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# President's Letter



The Clear Hooter May 2012 Presidents Letter

So, it's just after mid summer's day. Well, according to Shakespeare and his Mid Summer Nights Dream anyway. W are halfway through the year and well on the way to being ready for our annual CCBCC Car Show on July 22nd. We held our June monthly club meeting on June 5. Attendance was quite light but we have to expect that in the summer. At the meeting I asked for ideas for a venue for our Monthly Breakfast this month and suggested that we could try the Sheraton Four Points Hotel despite the unfortunate experience we had there once before. Everyone agreed to give them another chance. So, on June 16th twelve of us went over to Sheraton Four Points Hotel and we had a really nice breakfast and a fun time. The food was good and hot and the servers were attentive. I think we should do that again.

In my last monthly letter I recalled the history of the MG 'B' but I wonder how many of us know the history of the MG Car Company? I thought that I would look into that this month. Last month I mentioned that in 1923, a dealership for The Morris Car Company (named 'Morris Garage) started to rebuild the bodywork on some Morris cars. Using their own initials, they called them MG's. I have recently come across information that said that a certain Cecil Kimber was a Director of Morris Cars Ltd who left the company to start his own line of cars. He called them MG, using the initials of Morris Garage, which was another business that he owned but it all leads to the same thing.

While MG have always been known for sporty cars it has not always been Two Seater Sports Cars. In the early days they made very large grand Saloons like the 1939 WA 2.6 Litre Sports Saloon - before that: the 14/40, the 18/80, the 1933 Magnette K-Series and the original Midget. In 1936 this lead to the development of the MG 'T' Series, although by this time the company had been sold to the Nuffield Group of Companies. The 'T' Series started out with the 'TA' this was an open two seater, body-on-frame, Sports Car with a 1292cc OHV engine with twin SU carburetors and developed, after WWII, through the 'TB', 'TC', 'TD' and finally the 'TF' which was replaced in 1955 by the MG 'A' model which was a totally new design. This was a longer, wider, lower design than the 'T's', again body- on- frame but produced as either an Open Tourer or a Coupe with a completely new 1500cc engine. The British Motor Corporation owned the company by this time. They built over 100,000 of these cars before, in 1962, developing the famed MG 'B' which I told you all about last month, and continued production until the business closed down in 1980. I believe that the business or at least the 'MG' part of it is now owned by some Chinese interests and, when in the UK, I have seen some recent sporty little saloon models but I know that they closed down again and whether they restarted again, a second time is not clear.

The year 2012 also represents the 50th Anniversary of the 'Spitfire'. No, the Triumph Spitfire not the Supermarine Spitfire, that's much older. So I thought next month we might take a look at the history of the Spitfire.

**Richard Armstrong CCBCC** President

# CCBCC General Meeting I





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# Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - June 2012

General Announcements

Richard advised the members that he has been in communication with the CEO of Moss Motors for a RE-plant tour- either in October or August. Everyone attending voted and wanted August. Richard will take care of setting up the event including the luncheon at Goleta Beach Café (this will replace Club breakfast).

Reminder to sign up for Glow & Show – space is limited.

Reminder to sign up for our event!

The "volunteer" list went around for al to review and confirm their participation.

Byron mentioned he could help Gary Rice out with Harbor Permits if he needs it because he has a DD214.

Members accepted the date of June 9th for breakfast at the Four Points Sheraton.

Richard to contact the 5 Points Car Wash for sponsorship/donations.

Byron suggested that the club have a SWAP meet table at the show. This is still pending voting on by members if there is enough who want it.

Johnny Rockets event to be removed from our ON GOING events list as no one ever goes!

Raffle held by Pam Rimlinger with some fun new prizes

Ongoing and future events

CCBCC Car Show Sunday July 22nd

Glow & Show car show - Saturday July 28th, Santa Paula Ventura Motor Sports & Race Car Club show – Sunday July 15th

Triumph Fest – Flagstaff, AZ in September Sept. 27-30

Promenade Show (need dates)

New business in town for parts for old cars "oldies" on Market and Telephone. Bryon is involved in sponsoring a Golf Outting at Los Posa Golf Club for Fellowship of Christians. Contact him to get signed up.

