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So here we are with our penultimate Presidents Letter for 2011. I wasn't able to be at this month's club meeting but I understand that Darryl did a good job and everyone had a good time.

On Saturday October 29th a group of club members went to the Worldwide Pre Car Show day at the Santa Barbara Polo Club field. We got there early so we got to line all the CCBCC cars in a line opposite the cars that had taken part in the Mille Miglia event the previous week, it was quite a prime spot. Totally there were probably 150 cars on show, there was food from the Shuttle Café, Italian Food, Ice Cream, Wine Tasting and Beer. It was a great day, we'll have to get even more CCBCC cars there next year.

Then on November 13th Darryl organized his annual 'Teddy Bear Run' which was a great success as usual. We, the CCBCC, had a lot of cars there supported by a few other clubs. The Corvette Club had about 20 cars in attendance. The Penfield School parking lot was absolutely chocker-a-block. The Corvette Club went off on their own rally and the rest of us followed Darryl's rally instructions, some of us more closely than others. We went through downtown Ventura, up The Avenue, past Foster Park, past Casitas, over to Carpinteria (that was a real fun part) and down the coast back to the VFW Club for a Barbeque lunch. My trip read exactly 60 miles in about 1 ¼ hours. Someone said their directions took them to Santa Barbara but that's OK. We all had a lot of fun. Thank you Darryl!

Our big Social Event of the year, the Holiday Brunch, is coming up soon. This meeting also includes the election of Club Officers for the coming year so we need to start thinking about who we will vote for. Most of your existing officers are willing to stand for a further year if you agree. We will need to elect new officers for the positions of 'Recorder', 'Regalia & Raffle Chairman' and 'Activities Chairman'. Of course, any proposed candidates will need to have agreed to take the job prior to the election and members can propose themselves for any position. So let's put our thinking caps on and start talking to other members to get them interested prior the meeting.

If you are interested in taking up one of the positions or know someone else who is interested, I would appreciate your letting me know prior to December 4th. Also, don't forget your White Elephant gift which will be put onto the pile for some unsuspecting member to pick up.

See you all there,

All the Best,

Richard



Central Coast British Car Club Meeting - November 2011

1. General Announcements

Darryl confirmed the two Board positions to be vacated at the end of the year and asked for nominations for replacements.

Sue outlined the arrangements for the Holiday Brunch and distributed registration forms.

Mille Miglia tribute events were held 10/29 and 10/30 with the main car show at the Santa Barbara polo ground well attended by members (all proceeds going to the SB Boys and Girls Club). Dave Wellwood reported many high-end vehicles and numerous trophies were available at the Concours event on Sunday.

Martin, Bill and Patrick reported a good time at the autocross event held at the Camarillo airport.

Bob Muzio reported a very good attendance at Triumph Fest.

Dave Wellwood announced the passing of Dave Francis at the age of 80 (cameraman and club member) following the discovery of his TR6 on E-bay.

2. 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)

11/13 – Teddy Bear Run with BBQ afterwards (Darryl); Corvette club may also attend

Raffle held by Gary Rice.

Patrick attempted to show another video from the 'Top Gear' BBC series until the projector lamp failed (Lucas?)

Meeting closed 8:20 p.m.

Trevor J. Marshall - Recorder



One of a kind 1956 Austin Healey Coupe at the Art Center Car Classic. Photo by Patrick Redd

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October sure was a hectic month! I apologize for the October edition of the newsletter coming out a little late. Along with putting in lots of overtime at work, there was also a lot of events to attend!

The month started out with a photography trip with fellow club member Bill Rogers to cover the Prescott Rally. Next came the Art Center Car Classic show. Look for a write-up on that event in this issue.

The month ended with some car prep and the Camarillo Auto-x, organized by CCBC member Martin Keller. This course was quite a bit faster than the last one so I took my VW Rabbit this time around (sorry folks!). Be sure to check out the club website for some onboard video of Bill running his Sunbeam Tiger on the course.

