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*Queen's English, Woodley Park*  
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The Clear Hooter  
March 2012 Presidents Letter

Well, March wasn't a very good month for me. I turned up at the monthly meeting but had to leave early due to illness. I had intended to go to The Queens English Car Show but had to cancel at the last minute. The rain held off. I hear everyone had a good time and the photo's look great. Thanks Trevor!

As for myself I've been thinking recently about my own experience with British motorcars. My earliest memories are of my father's cars in the 1940's. They were pre war, Black, Wolseley family saloons. In those days you could get a car any colour you liked as long as it was black. It sound's boring but they were designed by Battista Pinin Farrina out of Italy so that can't be all bad. I remember one in particular that had a sliding metal sun roof. That was really something except that if you drove too fast with it open the roof would slide right off and land in the road behind you.

Then came the series of Jaguars. As a company VP, my father got to drive the company cars from Mark 5's all the way up to the Compact Series at which time I got my own first car. It was an Austin Mini Van with an extra bench seat stuck in the back so that made it a 4 seater. I bought it from the family business for the grand sum of 200 pounds (\$800). It ran really well except in the rain when the distributor, situated behind the front grill, would get flooded and ceased to function until you dried it out. By hand. I then came across a Cream coloured Jaguar XK 150 - the automotive love of my life. I could afford the 150 pounds (\$600) for the car but could not afford the insurance for a 22 year old diver.

The next significant car was a Ford Cortina GT E. That was a pretty hot little number. It handled something like a Lotus Cortina but with a lot more luxury. I had just moved to Windsor but still worked in London so I could race 30 miles up and down the new M4 Motorway morning and evening.

I then went on to a Reliant Scimitar. Now Reliant was a small company with a reputation for making cheap little plastic three wheel cars, 1 wheel at the front and 2 at the back, with motorcycle engines but that year they branched out and developed this 4 wheel, 4 seater (just), Fiberglass, Luxury Sports Wagon with a 3 litre Ford racing engine and gearbox. It was phenomenal! Then to a Triumph 2000PI, another performance family saloon.

At this point I got into the oilfield engineering business, was very rarely at home and didn't really need my own car,. I've already told you the story of the Lotus 7, until in the late 1970's when I lashed out and treated myself to a Flame Orange Aston Martin DB6 for a while. I soon got tired of the bright paintwork and so exchanged it for a 1967 Silver Grey (007 colour) DB6. Now that was a fun car! In my experience if you are a youngish bachelor looking for fun then that is the car to drive.

Then I came to California and met Diane so that was the end of that. Now, as you know, I have a 1987 Silver Blue Jaguar XJ6 and Diane has a 1970 Fire Engine Red MG 'B' GT.

All the Best,

Richard

All the Best,  
Richard Armstrong

## Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - MARCH 2012

Richard left meeting due to illness. Darryl stood in for Richard

Visitor: Geoff Avery from State Farm Insurance. Spoke insuring classic cars, will insure car independently from your other cars, will insure for appraised value. He handed out cards and brochures

Moss Motors (Kelvin Dodd) to present will the History and R&D of Moss Motors --- Kelvin was a no show

Darryl announced that renewal of Club Memberships are now due

Darryl also mentioned wanted articles for Hooter from members – please send directly to Patrick

The 2012 Christmas Brunch venue has been reserved once again at the Four Points Sheraton in Ventura – for Sunday December 2nd

March 17th club breakfast was voted on to meet at the Cottage Café, Ventura. Also members voted on changing breakfast from 3rd Saturday to 2nd Saturday of the month. April 14th is the new date; venue will be at the Four Points Sheraton (off the menu) breakfast. Richard to call and make reservations – and send email invitation to members

Jack Waschbusch inquired about Mullen Auto Museum Run (brought up by Daisy) – Diane to clarify with Daisy

Darryl mentioned the Teddy Bear Run – tentative date in November to end up at Mullen Museum – will discuss further, he might change location

Byron mentioned Willow Springs, historic racing to be held 3/10. Also Vara at Willow Springs 3/31

Mark Costello spoke about the CCBCC Car Show, date is July 22nd, Patrick showed mock up of flyer. Thoughts are that it will be handled a little different this year.

