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E-Types at the CCBCC car show

Photo by Patrick Redd



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August 2011 Presidents Letter

Wow! What a Car Show! I hope you all got the chance to be there. It was really something else. We had 152 registered entrants although two broke down on the way to the show so we had 150 cars there. I was really surprised at the excellent condition of most of them, ages from Gary's 1947 Triumph Roadster and a 1949 Bentley Mk.VI up to modern day Mini's and some pretty recent Jaguar's. As the 50th Anniversary/Marque car we had a really nice display of E Types, 3 or 4 Roadsters and about half a dozen Coupes. MG and Triumph owners brought out their usual excellent displays and the Austin Healey Club really did us proud. There were Lotus's, Rolls Royce's and of course the Premier Class of recent winners which was very impressive. For food there were Burgers, Sandwiches, Sausages in a Roll, which was a great hit, and of course Ice Cream. The presentations were a bit late due to the difficulty in selecting winners from such a pristine selection, including my selection of the President's Choice, but at 2:30 we had an impressive list of award winners. We received lots of complements on the quality of the show and, all in all, everybody seemed to have a good time. So now we look forward to next year.

August 2nd was the clubs monthly meeting which unfortunately did not have as many attending as usual. That was a shame because we had Harvey Sneed and Lewis Goncalves, from the AAA, give us a presentation on DMV registration of Classic and Out of State cars and their Insurance. It was quite interesting and if you weren't there you missed a good meeting ending up with Patrick showing us a video from the BBC's 'Top Gear' program about racing different styles of London Buses round a Road Racing circuit. It was hilarious.

We also touched on the clubs Bye-Laws which C. Darryl Struth and I recently reviewed and proposed to the CCBCC Board. The Board had previously discussed what was presented, made some changes and put the Bye-Laws forward to the General Membership as documented in the Minutes of the that Meeting. I also sent a note to all club members saying, "The Bye-laws will be discussed and voted on by the club membership at our September 6th monthly meeting. If you can't make that meeting, send your comments to me and I'll put them forward for you. Some members have sent comments to me proposing that the Bye-Laws or the procedure be changed before that meeting but I no longer have the right to change anything. It is now, officially, in the hands of the general membership to make any changes as they see fit by majority vote at the meeting. I just wanted to make the procedural position clear.

I really don't have any story to tell this month so I have submitted an article by Bob Segui about the 1953 Nash- Healey that he showed at our Car Show. Hope you find it interesting.

All the Best,
Richard Armstrong
CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB

Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - August 2011

August 2011 Meeting

General Announcements

CCBCC Members meeting at 7pm:

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Member introductions included David rose with his TR6 from Texas.

The 'Car of the Month' was to be Bill Guzman's MGB V6 but it broke down en route to the meeting

The Monthly CCBCC breakfast was held 7/16 at The Greek but with poor service. The next breakfast will revert to the Moorpark Country Club on 8/20

Richard reported 150 attendees at the Car Show with Dave and Sue Wellwood now enjoying a well-deserved vacation.

Presentations were made by AAA representatives on registering cars with the DMV in CA (Harvey) and insuring classic cars (Lewis)

Ongoing and future events

Johnny Rockets, Camarillo (first Saturday of month from 7-10am)

The Cottage meet in Ventura 9am - 12 noon (Third Saturday every month)

Supercar Sunday 7 - 10am (Westfield Promenade Mall)

8/14 - Santa Rosa Valley Car Show, Rancho Santa Rosa Clubhouse grounds, 11701 E. Las Posas Road in Camarillo

8/27 - Ojai Mentor Madness - HYPERLINK

"<http://www.motorcyclemonster.com/events/mentor-madness-poker-run-2011-08-27-Ojai-CA.html>"

Every Sunday - Montecito car show at 8AM

Raffle held by Gary Rice.

Patrick showed another very amusing video from the 'Top Gear' BBC series

Meeting closed 8:30 p.m.

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Events!