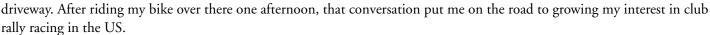
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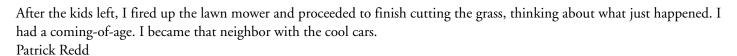
# Behind the Wheel editors corner



I had an experience not too long ago that I thought was funny. Many of you in the club have probably gone through the same at some point in your life. Being the youngest member of the club, I found it kind of funny. I was mowing my lawn when 3 high school kids rode their bikes up to me. They wanted to ask me something so I shut the mower off. They said they had seen my cars parked out front and wanted to ask me about them but I was never outside when they passed by my house. They proceeded to ask me all kinds of questions about them: modifications, places to have work done, etc. They were telling me about their cars and the dreams they had for them. I remember doing the same thing when I was their age or maybe even a little younger.

In the different places I've lived, there was always a cool neighbor who had some interesting cars. When I was a kid, I had a neighbor who had a collection of Jaguars. Me and a couple of the neighborhood kids were always over there. Years later, I had a neighbor who had a rally car parked in his





CCBCC Editor



# Aston Martin Designs Limited Edition 'Superbikes'

By designtaxi.com

In a collaboration with bike company Factor Bikes, Aston Martin has designed a limited edition 'superbike' called the 'One-77 Cycle'—that has been given the same name as the sports car maker's most advance car model, the 'One-77'.

Dubbed as 'the world's most technologically advanced road bicycle' by the company, the bicycle features a data logging system that provides over '100 channels of performance feedback' such as crank torque, leg power and crank force for both legs.

It is also able to provide other measurements such as acceleration, wasted leg power and rear wheel speed, and the traditional measurements like speed, heart rate and GPS location.

The One-77 Cycle is made with a carbon frame—that can be painted in seven exclusive Aston Martin colors—with 'hand-stitched' saddle and handlebars reflecting Aston Martin's elegant craftsmanship.

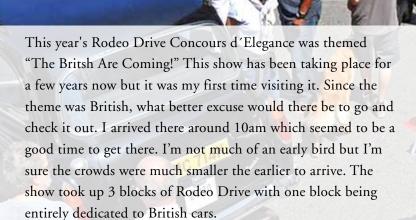
However, just like the car, the One-77 Cycle does not come cheap—it cost around US\$39,000 for one bicycle—with only 77 such bikes being made.







# The British Are Coming! Rodeo Drive Father's Day show featuring Aston Martin



The Sunday event featured some of the finest vintage and modern rides that Britain has to offer, from custom models and racing cars to motorcycles. Aston Martin was the featured marque, with Gearys Beverly Hills as the presenting sponsor in celebration of its new Rolex store opening on Rodeo Drive. Along with the modern Aston's, there were many classics on display as well. My favorite of the bunch was a bare aluminum DB2 that was on display in the RM Auctions display. There wasn't any info posted on the car but some research turned up that it was either a 1957 or 1958 DB2. I had overhead one of the RM people saying that the car was left in original condition with the exception of the mechanicals being restored. It was an amazing car.

# Rodeo Drive Father's Day shoy



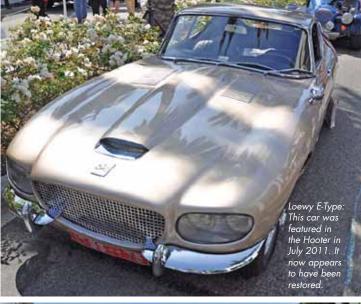


Along with the British cars were several notable cars, one being an AC Cobra with serial number 001, a Talbot Lago, and an original, unrestored 1948 Ferrari.