### Ongoing and future events

Glow & Show car show – Saturday July 28th, Santa Paula  
Johnny Rockets, Camarillo (first Saturday of month from 7-10am)  
The Cottage meet in Ventura 9am – 12 noon (third Saturday of every month)  
Supercar Sunday 7-10am (Westfield Promenade Mall)  
Ventura Motor Sports & Race Car Club show – Sunday July 15th  
Club Breakfast – 9am (second Saturday every month)  
Raffle held by Pam Remlinger with some fun new prizes  
Triumph Fest – Flagstaff, AZ in September (exact date TBD)

**Meeting closed 8:00pm**

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For those of you who manage to find time to watch TV, there is a new series running on Velocity Channel that is really good. Velocity is offered through Time Warner Digital cable. I'm not sure if other companies carry it. Anyway, the show is called Renaissance Man. So far I've seen 3 episodes. The show is hosted by Alain de Cadenet. In one episode, he explores 3 of the most important 20th Century British motorcycles, historic and contemporary classics Brough, Norton, and Triumph.

In another show, he looks back at the incredible Rolls Royce Merlin aircraft engine, which powered most of the key war planes including the Hurricane, Spitfire, Mustang, Lancaster and Mosquito.

Another really good show (I'm slightly biased) was the rally/racing history behind the Mini/MINI brand. Along with the history of the Mini, the story focused on the Prodrive Countryman and the return of MINI to the WRC. Prodrive did great work outfitting the Countryman for the WRC.

Programs on Velocity repeat quite frequently so it should be easy to catch. For more info on the shows, schedules, and future shows, check out <http://velocity.discovery.com/videos/renaissance-man/>  
Cheers-

Patrick Redd  
CCBCC Editor



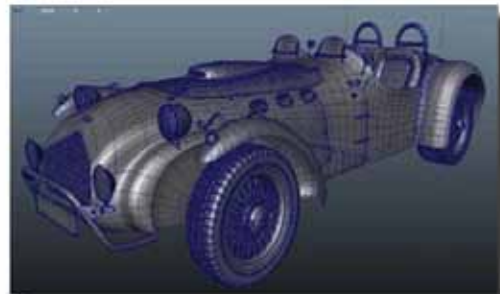
## Allard J2X MkII Launches in China

Source: Allard Motorworks newsletter

On April 12-15, 2012, some 5,000 high net-worth clients from eight major banks in the People's Republic of China will lay eyes on that country's first 'modern classic' automobile— the Allard J2X MkII. Gathered for the bi-annual Luxury Properties Exhibition, invited guests will be privy to a wide range of luxury real estate offerings.

Jimmer's Classic Collectibles (JCC) will be there with their recently customs-cleared Allard J2X MkII. As the only vehicle displayed indoors at this event, the Bordeaux Hemi-powered Allard will greet the guests at the entrance to the exhibit. "This is a unique opportunity for JCC to meet potential clients from all regions of China, comments JCC President, Keith Lomas. "These visitors are quite familiar with Rolls-Royces, Bentleys, Ferraris, and the like, however, this will be their first encounter with a limited edition modern classic. In a social class that seeks exclusivity and uniqueness, we anticipate a strong positive response— and we'll be ready." The J2X MkIIs being prepared for the Chinese market will introduce a number of features not yet available on current models— powerful V8 engines meeting Euro V and California emission standards, automatic transmissions (disguised as manual 5-speeds), a number of EU safety features and an all-weather kit. Fabricated and assembled at Allard Motor Work's

Montreal facility, company President, Roger Allard, anticipates a very positive response to these improvements. "By offering the highest level of emissions compliance, an all-weather kit, and a number of refinements, the Allard J2X MkII, will penetrate new markets in the USA, Europe, Australia and S. America. Our challenge will be to meet the high standards of quality we have set for ourselves from the outset, and to meet increased demand. Our plan is in place and we are set to go."