Hard to believe that summer is coming to a close and fall is around the corner! So far it certainly has been a good year for car related events. The season isn't over yet! There are still several events in the fall for us to enjoy. Be sure to check out the events page for the latest happenings. If you have internet access, event updates on the club website and Bill Guzman's event emails provide information on last minute events that don't always make it into the newsletter. If you know of an event you'd like to share, contact me or Bill Guzman and we'll help get the word out there.

One event I look forward to in September is the auto-x at the Camarillo Airport. It is put on by the Porsche Club but everyone is invited to attend. Last year my car broke on course and I had to switch cars to do my timed laps. I'm hoping this year will be a different story! I think mine was the only British car running the event. Perhaps this year some of the club members will be out there to represent the Brits.

Patrick Redd

Webmaster/newsletter editor



Camarillo Meet

The July edition of the Camarillo Friday night cruise featured a section out front for British cars. Several CCBC members were on hand for the event. The event features primarily American muscle and hotrods but there are a few foreign cars in the mix.

There was a band playing along with food available on the show site. There are also numerous restaurants in the area. As September rolls around, you have one more chance to attend this event. See the events page for details.



Mr. Bean Crashes \$2M Supercar, Cheats Death

Via www.newser.com

The comic known around the world as nerdy Mr. Bean is recovering in a British hospital after crashing his McLaren F1 supercar and striking a tree and lamppost before the vehicle burst into flames. Rowan Atkinson is "lucky to be alive considering the state of the car," said a witness. The actor suffered only a minor shoulder injury in the wreck some 85 miles north of London, reports AP. Authorities are investigating the cause of the crash, but some media reported that Atkinson spun out on a portion of rain-slicked highway.



Atkinson also crashed the car in 1999, rear-ending a Land Rover. He bought the sports car, which can reach speeds of 230 mph, to celebrate the success of Mr. Bean: The Ultimate Disaster Movie. It's only one of 65 street versions ever made and is valued at more than \$2 million, reports the Mirror. While his character Mr. Bean putts along in a Mini-Cooper, Atkinson is a fan of luxury sports cars, and has also owned Aston Martins, Mercedes, and Rolls Royces.

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21st ANNUAL *Central Coast* BRITISH CAR SHOW



The 21st Annual CCBCC Car Show

Arrivals to this year's annual car show were greeted with some typical English weather, a nice cool morning fog. I actually had to use my wipers on a short stretch while passing by Moorpark on the way to the show. Spending the day at the show was a nice relief from the summer heat happening not too far away in the valleys!

The feature marque for the show was the celebration of 50 years of the Jaguar E-Type. There were quite a few beautiful E-Types on display including a roadster that was recently completed by CCBCC's own Dave Wellwood for one of his customers. It was a very nice restoration. There were close to 170 cars registered for the show. It seems like the caliber of cars at the show seems to get better and better with each passing year. Dave and Sue Wellwood, along with all of the volunteers, make putting on a show look so easy. Everything went very smooth on show day. Many CCBCC members took home trophies.



It was great to see a lot of the club members out and about, many who haven't been seen in a while. One of the highlites was seeing our former editor, Albert Escalante out enjoying the show and also enjoying better health these days. He has lost more than 70lbs. over the past year!

As always, for lots more photos from the event, visit the photos page at www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

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21st Annual CCBCC car show



1953 Nash Healey - Winner of the Tartan Surfboard Award. It also received the "President's Choice" award.



Unfortunately there is only so much space in the newsletter to share photos from the show. For heaps more photos from several club members, please visit www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

21st Annual CCBCC car show



Lotus was well represented with a good mix of models



Some ICE (In-Car Entertainment) in a TR2



Winner of the "Most Elegant" award.

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Santa Rosa Valley Car Show



Santa Rosa Valley

By Patrick Redd
Photos by Bill Rogers

The annual Santa Rosa Valley Car Show started out as an event for local residents to get their cars out of the garage and get together with neighbors and fellow car owners.

There are some very large houses in the valley, many with equally large garages housing some impressive machinery. The club house where the show takes place is the perfect location for such an event.

One of the main organizers of the event is CCBCC's own Jim Belardi. He had several cars entered in the show.

There were many CCBCC members on hand with their cars entered in the show.

