redd

It will be a great year for car shows this year if The Queen's English car show at Woodley Park is any indication. The weather was absolutely perfect and there was a great turnout. It is impressing how no matter how many times one visits shows like this here in Southern California, there is always a big selection of new cars to see for the first time. This show was no exception.

One of the favorites at the show was a Rolls Royce woody. I had never heard of such a thing! Every marque was well represented, from the ultimate in luxury to the working man's econo car.

Jay Leno showed up in his McLaren F1 and was seen making the rounds at the show, posing for pictures along the way.

Our club handed out dozens of flyers for our upcoming show in July. Hopefully we can get some of them to make there way out to our show.

For lots more photos from Woodley Park, visit www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

Photo by Bill Rogers

Photo by Bob Prieve

CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB (CCBCC)

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(2009)

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See our website at www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

For additional information regarding membership please contact our membership chairman:

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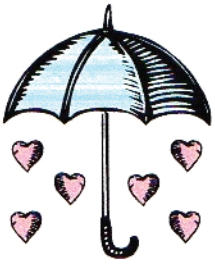

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Dear Friends,

Thank you for your generous donation of $300.00 on 12/7/2008 for the homeless children and families living at the RAIN Project. We are so grateful for the amazing support of the wonderful people in the British Car Club! Despite tough economic times, you remind us of all that is good in our community.

The excitement of the residents during the holiday season was palatable. The kids were consumed with holiday activities and the halls were filled with their squealing laughter. Their parents were moved by the outpouring of support from our community enabling them to celebrate the holidays with gifts for their children. They were also immensely grateful to have a safe place to call home for the holidays. It was a welcome change from the overwhelming stress a homeless and penniless family can be burdened with during the holiday season.

It seemed everyone was able to put their troubles behind them for a period of time and allow themselves to get swept up in the magic of the season. On behalf of the families at RAIN, thank you for remembering their needs and making the holiday season a memorable one for them. I want you to know that your donation makes a valuable difference in the lives of Ventura County's homeless children and families.

Warmest Wishes for a Happy New Year,

Ami Milla
Treasurer

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1960 Austin Healey Sprite (BugEye/FrogEye): 1275cc motor, late gearbox, disc brakes, wire wheels after market hard top and freshly painted orange. Contact Blare on (805) 495 0919 (Home) or (805) 338 5702 (Cell) (Mention "Brian" in conversation).

Jaguar 1985(?) Series 3 Vanden Plas (Daimler in the UK)

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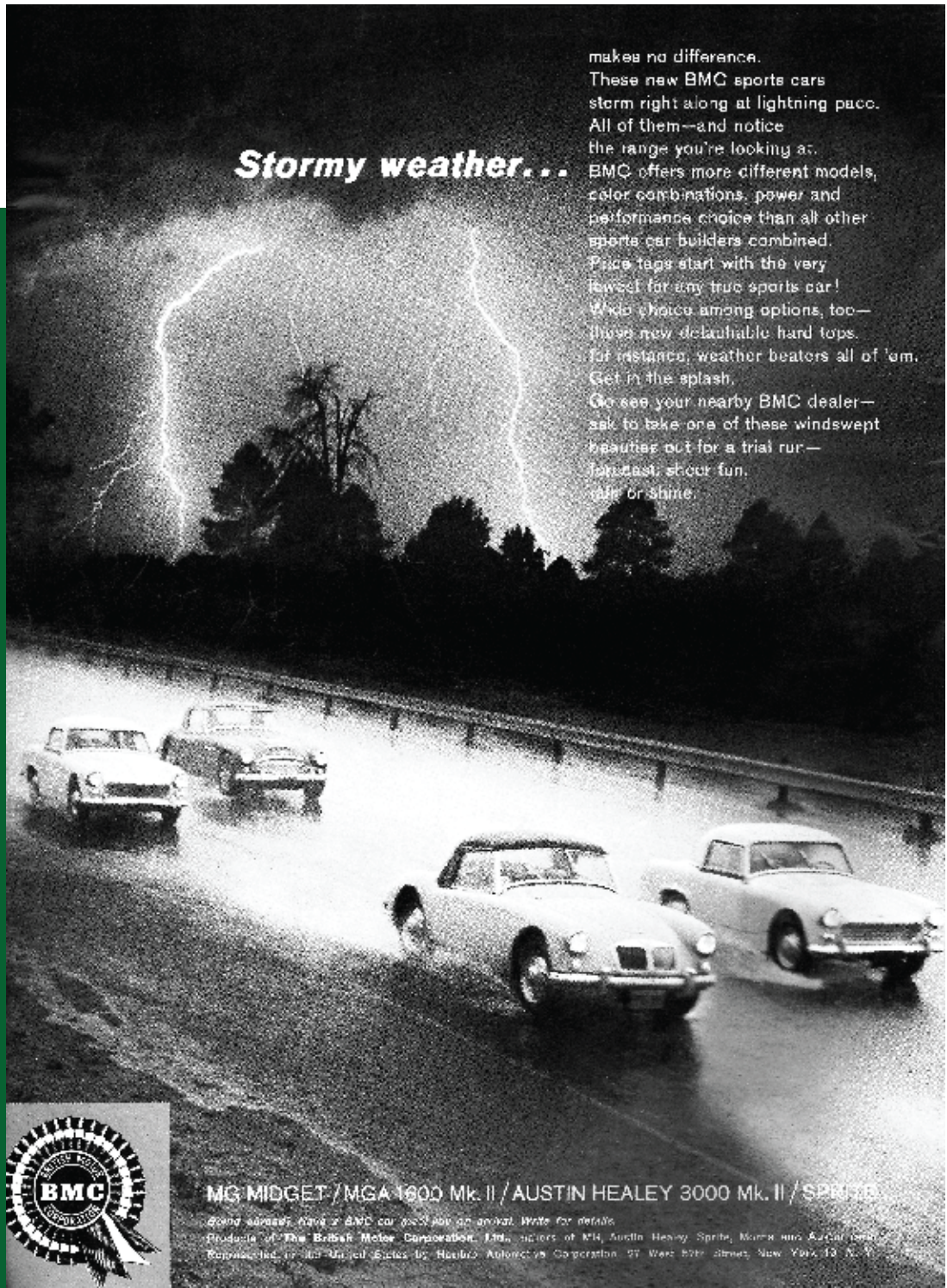

