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At the time the Hooter went to press, Bill was on vacation. Have fun Bill!



New auto museum in the neighborhood

You may recall the feature story in the Hooter last year about the Schlumpf Museum in France. A new museum which recently opened in Oxnard has ties to the Schlumpf Museum. The Mullin Automotive Museum is an homage to the art deco and the machine age – eras that produced exquisite art and magnificent automobiles. The museum is home to examples of the finest of historic French automobiles from the Bugatti to the Voisin as well as significant and representative decorative art from this same period.

The Mullin Automotive Museum building was previously owned by legendary newspaperman Otis Chandler who once housed a collection of vintage automobiles and motorcycles in what is now the revamped museum structure. After Mr. Chandler's death in 2006, Mr. Mullin acquired the property, then called "The Vintage," and began an extensive remodel utilizing the talents of architect David Hertz and contractor Interscape Construction.

Though its focus is on French cars, this could make for a good club event. For more information, please visit <http://www.mullinautomotivemuseum.com/>

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CCBCC General Meeting



No Board meeting was held Tuesday 4/6/2010
CCBCC Members meeting at 7pm:

Car show – 20th Anniversary - 7/24 & 7/25

Still expect 200 cars – many travelling from afar, hotels may offer incentives e.g. Crowne Plaza or in Channel Islands area. (Featured marque to be Triumph per members vote)

Board needs to vote on registration fee and pre-register incentives - \$20 suggested in keeping with 20th 'theme' (what did the \$15 at Woodley Park actually 'get' for participants.....T-shirts?) – but be mindful of existing 'Rain' fiscal commitment per Sue

Richard and Diane can organize registration but cannot be at show.

Volunteers to get free admission – lists next month.

Tour route and options needed for Saturday 24th (also the day for the CCBCC set up meeting). 90 mile rally route discussed – too arduous for those travelling long distances here. A 1½ hour max. tour, local wineries, Oxnard museums, sightseeing may be options

Permits, etc. only cover the Sunday event – blanket insurance cover

One trophy sponsor so far (Byron), we will need 40-50 trophies (Premier Class to be re-instated this year?)

Trophy design options discussed – acrylic or glass, encapsulated logo or hologram, battery LED illuminated, prices \$20-50

Bob Muzio's TR classes were discussed and agreed (recorders note – even if the Stag's V8 was actually two Dolomite 1500 in-line fours nailed together.....)

Our show flyers were distributed at Queen's English and can be downloaded off Hooter – Patrick's excellent poster of Bob Prieve's TR (and Bob) was very well received!

Future events

4/10 – Triumph Club Santa Monica mountains spring tour (Bob Muzio) – 63 miles, meet at Gelsons by 10 am (22277 Mulholland Hwy Calabasas, (818) 906-6228 Valley Circle exit). Two stops en route and lunch at Coogies (and/or simply go home via the PCH!)

4/16 & 4/17 - 'North meets South' event by Paradise British Car Club, Pismo Beach - SeaCrest Resort Hotel

4/23 – Camarillo Cruise Night (4th Friday of every month) (recorders note – this is actually St George's Day, so bring a damsel, or even a dragon.....)

5/1 & 5/2 – Celtic Festival at Camarillo Airport

5/15 – 'TRIUMPH DAY'- Autobooks Aerobooks 3524 W. Magnolia Blvd. Burbank, 818.845.0707..... and Porto's Bakery

5/16 – Santa Barbara event (?)

5/22 – Car Show at Leisure Village, Camarillo – entry is free

6/20 – Fathers Day Car Show (Milestone Car Club) – same location as our show, all marques including rods

Follow-up items

Membership badges (Paul) - 20 blanks remain, need 26 to be made (\$8 each, or \$500 for 100) - board agreed to get a further 100 now to secure discount and ensure uniformity of appearance

Currently have 63 paid-up members, 5 are new (Sue)

Other

Introduction of visitors – Bob Prieve's son from East Coast

Introduction of members and who drove what to the meeting

Raffle by Byron

Queen's English show reviewed – more cars than usual, well attended

The Clear Hooter!

By the time this goes to press, we will have had 2 major shows in the books: Woodley Park and North Meets South. If anyone attended the North Meets South show, please let me know if you have any photos from the event. If you could write a paragraph or two for the Hooter to share with the club, that would also be appreciated! I was off taking photos for another rally out in the desert and wasn't able to attend the event.

There are many more events on the horizon. I plan on attending the British Car Extravaganza for the first time and will be making a report on it. In years past, CCBC has been well represented there and hopefully they'll be out there again this year!

Flat Out!