November has been a busy month too. The holidays are almost here! Flat Out!
Patrick Redd
Webmaster/newsletter editor

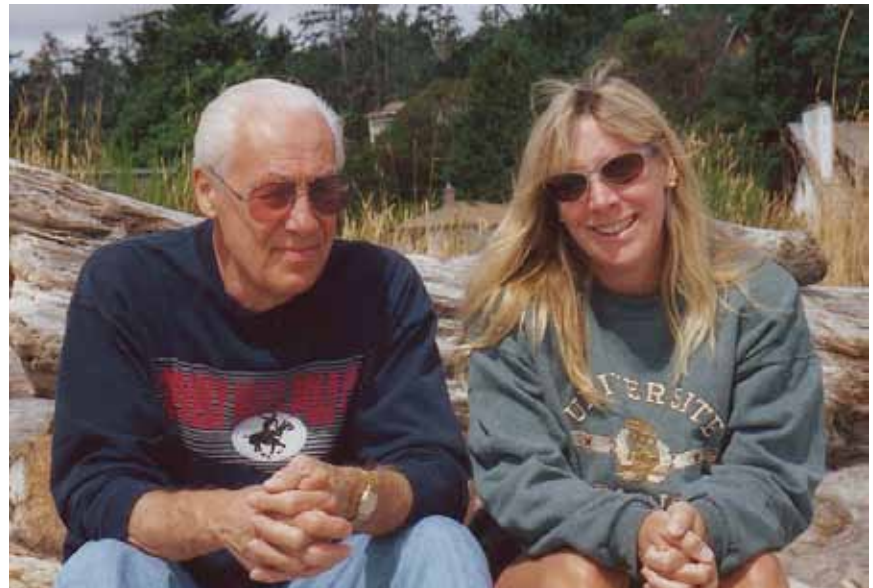


More on Dave Francis

Earlier this month at the November club meeting we learned of club member Dave Francis' passing. I was able to locate his obituary and ran it in the October issue that came out a little late.

Club member Gary Cooper stopped by to visit Dave's wife Donna and offer the club's condolences. Through Gary's visit, we were able to obtain a couple of photos from Dave's daughter to share in the newsletter (at right and on the cover)

Dave's daughter noted that we would be pleased to know that her father's 1969 TR6 was purchased by a very nice man from Arkansas named Ray Sherry. "It was incredibly sad for us to see it go but Ray was so kind and interested in knowing more about my dad." noted Shannon. His enthusiasm helped to bring some levity to the situation.



Dave Francis with daughter Shannon

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- Make sure your tyres have adequate tread depth to keep you safe and legal by taking the 20p test
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Pebble Beach

Concours d'Elegance

Photos and words
by Patrick Redd

The third weekend in August has been the date for the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance for 61 years. Car week has grown over the years to include several other events but Pebble Beach still rules them all.

The Concorso Italiano (the all-Italian show that takes place on Friday) featured an enormous collection of lesser Ferraris, but this year at Pebble Beach, the vast majority of the world's surviving Ferrari GTOs were present. That was really a sight to be seen. The day before, I saw several of them going around the track at speed over at Laguna Seca.



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1961 Geneva Motorshow E-Type



Check out that horn!

Rolls Royce Boattail



1911 Blitzen Benz

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You simply can't see a collection of cars of this caliber anywhere else on the globe. Car and Driver named Pebble Beach one of their 10 automotive events to see before you die, and I think they definitely have that right. This year the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance featured Mercedes-Benz, Stutz, Rolls-Royce Silver Ghosts, Ferrari 250 GTO, and Italian motorcycles. This year's event drew vehicles from 27 states and 14 countries (plus Monaco). Featured vehicles included the Ferrari F250 GTO with 22 on display, not to mention the Jaguar E-Type and a special display by Mercedes-Benz highlighting 125 year of the automobile.

But perhaps what makes Pebble Beach so special are the true rarities. There were several amazing cars on display with names I had never seen before.

There is so much happening that it is really difficult to take it in everything. Everyone receives a program which contains brief descriptions of the cars. What I discovered is that there is a lot more to the stories behind a lot of the cars. A great resource for more info I found was on Jay Leno's website, www.jaylenosgarage.com. He conducted interviews with several of the owners of the cars who gave in-depth accounts on features of the cars, history, started them up, etc. Each feature is a video around 10 minutes in length or less. I highly recommend checking it out.