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# Dyno Day <sup>AT</sup> Superior Automotive

Photos and story by Bob Prieve

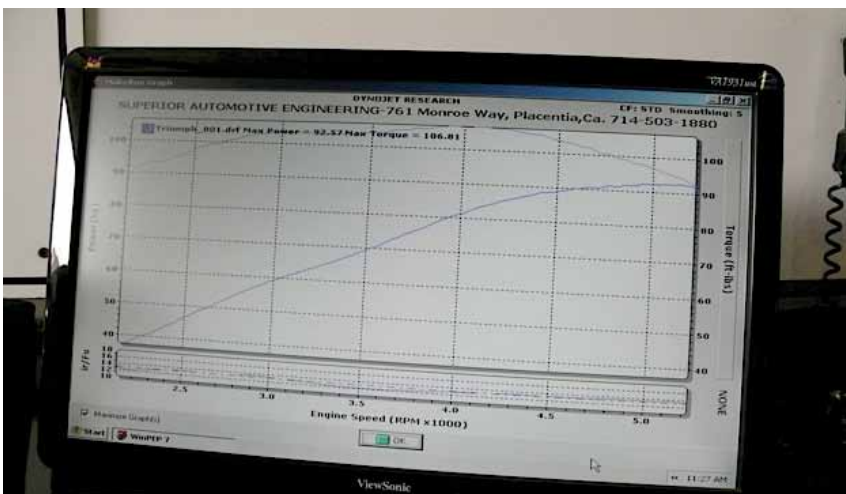
On January 14th a group of more than a dozen Triumph enthusiasts started the New Year with a roar of engines. It was Dyno Day at Superior Automotive Engineering located in Placentia, CA. Near the intersection of the 57 and 91 freeways, it is freeway close as they say. For me, however, it was a 75 plus mile ride. On the plus side, the traffic was light.

The arrangements for this event were made by Rob Bowen a member of the Triumph Register of Southern California. It was the second time it had been held. Rob did a very nice job of orchestrating the event and even had coffee and donuts available for all.

Why would someone drive 75 miles to hear engines race? Well the staff at Superior Auto are experienced at dyno tuning. Judging from some of the hot rods with huge engines and wide tires parked there, they are very experienced. They have all the equipment needed and they do all the work. You just watch and listen. If interested, you could walk over to where the gauges are working and watch the rpm, hp, ft. lbs. torque, and air/fuel read outs being plotted. How much fun is that!

The bottom line is you get a reading on how well, or not, your engine is running. Your engine may be showing you that it needs some work in order to run its best.





My TR3 engine was rebuilt 12 years and 35,000 miles ago. The read-outs showed it was running pretty good. At 5,000 plus rpm the engine produced 94 max hp, 108 max ft. lbs. torque, and air/fuel mix of 13.5. And the TR got me back home with no problems. It was a good day at Dyno Day.

## Black, blue license plates to return to California roads soon?

By: Davey G. Johnson - Source: [www.autoweek.com/article/20120328](http://www.autoweek.com/article/20120328), submitted by Trevor Marshall

In California, plates stay with a car for the duration of its existence. Say, for example, that you purchased a 1983 Oldsmobile Custom Cruiser in Sable Brown. The great and glorious Department of Motor Vehicles would have issued you a plate featuring a 1980s-tastic graphic rendition of a sunset.

If, in 1970, you'd laid down a fistful of ducats a Datsun 240Z or perhaps an LS6-powered Chevrolet Chevelle, the car would've come with a blue plate, which quickly a symbol of the Malaise Era, a time that many Californians would love to forget.

For any vehicle originally bought between 1963 and 1968, a period of glamor and tumult in the Golden State and an era of reliably collectible vehicles, the plate of issuance would've been black with yellow characters, making black-plated cars exceptionally desirable among a certain set of enthusiasts.

If the car ever needed to be replated, the owner was out of luck--stuck with whatever the current license-plate options were at the time--until a few years ago. Currently, if an owner can produce a set of black plates, they can be affixed to any era-correct vehicle. Assemblyman Mike Gatto--who represents a piece of the San Fernando Valley and the cool-kids Los Angeles



enclaves of Atwater Village, Los Feliz and Silver Lake--wants to broaden the program, reissuing black and blue plates, as well as the yellow-with-black-type models first issued in 1956. (Gatto was born in late 1974, just as the first mandated catalytic converters were hitting showroom floors, which might explain his fondness for the blue models.) To that end, he's authored Assembly Bill 1658, which, if passed, would create the Legacy License Plate Program.

Though the new plates would emulate the look of the original black and blue units, they won't be an exact match, reports Hemmings. They'll have to meet current California standards, which means reflective paint. Also unlikely is the stamped "CALIFORNIA" lettering, a hallmark of the originals.