Patrick Redd

Webmaster/newsletter editor



Moss Motors photoshoot

My name is Jon Gonzalez and I am coordinating the next British catalog cover photo shoot. We are planning on shooting 3 covers at once (Aug 2010, Feb 2011 and Aug 2011) We are hoping to do the photo shoot/s before 5/7/10. This will take place in Orcutt, California (just south of Santa Maria) and will involve 3 separate shots. All 3 shots are along beautiful Foxen Canyon Road. We will meet in Orcutt (ideally around 3pm) and then caravan from location to location. The entire round trip of all 3 spots is about 15-20 miles and should take about 1-2 hours total from the time we meet in Orcutt to the time you are 'off the hook.' Please answer the following questions and return to me as soon as possible:

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Camarillo Breakfast

A few club members recently attended the breakfast meet at Camarillo airport. It was very windy that day but some nice cars still made the trek.



20th ANNUAL

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Me and the DMV

By Bill Rogers

For some time California has allowed owners of '50s cars to replace license plates with old plates matching the year of manufacture of the car; so if you have a '56 Morgan and can find a set of '56 plates they will allow you to put them on your car for a fee. Last year, on the 1st July, a change came into law to allow the same process for 1963 thru 1969 "Black Plate" cars and 1972 and older commercial vehicles. When this was announced I decided to try to get black plates back on our 1965 Tiger.

A little background here. We know the history of our car since Carol's brother Jim bought it after his stint in the Navy, chugging around the Mekong Delta in Viet-Nam in little armed river boats.

He came back to California in 1966 and to celebrate surviving the war, he decided to treat himself to a sports car. California Sports Cars in Santa Ana had a Tiger that had been sitting around on the boat from England and in the showroom, so he bought it and it was registered as a 1966 "Roots" with black plate SVH342 and a 1966 sticker. He took the car home to Springfield, IL and registered the car in Illinois. The almost pristine California plates were put up in the roof of his parents garage and forgotten. He returned to California about 1970 and turned in the Illinois plates for the then new blue plates 077ASQ. When Carol and Jim's mother died in 1994 we went back to clean out the house in Springfield and found a nice set of black California plates in the garage SVH342 complete with a 1966 sticker.

In 1993 Norm Miller published the Tiger bible, called "The Book of Norman" or TBON to us Tiger people, which contained the complete build records of all the Rootes Sunbeam Tigers. Originally \$60, the cheapest one I have seen change hands on Ebay was \$825. From this and the VIN number I discovered that our car was built by Jensen (who assembled the Tigers for Rootes) in February 1965. I felt our registration should be corrected, so a trip to DMV, who sent me to the CHP with the car and TBON, one more trip to DMV and our records were changed to a 1965 Roots, first sold in 1966. I did not even want to get into Roots/Rootes/Sunbeam at this point.

Back to the present. I gave DMV a month to get their system in place and went in at the end of July 2009 to Thousand Oaks to apply for Year of Manufacture (YOM) plates. I took both sets of plates and went up to a nice lady who had never heard of YOM, she inspected them, photocopied the back plate and downloaded a form which we filled in. She took the current 077ASQ plates, but not take the fee, explaining that the papers had to go to Sacramento and that they would contact me. She gave me a Temporary red paper tag to drive on. I waited a month and nothing happened so I had to go in again to get my Temporary tag extended so that I could drive the car, but I did find out that the SVH342 number was now connected to the car.

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Excitement - a letter from DMV - dejection - my application had been rejected because the DMV lady had filled her part of the form in wrong, highlighting the sticker color, but they did ask for the \$45 fee. This time I downloaded my own forms, made a crib sheet to make sure DMV did their bit right and made a color copy of the plate. Another lady who had never heard of YOM helped me. Off went the form, filled in per my direction, my color copy of the plate and a check.

Late November now and the Temporary sticker is due to run out prior to the CCBC Holiday party; so back to DMV and I had them extend it for two months. Just before Christmas - excitement - a letter from DMV - dejection - my application had been rejected again because the car is a '65 and the sticker is '66. Apparently there is no provision in the law for cars registered later than YOM. I would have had no problem if I had just left the title alone in 1993. The good news was that they sent my money back. Hmm. One choice was to change the YOM back to '66 which seemed possible since I had old DMV registration paperwork showing that date. That seemed wrong since the car is a '65 and a check of Ebay showed some people selling stickers. The other choice was to get a '65 sticker.

More history. The first black plate, 1963, has the year stamped in the top right corner and was the last year that new plates were issued each year. The black plates had the '63 in the corner until after 1966, but year stickers were issued from '64 on ('64 White, '65 Red, '66 Yellow, '67 Blue, '68 Pink and '69 White) Later, month stickers were issued in addition to the year in order to spread the DMV workload, but I don't think DMV cares about that in the context of the YOM program.