Another interesting part of the show is the people watching. There were quite a few women wearing their Sunday bonnets, men and women in fancy period dress, and a few "fashion victims" that were good for a smile.

I didn't stay for the entire awards show. I didn't think it was possible but I was reaching the saturation point with cars, crowds, and sun. This year's Best of Show, a 1934 Voisin C-25 Aerodyne from the Mullin Museum. For more photos from Pebble Beach, check out the club's website www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com



Photos and story by Patrick Redd

Art Center *Car Classic*

Art Center College of Design in Pasadena, CA held its annual Car Classic car show last month. The event has become a must-attend on my calendar for the past few years. Being an Art Center alum, it also makes for a good excuse to visit my old stomping grounds. While rain hampered last year's Car Classic, this year's event benefited from a very warm for October, Southern California day.

The theme for this year's event was "California Design: Influencing Change," meaning that in addition to enjoying all the classic cars on display—including a 1968 Peter Brock Triumph TR 250 K; a 1942 Alfa Romeo 6C 2500 SS Berlinetta Aero Dynamica; and a 1932 Doane Spencer Hot Rod—visitors to Car Classic learned about the continuing global influence that Southern California has on transportation design. Anyone from Art Center will tell you that the Car Classic is not a concours event, but rather a display of automotive art. As a result, the selection of cars is

fairly eclectic and the vehicles are strewn about the campus lawn in a rather unorganized fashion. While the layout may not be as photogenic, it makes it easy to wander through the sea of cars and simply enjoy each and every one.

Each Car Classic does have a theme, though, and for 2011 the event celebrated Southern California's influence on automotive design. In addition to Art Center producing some of the world's most famous automotive designers, more than twenty advanced automotive design studios call the area home, several of which brought recent concept cars to display. There were also special displays for California hot rods and California beach culture as well as cars designed by Peter Brock. The Petersen Automotive Museum and Mullin Museum also brought out cars from their impressive collections.

Throughout the day, panel discussions were held to

Art Center Car Classic



hear influential and innovative designers speak about the influence California culture has had on their work. This year, panel discussions ranged from the topic of California Vehicle Design Studios, an unveiling of the ICON 4 x 4, California Hot Rods, California Beach Culture, to California Motor Sports.

Special guests at this weekend's event included a number of Art Center alumni, including: Peter Brock, founder of Brock Racing Enterprises and designer of the Cobra Daytona Coupe; Chip Foose, president and CEO of Foose Design and member of the Hot Rod Hall of Fame; Chuck Pelly, founder of The Design Academy Inc. and BMW DesignworksUSA; and Freeman Thomas, director of strategic design for Ford Motor Company.

Also present at the event was alumnus Miguel Galluzzi, the designer of the legendary Ducati Monster motorcycle and Vice President of Design at Piaggio. Other guests to the event included: Bruce Canepa, Porsche racer and owner of Canepa Design; Dave Kunz, automotive reporter for KABC-TV Los Angeles; Barry Meguiar, president and CEO, Meguiar's Inc. and host of SPEED Channel's Car Crazy; Bruce Meyer, car collector and former chairman of the Petersen Automotive Museum; and Bruce Meyers (Meyers Manx), father of the modern dune buggy.

Peter Brock, 1966:
working on a coupe version
of his TR-250K
Photo from www.bre2.net/



Everybody knows Peter Brock for a different reason. To historic Corvette fans he's the guy who penned the lines of the original Sting Ray racer and by extension the '63 Corvette "split window". To Cobra fans meanwhile, Peter's the guy who took the brick-like Shelby Cobra roadster and turned it into the slippery Cobra Daytona Coupe – the first American car to grab the FIA's GT World Championship. Datsun devotees love to remember the Peter Brock of Brock Racing Enterprises during the late '60s and early '70s; that fun-loving hipster who coolly called the shots as BRE's 510 coupes decimated the Alfas and Porsches of the Trans-Am 2.5 series.

Brock left Shelby in 1965 after the company came bogged down under the corporate influence of Ford. He then did a variety of jobs, including setting up his own enterprise Brock Racing Enterprises BRE's first task was developing the Hino Contessa for Californian Club racing and also designed a prototype for Triumph, the TR250K. That car was also on display at the Art Center show.