As this is a publication for British cars, I've made an attempt to show most of them on these pages. As always you can find many more photos from the event taken by some of the club members who attended. To see them, please visit www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com. Click on the "event photos" button.





Black Beauty

Leonard and Judy Halpin's '63 MGB

By Leonard Halpin



In the fall of 1963 we went looking for a second car, and found this little black beauty with red leather interior at Burbank Imports. My wife, Judy, became an expert at tuning dual carburetors, and I could change a fuel pump in 10 minutes.

When the Northridge Earthquake hit I was on my way to work; I turned around, and headed for home on the 118 Freeway which had separated and created a two foot drop in our path. The little car hit with a bang, lost the exhaust system, and kept on going. At Balboa and Rinaldi, water was rushing down the street higher than the bumpers, but my MG got me safely home.

Our son, Rob, learned to drive in the MG, and it became his through college, and marriage. When Rob and Patti were blessed with twin girls, Nicole and Elizabeth, dad finally got his MGB back. Our B now has over 347,000 miles. In the early 70's we replaced the 3 main engine with a 5, still have the three in the garage. In the late 70's we added an auxiliary fan, a power assist for the brakes and a back up fuel pump. We still drive the B on a regular basis. The only problem is, for some reason, I have hard time getting in and out. The car must be getting smaller.

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Black Beauty - 1963 MGB



Editor's note: Leonard and Judy recently drove their MGB all the way to Reno for the MGB Meet this past June. Leonard told a story about their adventure at one of the club meetings. It was a great story. This is my recollection of the story. I apologize in advance if I have some of the details incorrect.



The car made the trip to Reno without a problem. One the way home is where the real adventure began. While driving on the freeway, they heard a loud CHUNK-CHUNK coming from the engine. Upon inspection they learned that the fan had broke and lost a blade. They contacted Moss Motors to see if there was a place where they might be able to locate a replacement part. They learned of a shop near them that might be of help. The guy at the shop looked through the rafters and was able to find a replacement. They were back on the road in a couple of hours!



1963 MGB

Weight : 2000 Lbs.
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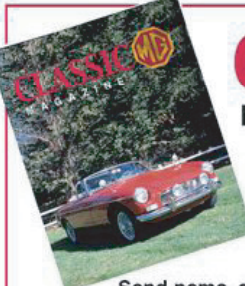


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Frontline drags MGB into 21st Century

Posted by: Matthew Jones, 27 June 2011

Is this £50k MG the poor(ish) man's Eagle Speedster?

This latest old-car-new-tech offering from Frontline Developments seems like a valiant use of the brand. And a rather more affordable alternative to the Eagle Speedster.

Each car uses a new British Motor Heritage MGB shell, into which Frontline shoves a 2012 2-litre VVC MX-5 engine. It's got billeted con-rods and crankshaft, forged fully-skirted and Teflon-coated pistons and it's been hopped up with a 45mm direct injection throttle body and closed-loop Lambda set up.

That equates to 215bhp and 170lb ft at 4000rpm. That means 240bhp per ton (it only weighs 900kg). 240bhp. IN AN MGB.

But don't worry, the sixties shell's been uprated to cope with the 130bhp power boost (the B was just 85bhp when it launched in '62). Each one gets strengthened sills, floors and rear quarters to cope with its re-jigged suspension systems.

The front end's loosely based on geometry dreamt up by Ken Costello in the sixties - he was the first person to fit a V8 into a B - only made in alloy. Out back, Frontline's keeping the rear live axle but throwing away the antiquated lever arm dampers and cart springs - they're replaced by a set of modern telescopic dampers and coilovers.

The differential also gets swapped with bespoke cogs, which are toughened to withstand the increased bhp. All of which is shackled via a five-link system, just like a Mercedes.

Brilliantly, none of the cars are being offered with power steering, which should make it the good kind of handful.

Inside, everything's familiarly MGB. There's a black cracked dashboard, later-style toggle switchgear, bespoke Smiths instruments - they manufactured the original MGB's dials and gauges - and leather chairs. There are a few luxu additions, including an alcantara dash top and a-pillar trim.