There seem to be two kinds of year stickers on Ebay - reproductions and original ones carefully removed from old plates. I found a 1965 that was supposedly genuine for \$40 and purchased it.

There is some concern that DMV is keeping track of sticker serial numbers and refusing to honor repro items. I put my new sticker on the left side of the plate since I thought I might be able to peel off the '66 and sell it. I taped over the '66 sticker with insulating tape which is a perfect match for the black paint, I got a new form, made a new color copy of the plate, wrote out a new check and made trip 5 to DMV. Another new lady who had not heard of YOM, but I am getting better at training now. By now my yearly registration renewal was due, so the check was bigger but in it went, and she gave me another 3 month temporary tag. I asked her if this failed would I get my old blue 077ASQ plates back - "No, they are gone you will get new 6XXXXXX series plates instead." Hmm. For insurance I started researching personalized plates.

Here is the deal if you want black YOM plates and don't want to make my mistakes. Go to dmv.ca.gov and download form REG 352. Obtain an authentic serviceable set (two) of steel black plates - before you buy any (\$200 and up) make sure DMV will accept them - they may have reassigned them to a fireman for instance or current politically correct rules may disqualify it. Obtain the genuine year sticker that matches your title unless your car is a '63 when a black plate with '63 stamped on it will do. Before you go to DMV, attach the sticker to the plate, preferably in the top right corner. Make sure DMV makes a copy of the plate with sticker, fills in the bottom of the form correctly and takes your check for \$45.

There are people on Ebay who sell plates and stickers. A google search will show you companies/people who will restore plates to like-new condition (about \$120) and/or who will make you new ones out of aluminum or fiberglass to any configuration or color (licenseplates.tv). I have even seen a modern plate replaced with a replica seven digit black/yellow plate - he keep the real ones in the glove box!

March 15 2010: DMV letter arrived with new stickers for black plate SVH342 - sigh of relief. I hereby resolve to let AAA handle everything possible with DMV from now on.

The black license plate series began in 1963 (when ALL vehicles were issued the new plates) and ended in 1969. A black plate on the car AND on the title signifies that the car has been in California continuously since that plate was issued, which would be 1969 at the latest. Having a black plate is no guarantee that the car was originally sold in California, however. The California black plates add a very nice touch of history and provenence and also a period correctness on the cars.



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. I attend this show every year yet I'm always surprised by the number of new cars that I've never seen before that make an appearance. This year was no exception.

Jay Leno made an appearance in a huge pre-war Bentley. There was also a "barn find" 1938 Jaguar SS that had been off the road since 1965. I later saw this car offered for sale at \$275,000 on the web. There was also a very nice Sunbeam Alpine that was a factory racer at the 12 Hours of Sebring (see the cover of this issue).

Many CCBC members made the trek to the valley. Walking around the show I saw Allen Merriam, Bob Prieve, Dave and Sue Wellwood, C. Darryl Struth, Don Greene, among others.

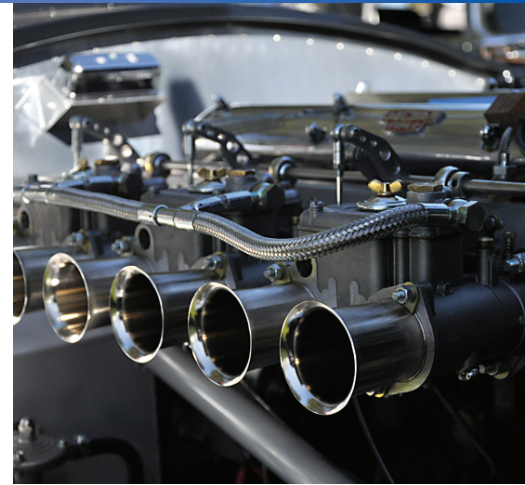
There's only so much room on these pages for photos. To see many more photos from Woodley Park, please visit the photos page at: www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

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Twin Lotus Cortinas



This chap looks kinda familiar.



"Bard find" 1938 Jaguar SS



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Seeking information: My wife Pat and I are new members of the CCBCC and former members of the old Tri--Counties MG Club that became the Tri--Counties SCC. Before retirement I was a California history prof and writer; now I'd like to try writing the history of cars clubs in the area. Perhaps there are other members of the old clubs who can remember (harder as we age) who can share thoughts. My number is 641-0952. Also, does anyone have a Tri-Counties SCC badge? I'd like to make photographs.

