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Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - APRIL 2012

General Announcements

Richard reminded everyone that Membership Dues were due in February.

March's breakfast went on in spite of the rain, we had 10 attendees.

Richard also asked members to provide Videos for club meetings, along with articles for the Hooter, volunteers for "Car of the Month" to show their car and write and speak about their pride and joy.

Mark Costello spoke about the clubs car show in July, and asked for new volunteers to participate and give the others who always volunteer a rest.

Carla Edwards gave a presentation on Glow 'N Show Car Show to be held Saturday July 28th – they will have a designated area for British cars – get your reservations in soon as possible

Kelvin Dodd gave a very interesting and informative presentation on the History and R&D of Moss Motors

Ongoing and future events

Car Run to Moss Motors for tour and lunch at Goleta Beach Café, Sat May 12

CCBCC Car Show Sunday July 22nd Glow & Show car show –

Saturday July 28th, Santa Paula Wheels and Waves Santa Barbara,

Sunday May 20th 9am

Mullin Museum/ Tower Club Lunch Saturday June 2nd

The Cottage meet in Ventura 9am – 12 noon (third Saturday of every month)

Ventura Motor Sports & Race Car Club show – Sunday July 15th

Triumph Fest – Flagstaff, AZ in September (exact date TBD)

Johnny Rockets, Camarillo (first Saturday of month from 7-10am) Supercar Sunday 7-10am (Westfield Promenade Mall)

Raffle held by Pam Remlinger with some fun new prizes

Meeting closed 8:00pm

Behind the Wheel editors corner



Well, time has appeared to have gotten away from me again. Here it is May and I'm still finishing up the April newsletter. Work has been very busy with particularly demanding clients. Since it is May and time to be working on the May edition, I will have to make this issue a few pages shorter than usual. There isn't enough material to fill the pages.

I did manages to get to a vintage racing event that was a lot of fun. See the full report in this issue. In addition to the article, I also uploaded some video to the club website - The All-Triumph Race that took place at Willow Springs.

This week-end I will be up at Buttonwillow for the British Extravaganza. I'll be looking to place my in-car camera on some of the club member's cars who will be out racing on the track. Be sure to look for that next month. Cheers-

Patrick Redd CCBCC Editor



Austin Healey storage "barn" find

Source: Autoweek.com - by Jake Lingeman. Submitted by Trevor Marshall

This 1960 Austin-Healey 3000 Mk1, posted by Bring A Trailer, has been gathering dust in a storage facility in Houston for the last 40 years. It was purchased by the seller in 1963 and was stored in 1970 with 75,000 miles on the odometer. It can be yours for the price of \$25,000.

The seller bought the car in Houston, moved it to California in 1965 and then brought it back to Texas in 1969. The rear brakes were removed the last time the car was transported, but all of the extra parts are in the trunk and are included with the sale. Austin-Healey produced the 3000 from March 1959 to March 1967. The first-generation cars became known as Mk1's only after the second generation debuted. The 3000 used a 2.9-liter I6 engine with twin SU carburetors and wore fancy disc brakes in front. The Motor magazine tested the 3000 in 1960 and found a top speed of 115 mph.

Available options on the Healey included an overdrive gearbox, a laminated windshield, a heater, an adjustable steering column, a detachable hardtop (which this car has) and two-tone paint. The seller says the car is entirely original, apart from the door panels and the rear-seat panels, which were changed to black from red. The original upholstery is still under there; it's just a matter of removing the panels. The only problem with this listing is that the seller, or the proxy seller, didn't clean up the car before shooting the photos. All of that dust and grime could be hiding a ton of unknown work.

The general consensus from the Bring a Trailer commenters is that the Healey should have been cleaned up more before the pictures were taken. It's hard for even a serious buyer to consider taking a trip to see the car when it might be a piece of junk. Other more optimistic posters say with a little love and care this could be restored to driving condition inexpensively and quickly, without the new owner undertaking a major





rebuild. One commenter warned of buying cars in the Houston area because of the humid, salty air.

More news...