Frontline's offering equally familiar hues. You can go for a sage green or anthracite - both of which are Aston Martin colours - or Old English White, which was an option on the original '62 cars.

Want one? An LE 50 will set you back a tenth of the price of an Eagle Speedster. That's £50k (plus tax). You'll have to wait till 2012 to get one though, which coincides conveniently with the B's 50th birthday.

There is only one small problem. Frontline hasn't actually got round to building one yet, but it will look exactly like the car pictured - period-perfect Dunlop racing wheels and all. Only with bumpers. And without a towing eye. Or stripes. Or the spot lamp.

What d'you think? A fitting tribute to the B?



*This was the only photo I
of the car that I could find.*

Sounds like an awesome set-up.

*Frontline Developments makes
modern parts for several British
classics. Check out their site at:*

www.frontlinedevelopments.com

Photo from the Top Gear website. Source unknown

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 CCBCC website for a copy of the flier. For more info, call C. Darryl Struth at 644-6211.

Monthly Breakfast - CCBCC event

CCBCC breakfast is to be held the 3rd Saturday of each month, at Moorpark Country Club, Champions Restaurant, 11800 Championship Drive, Moorpark switching occasionally to Santa Paula Airport on 1st Sunday of the month. For more info or when in doubt over when and where, contact Bill Guzman at (805) 484-1528

2011 Camarillo Old Town Cruise Nights, 4th Friday of the Month Through September - July 22 features British cars!

Camarillo Old Town 2011 Cruise Nights! The 4th Friday of the Month. April 22, May 27, June 24, July 28, Aug 26, and Sept 23. 2220 Ventura Blvd, Camarillo. Cruise Nights are free, fun for the entire family, and a great way to spend a spring or summer evening. With 200+ classic cars, live music, and terrific stores and eateries in Old Town, there's something for everyone. Call 805.484.4383 for more information.

The organizers would like to feature British cars at the July 22nd cruise night. They will park all the British cars in the section of the parking lot in front of the main building next to Decor West. This is where the disc jockey is set up and is the focal point of the displays. Tom asked me to put out the word so they can get a large number of cars there. For those who may not be familiar with this event, this is a free, informal show open to anyone. It is held on Ventura Blvd. in Camarillo Old Town between Elm and First Streets. The parking lot is on the south side of the street. The advertised time is 4 PM to 9 PM but several cars usually arrive early. Cars keep arriving during the first couple of hours.

Camarillo Airport Auto-x - September 17, 2011

Sponsored by the Santa Barbara Region Porsche Club. All makes of vehicles are able to run in this event so if you want to have some fun and exercise your car, this is the safe place to do it. For more info, visit http://pcasb.org/pcasb/images/CamarilloAutoX_Sep2011Color.pdf

English Motors at Fairbrook, September 17-18 - Fallbrook California

Fairbrook Farm is a twenty five acre horse ranch located in Fallbrook California. We have room on the field for 350 cars and up to twenty vendors both automotive and food related. The Saturday Car Tour will make stops at some wonderful car collections and lunch and dinner will be included. Please visit our website www.englishmotorsatfairbrook.org or call 760 728 0101

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Clovis British Car Round-up 2011, Sept. 24-25 Clovis, CA

All British Car owners are invited to enter the 9th annual (2003-2011) Clovis British Car Roundup celebrating the British car hobby in the Central San Joaquin Valley. Join us on Saturday for a tour of the Sierra foothills on Saturday morning and on Sunday take in the only display of British cars in the Central Valley between San Diego and Sacramento! October weather is always great in Old Town Clovis. For more info, please visit <http://www.valleybritish.org/clovis-british-car-roundup/>

32nd annual San Diego British Car Day - Oct. 2nd - Liberty Station, 9am-3pm

For more info please visit <http://www.sandiegobritishcarday.org/>

Seaside Highland Games - Seaside Park - Ventura Fairgrounds, October 8 & 9, 2011 9:00 am to 5:00 pm

For a full schedule of events, please visit <http://www.seaside-games.com/>

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Who came to the August 2011 CCBCC Meeting

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