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Contact Brian (805-494-1164

Monthly Car and Bike Show

Every Third Saturday of the month at The Cottage from 9am-1pm. Have breakfast while you display your classic car, muscle car, streetrod, bike, or lowrider. No entry fee. Drawings and trophies at noon. The Cottage Cafe, 2611 E. Thompson Blvd, Ventura - next to the USA gas station. See the events section on our CCBC website for a copy of the flier.

Monthly Breakfast - CCBC event

CCBC breakfast is to be held the 4th Saturday each month, at The Waypoint Café, 325 Durley Ave, Camarillo, (805) 388-2535. Occasionally, this venue will be switched to the Santa Paula Airport 1st Sunday each month. For more info, contact Bill Guzman at (805) 484-1528

Rites of Spring Drive - Santa Monica Mountains - April 10 - SCTOA event

Bob Muzio's annual drive will take you through some scenic roads in the Santa Monica Mountains. For more info contact Bob Muzio at 818-703-1846 or tr_jag@yahoo.com

Paradise British Car Club North Meets South Event

April 16-18, 2010 - Pismo Beach. Not since 1998 has the club used Pismo Beach as an event location for their North Meets South event. Contact Jim Bull at 805-937-4208, or email him at torocasakb@msn.com for more information. See flier on the club website.

VARA British Racing at Buttonwillow - May 1-2

Great Looks & Great Books - Triumph gathering - Saturday, May 15 - 8am-2pm - Burbank @ Autobooks/ Aerobooks (3524 W Magnolia, Burbank)

Please join us for the fifth annual "Great Looks & Great Books" Triumph sports car gathering in beautiful downtown Burbank. All Triumph models and years will be well represented ranging from daily drivers to concours restorations. In addition to the wonderful cars on display, this event will feature special guests, refreshments, awards and a raffle. Participants are welcome to offer for sale Triumph related items such as parts and cars.

Celtic Festival May 1-2 at Camarillo Airport

Supercar Sunday - Hours are from 7am-10am, EVERY SUNDAY!

Now at a new location - Westfield Promenade corner of Topanga Cyn and Erwin St., Woodland Hills. (<http://www.supercarsunday.com/>)

California Healey Week, 2010,

May 19-23 in Temecula, California The event will be headquartered at the Embassy Suites Hotel on Rancho California Road, off I-15 and near the historic Old Town. Nearby are several wineries and restaurants and shopping opportunities. Planned CHW events include wine tours, drives in the local mountains, Funkhana, Tech Session, Car Show, lady's crafts & luncheon, and Banquet dinner. Go to www.austin-healey.org for latest updates as they develop.

3rd Annual Ventura Motorsports Gathering - July 10-11, Marina Park, Ventura

We are very pleased to announce that this year we will be featuring Porsche as the "Marques Car". We are accepting applications for "Classic" sports cars, race cars, American Classics, boats, and Marques from all countries. This is the Mid-Summer event to put on your calendar. Get behind the wheel and drive your dream to Ventura! For more information, please visit www.venturamotorsportsgathering.com, contact Don Greene at 805 794 5438 or Bill Erickson at 805 890 1461

20th Annual CCBC Car Show - July 24-25, Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard CA

This is our 20th year so expect a show that will surpass all previous shows! Our super waterfront location has parking on the grass with shady trees and a backdrop of yachts in the harbor. There are adjacent restaurants, a farmers market and hotels available for our out of town guests.

This year we will have a 2 day event with a drive/rally on Saturday and the show on Sunday July 25th.

Mark your calendars and do not miss this event! All British Cars Welcome Regardless of Condition! Further info coming soon!

Who Drove What to the April 2010 CCBCC Meeting

Sorry if there are any misspellings. Some of the writing on the list was difficult to read.

Patrick Redd	1990 Honda CRX
Trevor Marshall	Solara (not part of the recall!)
Richard Armstrong	Chevy S10 truck
Leonard & Judy Halpin	Pontiac 2004
Ron Root	'08 Silverado
Barry Roberts	92 Ford F250
Bob Prieve and son	Rode with Muzio
Bob Muzio	'06 Explorer
C. Darryl Struth	'54 F100
Dave Schwitzer	'02 Saturn
B.J. Bastow	Rode with DS
Martin Keller	Miata
Steve Remmington	MINI S
Allen & Lynn Merriam	Jeep
Dave Wellwood	
Sue Wellwood	Kia
Gary Rice	'05 Toyota Corolla
Randy & Debbie Manes	'73 Triumph TR6
Jim & Sue Thurmond	'53 MG-TD

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Sorry gang. I misplaced the list of who drove what to the April meeting! I did remove some names from last moth's list who I know weren't at the meeting.

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