Oldest unrestored Mini sells at auction

Text edit from www.bonhams.com. Photos from uk.autoblog.com, Richard Bremner

This Austin Se7en De Luxe is believed to be the oldest surviving un-restored Mini. It recently sold at auction for £40,250 GBP, about \$65,000 US! Accompanying correspondence from the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust states that it is the 8th of its type to come of the production line at Longbridge in May 1959, some three months before the launch of this legendary model on 26th August. The BMIHT correspondence confirms that the car was despatched on 31st July 1959 to Car Mart Limited in Colchester, whose service plate is riveted inside the engine compartment.



Earlier Minis do exist - the best known, a Morris Mini Minor registered 621 AOK, lives at the Heritage Museum in

Gaydon, West Midlands, while a pair of earlier cars, both fully restored, reside in Japan. After this trio, XLL 27, as this car is registered, is the fourth oldest Mini on the planet, unless an earlier one has yet to be uncovered.

In fact, it's not as bad as it looks, despite the ground being easily visible through the driver's side floor, moss growing in the roof guttering and a significant portion of the car arriving in bags. Much of the body shell, which still wears its original Farina grey paint, is very solid, virtually all



the interior trim bar the carpets is present and correct – if in need of a thorough clean – and most of the mechanicals appear to be present.

Though not confirmed, it appears this car could be headed for Japan.



VARA PHOTOS AND WORDS BY PATRICK REDD AT WILLOW SPRINGS

March was an odd month for weather. After a relatively dry winter, rain seemed to make an appearance as every event scheduled neared. Woodley Park was nearly rained out again. It seemed the same was likely to happen for VARA at Willow Springs. I had been keeping an eye on the weather report all week...it will rain...it won't rain. When I awoke on Saturday morning, I looked out the window and saw wet streets. I was disappointed. A quick look at the Weather Channel showed that it wasn't raining in the desert. I decided to go. I needed to see some racing!

On my drive, the closer I got to the desert, the thinner the clouds got. By the time I reached Palmdale, I had clear skies. Unfortunately the light rain was replaced with VERY strong winds!

This was my first visit to Willow Springs. I made it just in time to see the feature race, a race grid filled with only Triumphs - Spitfires, TR3's, TR4's, and even 1 GT6. It was a pretty close race with the exception of one Spitfire that blew everyone's doors off. Some of these cars later participated in another race so I imagine some of the drivers were taking it easy.



Willow Springs





After the Triumph race was finished, it was time for the lunch time track tour. I took part in my Cooper S. We drove 5 laps. We were limited by the pace car to 70 mph but it was still a lot of fun.

Next up on the grid was a group of sedans - BMW 2002's, Datsun 510's Alfas. I'm still kind of new to the various classes that run and what the regulations are for each class. Maybe one of the club members can write something up explaining this? hint! HINT!

Next out were the muscle cars (Mustang-Camaro, Porsche), then Formula Vee. The day ended with a 15 lap race of Formula 2000 cars. Before this race, I migrated up the hill for a different perspective for my camera. While I was on the hill, there were several spin-outs by the Budweiser Balcony. It took quite a while for the course workers to clear the cars.

I retreated back to the car to get out of the wind. By that time few cars were lining up for the final endurance race. The field seemed pretty small. Most of the cars in the pits appeared to be covered up for the night so I decided to call it a day.

I've uploaded lots of photos and some video on the club website. To check them out, visit

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Willow Springs













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

Willow Springs









A little history lesson on Willow Springs

Willow Springs International Motorsports Park is located in Willow Springs near Rosamond and Lancaster, California, and is about an hour north of Los Angeles. It is a historic race track, in existence more than fifty years. Construction of the track began in 1952, with the inaugural first race held on November 23, 1953.

The main track is a challenging 2.5-mile (4.0 km) long road course that is unchanged from its original 1953 configuration. The interesting elevation changes and high average speeds make it a favorite of many road racing drivers.