## CSB 1224 Support!

*Editor's note: This could be good news for those of us with a later model MGB, Triumph, (or other collector car), and could help to make these models more appealing if the smog test is no longer an issue. Please take the time to contact the committee members!*

### Committee Hearing Rescheduled for California Bill to Exempt pre-1981 Vehicles From Emissions Inspection Requirement

The hearing scheduled for March 27, 2012 on California Senate Bill (S.B. 1224) has been postponed until April 10, 2012. As you are aware, S.B. 1224 would exempt all motor vehicles prior to the 1981 model year from the emissions inspection requirement. Please Continue to Contact All Members of the Senate Transportation and Housing Committee (Contact Info Below) Immediately To Request Their Support for S.B. 1224

We have talked with the legislators and they say emails are not effective and Faxes or phone calls are very effective. I have listed all phone & fax numbers below to the members on the Committee. Please call or fax your support of SB1224 today...

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# Woodley Park

Photos by Trevor Marshall

QUEEN'S ENGLISH MEET



There was some doubt as to whether or not the Queen's English would happen this year. Rain was in the forecast again. Last year's show was rained out. After a good 24 hours of rain the day before, the clouds parted to a beautiful sunny, cool morning.

Attendance was down as a lot of people had probably written off the event due to the weather. As of 11:30, there were 83 cars. Despite the cool weather it was a great show. Jay Leno was also there in one of his mega-Bentleys, and a total of six Morgans (they must like the rain).

*Editor's note: Sorry for the brief write-up. I was under the weather and missed the show. Thanks to Trevor for taking the photos. For more on the show, check out this video on the event posted by Autoweek Magazine.*

<http://www.autoweek.com/article/20120319/CARNEWS01/120319835>

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See our website at [www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com](http://www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com)

For additional information regarding membership please contact our membership chairman:

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## 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.

## Rotary Wheels at Willow Springs, Saturday, April 7, 2012, Willow Springs Raceway

One hundred percent of profits from all motorsports events will be contributed to the Rotary International Foundation - End Polio Now campaign by Lancaster West Rotary. For every Lapping Big Willow ticket sold by another Rotary Club before the day of the event, \$125 will be contributed to the Rotary International Foundation - End Polio Now campaign in the name of the club which sold the ticket. Attend the event as a participant or spectator for the day. The day ends with a steak dinner. Remember, 100% of the proceeds go to "End Polio". For more info, please visit [www.rotarywheelsatwillowsprings.com/](http://www.rotarywheelsatwillowsprings.com/)

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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/](http://www.austin-healey.org/)

## 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](http://www.sanmarinomotorclassic.com) for more information.

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

For more info, please visit [www.venturamotorsportsgathering.com](http://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](http://www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com)

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

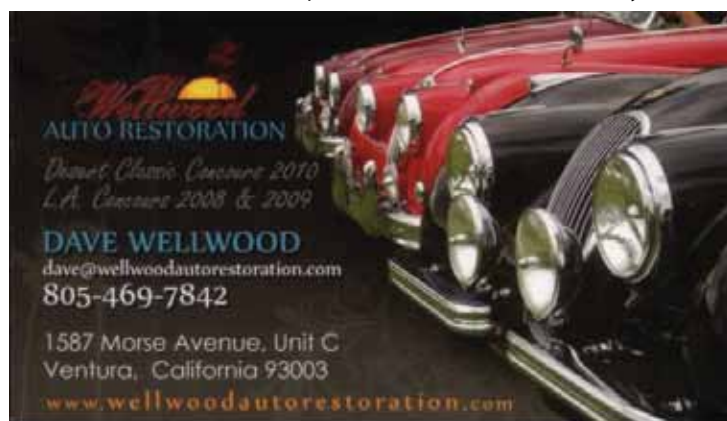
Mingle with balloon pilots, enjoy outdoor dining, wine and beer tastings, car show, browse arts and craft vendors, connect kids with interactive, fun discovery of agriculture and balloons, relax with live music. CCBCC members have been invited to attend the car show. For more info, please visit [www.citrusclassicballoons.com](http://www.citrusclassicballoons.com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

## 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](http://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](http://www.pebblebeachconcours.net)



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**C. Darryl Struth**

**Richard & Diane Armstrong**

**Pam & Chuck Rimlinger**

**Barry Roberts**

**Byron McCracken**

**Mark Costello**

**Allen Merriam**

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