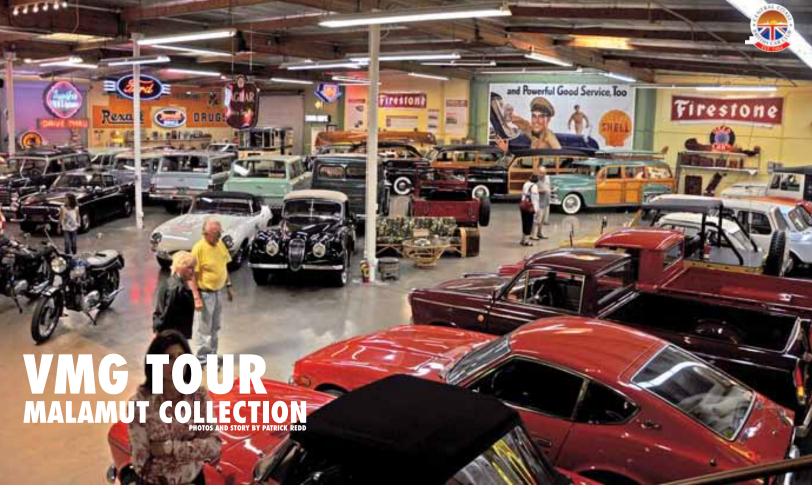
It took a good couple of hours to see everything. I probably tend to take a little longer than most because I like to photograph everything. If planning to go to this show, I'd definitely recommend going earlier vs. later. I left a little before noon and some places were nearly impassable due to the crowds.

Along with the cars, there were several food trucks offering a variety of gourmet cuisines. By the time hunger started to settle in, the lines at all the trucks were pretty long so I opted for some In N Out on the way home.













Mid June marked the return of the Ventura Motorsports Groups Tour. This was the second annual tour. The first tour took place the day before their car show but the organizers changed it because it was too much work to do everything in one week-end. Several CCBCC members were on the tour.

The meeting point for the start of the tour was at the mission on Main Street in Ventura. From there, the route took the drivers through some of the back roads to Newbury Park where we stopped at the Malamut Collection.

The Malamut collection is locateda non-descript industrial park. Unless someone told you were it was, you'd have no idea it was even there. Many were amazed at what they saw when they walked through the door. The collection has a few notable British cars that are a must for every collection but also features a lot of unusual cars. There are several bubbles cars - from Isetta's to Messerschmitts, an extensive collection of air-cooled VW's, Porsches, Fiats, etc. Along with the cars, there are several other collections as well, among those a very complete Bob's Big Boy collection, a Pep Boy's packaging collection, working vintage TV's, radio's, and a complete working kitchen. Mike Malamut's wife had a big basket of fresh-baked cookies and other snacks waiting for the group when we arrived.

After taking in the collection, the group got back into their cars and took a drive via the back roads to Ojai for a really good lunch at Boccali's.

From there it was on to the Oak Creek Winery for wine tasting. It was a full day of fun for everyone in the group.







June's Big Wednesday meeting at World Class Motoring featured British cars in honor of Queen Elizabeth's Diamond Jubilee and home of the 2012 Olympics, but mostly to raise awareness for our 22nd annual Central Coast British Car Club's show coming up this July 22nd which will be honoring 50 years of the MGB.

Anyone who brought a British car over 20 years old or who registered for our show received a free dinner.

World Class Motoring features auto books, clothing, cleaners, and sseveral other automotive related products. I was going to post a link to their site but it wasn't working at press time.





July 22, 2012 Channel Islands Harbor Oxnard, CA



Visit www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com for the latest show info.

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# Classifieds



CCBCC member Gary Rice is putting his beautiful Austin Healey up for sale. For the complete story on the car, check out the October 2011 edition of the Hooter.