Willow Springs International Raceway Park also features other racing facilities such as The Streets of Willow (1.8 mile road course), The Horsethief Mile (road course), Willow Springs Speedway (1/4 mile paved oval), Willow Springs Kart Track (a .625-mile, 9-turn paved sprint track), The Playpen (a 1/4-mile paved training track), and the Walt James Stadium (Clay Oval and Paved Oval). Efforts by fans have resulted in the State of California declaring Willow Springs International Raceway as a California Point of Historical Interest in 1996.





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Events



The Third Saturday Free Car Show

Show is held behind the Cottage Cafe in Ventura from 9am to noon on the third Saturday of each month. The show is free to entries and spectators. Free drawings will be held every half hour and first and second place trophies will be awarded at noon. The Cottage Cafe is located at 2611 E. Thompson Blvd. in Ventura. For more information, contact show coordinator C. Darrly Struth at 644-6211

Monthly Breakfast - CCBCC event

Breakfast meets will be at the Cottage for the remainder of the year (see info above). New venue TBD in 2012.

British Extravaganza Buttonwillow Raceway Park Buttonwillow, CA (near Bakersfield) May 5th & 6th, 2012

For more info, directions, etc. please visit www.vararacing.com

Moss Motors Tour and Lunch, Saturday, May 12

CCBCC will be meeting at the Golden Tiger Restaurant off the Seaward exit and the 101, heading out at approx. 9am for a caravan to Moss Motors. After the tour, we'll meet for lunch at the Goleta Beach Cafe. This is one of the prettiest locations in Southern Cal. and the food is great. It would be good if we could let Moss know how many people to cater for so please let me know if you are going to make it. For more information, contact club president Richard Armstrong at rnda2@sbcglobal.net or 805-659-1557

Santa Barbara Wheels and Waves Classic Car and Hot Rod Show, Sunday May 20, 9am-4pm

Come and see over 350 exceptional Classics Cars, Hot Rods, and Performance Vehicles on State Street between Micheltorena and Gutierrez. Visit http://www.wheelsandwaves.com/ for more information.

CALIFORNIA HEALEY WEEK 2012, MAY 30-June 3, 2012 Northwoods Resort, Big Bear Lake, CA

The Austin-Healey Association of Southern California is proud to announce that its annual California Healey Week will be held in scenic Big Bear Lake, CA in the San Bernardino Mountains. Come join us for a fun filled four days of Healey events in the scenic surroundings of Big Bear Lake. For more info, please visit www.austin-healey.org/

Mullin Museum Tour and Tower Club Lunch, Saturday, June 2, 2012

Car club members and guests are encouraged to bring their "Pride & Joy" on this very special outing. Tour begins at 10am. Be sure to arrive early to meet and chat with others who share your passion! Directly following the tour, we'll caravan via mapped route to the Tower Club for a private luncheon. Lunch is served at 12:20. Tickets for the event are \$50 and include the private tour and lunch. Please contact Tanya Sorum at the Tower Club - 805-983-7777 ext. 223 or email at storm@towercluboxnard for tickets or more information.

San Marino Motor Classic - June 10, 2012 at Lacy Park in San Marino, California

Automobile Weekly called the 2011 San Marino Motor Classic, "Pebble Beach South." Enjoy a day in one of southern California's most beautiful parks adorned with over 240 Classic and Collector Cars. Buy your tickets before the event for \$25.00 or on the day of the event for \$30.00. Enhance the experience with a VIP Ticket that includes a gourmet lunch and fine wines and beer, only \$125.00. All tickets can be purchased online. Check out www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com for more information.

Ventura Motorsports Gathering - Marina Park, Ventura CA, Sunday, July 15

For more info, please visit www.venturamotorsportsgathering.com

CCBCC Car show - Channel Islands Harbor July 22^{nd -} This year we'll be celebrating 50 years of the MGB! Keep an eye on our website for the latest show information - www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

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Who came to the April 2012 CCBCC Meeting

Patrick Redd

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Richard & Diane Armstrong

Pam & Chuck Rimlinger

Barry Roberts

Byron McCracken

Allen Merriam

Gary Rice

Bill Rogers

Leonard & Judy Halpin

Gary Cooper

Dave & Sue Wellwood

Complete list not available at press time.

These were done from memory so I apologize if you were there and your name isn't listed.

-The Editor

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