Pismo Tasting Tour - Feb 2009 -
Postponed due to scheduling conflicts. Stay tuned for latest developments.

Rites of Spring Drive VI, March 28 - SCTOA Event
The drive will consist be approximately fifty miles and an hour and one half in length and will tour the Santa Monica Mountains and Malibu. We'll enjoy twisty TR type roads and be treated to valley vistas and seascapes as viewed from the Santa Monica ridges. There is a NEW starting venue. We'll depart from The Commons at Calabasas at 9:30. The Commons is located at 4799 Commons Way, Calabasas, CA 91302. Directions: westbound on the 101, exit at Valley Circle/Mulholland Dr, make a left over the 101, make the first right onto Calabasas Road (don't go into the far right lane as that takes one onto the 101 southbound), proceed 1/2 a mile and the Commons is on your left. Meet at the northeast corner near the Corner Bakery.
The drive will end at the Malibu Colony Plaza for lunch at Coogie's.For more info on the event, contact Bob at tr_jag@yahoo.com or 818-703-1846

6th Annual April Fool's Run Car Show - Sunday, March 29, 2009
Welcoming all pre-1975 Classic, Custom and Street rods, and post 2000 American Factory muscle cars. There is a class for Pre 1975 foreign sports cars. For more info, see flyer in this issue or on www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com in the events section.

29th Annual Unique Little Car Show - April 4, Commerce, CA
This year's Hosts: The Metropolitan Club of California. The Unique Little Car Show will be held in the center of the beautiful and popular Citadel Outlets -- situated behind an historic Assyrian Castle wall and within walking distance of the Double Tree Hotel. Visit http://www.microcar.org/pdf/ULCS_Registration_Form_2009.pdf for a schedule of events.

20th Annual Chico British Car Show - April 26, 2009, Chico CA
Planned improvements include better judging and improved competitive categories, more venders, more activities, more variety in food and drink, smoother registration, improved entertainment, better parking arrangements, and more and better signage. For more info, please visit: http://www.chicobritishcarshow.com/cbcs/cbcs_index.html

California Healey Week
California Healey Week for 2009 will be held in the picturesque community of Paso Robles,CA. Accommodations for the event will be at the historic Paso Robles Inn beginning on Wed 5/27 with full days of activities planned for Thursday thru Saturday and departure following breakfast on Sunday 5/31. A variety of events are planned including drives, tours, guest speakers, tech sessions and a car show on Saturday and awards banquet on Saturday evening. Owners of all Austin Healey vehicles including Sprite, Jensen, and Nash are welcome. Contact George McHarris gmcharris@hotmail.com for further information. Visit our website for updates on this and other club and related events. austin-healey.org

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Annual CCBCC car show, Channel Islands Harbor, July 2009
Details to come!

Triumphest 2009 - Sept. 30th through Oct. 4th, 2009 - San Luis Obispo, CA
This year, the Southern California Triumph Owners Association (SCTOA) has decided to pull out the stops, and invite the VTR National group to join in on our west coast fun.Embassy Suites, (our host hotel) is sold out for Friday and Saturday nights. But don't despair! We have another hotel which is holding 35 rooms until 30 days prior to the event. They won't last for long, so please make your arrangements right away.

Here's the deal... The rate is $139 per night at the Best Western Hotel (1.5 miles – a 5 minute drive from the Embassy Suites) For this, you will still receive the free cooked breakfast and the free happy hour drinks at the Embassy Suites! Reservations must be made at the Best Western by calling 805-544-4410. Please identify yourself as a SCTOA–Triumphest participant. http://web.mac.com/sctoa/triumphest/Welcome.html

Who drove what to the March meeting

C. Darryl Struth - '54 Ford F100 Pick-up
Richard Armstrong - 87 Jaguar XJ6
Dale Peace - VW Passat
Patrick Redd - Mini Cooper S
Bill Guzman - 07 Corvette
Barry Roberts - Nissan Pick-up
Don Backrt - GMC Denali
Bernie Mower - '73 MGB
Allen Merriam, Ford Taurus
Patrick Redd, '07 Cooper S
Byron McCracken, '02 Toyota
Gary Rice, 1961 Austin Healy
Bob Prieve, G35
Bob Muzio - got a ride
Paul English - Isuzu Trooper
Larry Hansen - '60 Bug-eye Sprite
Donna Ingram, '96 Mustang
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