For sale: 1961 Austin Healey 3000 HBT7L, MK I. Healey Blue with white coves. Engine overhauled in 1979. After engine overhaul, car was dismantled and dismantled on jack stands for the next 22 years in my garage. Had 4 children to put through school. Complete restoration in 2001. Present owner since 1971. Less than 5000 miles since overhaul. Speedometer didn't work until 2003. New top, tonneau cover, side curtains, new gas tank, carpets, upholstery. New 72 spoke wheels, new tires in 2010. Gear reduction starter. Extra transmission, grille, misc. parts go with it. Recent carburetor adjustments. Runs well. Electric cooling fan. First in class 2006 Central Coast British Car Show. \$53,000. Has sentimental value, meaning, if my desired minimum is not met, won't sell. Ph. 805-644-3290. Cell: 805-407-5860



I have a 1969 MGB which is in immaculate condition. I can no longer drive the car and am looking for a buyer. I have had the car for over 10 years and have had it completely restored. I am not too fussy about the price but want the car to go to someone who would appreciate it. I believe the asking price of \$8,500 would be reasonable given the excellent condition of the car. I have other pictures available for any prospective buyer including: Top up, Top down, Engine compartment, Trunk etc.

I can be contacted at tel (661) 513 2020. Thanks- Barry





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Events



## The Third Saturday Free Car Show - Cottage Cafe is now closed for business:(

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.

## 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<sup>nd -</sup> 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

# 5th Annual Citrus Classic Balloon Festival: Friday & Saturday July 27 & 28, 2012

Mingle with balloon pilots, enjoy outdoor dining, wine and beer tastings, car show, browse arts and craft vendors, connect kids with interactive, fun discovery of agriculture and balloons, relax with live music. CCBCC members have been invited to attend the car show. For more info, please visit www.citrusclassicballoons.com or call 805-525-2057 for more information.

# Moss Motors Tour and Lunch, Saturday, August 11 This is the new date!

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.

# Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion - Laguna Seca, August 17-19, 2012

The Rolex Monterey Motorsports Reunion is a cornerstone of the Monterey Peninsula's Classic Car Week. Approximately 550 vehicles will be accepted to compete in the world's premier motoring event, based on the car's authenticity, race provenance and period correctness. The 2012 featured marque is the iconic Shelby Cobra, which celebrates its 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. For more info, please visit www.laguna-seca.com/rolex-monterey-motorsports-reunion.

# Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, Monterey, CA, Sunday August 19, 2012

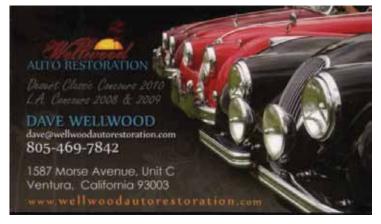
Features for the 62<sup>nd</sup> annual Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance include Maharaja Cars and the marques of Mercer and Fiat. Special classes will recognize Saoutchik Coachwork, AC and AC Cobra, Sport Customs, and German motorcycles. For more info on the week's events, please visit www.pebblebeachconcours.net

## Triumphest 2012, Flagstaff, Arizona - September 27 - 30, 2012

For reservations, contact Little America, 2515 E. Butler Ave, Flagstaff, AZ 86004. Reservations (800) 352-4386. Mention code: Triumphest 2012 for special event rateFor more information, visit http://www.triumphest.com/

### Seaside Highland Games, Ventura Fairgrounds - Oct. 12 - 14, 2012

Along with the pipers, dancers, and games, there is also a British car show that takes place. Free admission is offered to club members who bring and display their cars. For more information, visit http://seaside-games.com/ or contact Paul Keener at e-mail address:pcktools@jetlink.net





Who came to the June 2012 CCBCC Meeting

**Patrick Redd** 

C. Darryl Struth

**Richard & Diane Armstrong** 

Pam & Chuck Rimlinger

**Martin Keller** 

**Mark Costello** 

Byron McCracken

**Allen Merriam** 

**Gary & Pat Rice** 

**Leonard & Judy Halpin** 

**Gary & Junie Cooper** 

**Dave & Sue Wellwood** 

This list is from memory. There were others in attendance but the sign-up sheet is MIA.

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# The Clear Hooter!

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