The 250K was aluminium-bodied with an electronically adjustable rear wing. The car used Triumph mechanicals, and was built for Kaz Kastener's team of factory backed Triumphs. It used side-draft Webers as throttle bodies for mechanical fuel injection on the 2.5 Triumph straight 6. The car led Sebring for three hours before the clutch broke. Check out lots more photos of the car and the rest of the show at www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com

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SANTA BARBARA *Concours d'Elegance*

By Patrick Redd Photos by Michael Frustere



The 25th annual Santa Barbara Concours d'Elegance, held at the Santa Barbara Polo & Racquet Club, displayed some of the world's finest automobiles and motorcycles. This year's Concours featured Marque manufacturer Mercedes Benz, Grand Marshal Andy Granatelli, Master of Ceremonies Ed Lucas, and the 35th anniversary reunion of Clénet Coachworks.

The Mille Miglia North America Tribute was held in advance of the 25th Annual Santa Barbara Concours d'Elegance. The 1,000 mile experience was produced in the spirit of the original Mille Miglia in Italy, on a picturesque California coast route running through the remarkable landscapes of Santa Barbara, Carmel, San Francisco, and Monterey.

The show took place over 2 days with Saturday featuring a car corral for car clubs and the main event on Sunday. Car Corral areas were set up surrounding the main field and every effort was made to align club cars with their respective manufacturer within the judged show field. Many CCBCC members met up early Saturday morning for a caravan up to Carpinteria for the event.

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Santa Barbara Concours



Concours d'Elegance Grand Marshall, "Mr. Indy 500" Andy Granatelli, said the event was a success. "It's a wonderful day, a great crowd," Mr. Granatelli told the News-Press. "It's the premiere event now. A lot of people, a lot of cars, a good day (and) the location in beautiful Santa Barbara. What else could you ask for?"

Entries to date come from from Westlake Village, Santa Ynez, Nipomo, Oxnard, Ventura, Carpinteria, Montecito and Santa Barbara. Other entries come from Hermosa Beach, Burbank, Grass Valley, Valencia and Arizona. The Mullin Museum in Oxnard entered a 1939 Delahaye Type 165 Cabriolet, while the Petersen Automotive Museum in Los Angeles brought a 1939 Bugatti Type 57C Van Vooren Cabriolet.

Local, national, and international wineries gather for the 2nd annual Vino d'Elegance, a tasting and celebration at the height of the harvest season. This event benefits the local community and creates an exquisite Santa Barbara weekend spotlighting participating wineries.

Throughout the event, winners of various awards were announced, culminating in the final, Best-in-Show award. There were many classes so there were plenty of awards to go around. The long wheelbase 1936 Delahaye 135 Competition Disappearing Top Convertible by Figoni et Filachi won "Best of Show". For more event photos, check out the photos page at www.centralcoastbritishcarclub.com and www.elegantcars.com



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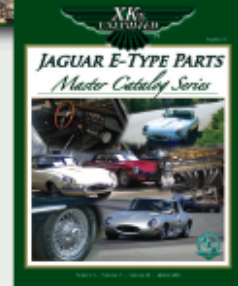
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2011 CCBCC Holiday Brunch

Sunday, December 4, 2011

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 No-host bar opens at 10:30 AM
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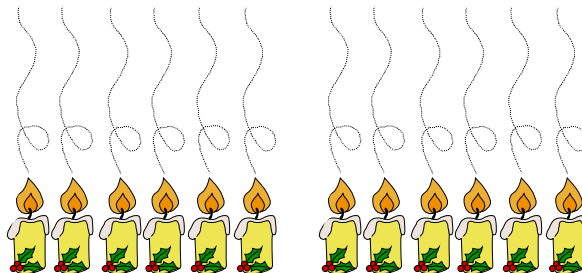
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Monthly Breakfast - CCBC event

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

Teddy Bear Run - November 13, 2011 at 10 A.M-

The 22nd Annual Douglas Penfield School Teddy Bear Run will be on . The "entry fee" of a new Teddy Bear provides a real treat for the handicapped children when they are given out by Santa Claus at the annual Christmas Party and Luncheon hosted for them at the school by the Footprinters. See entry form and announcement in this issue.

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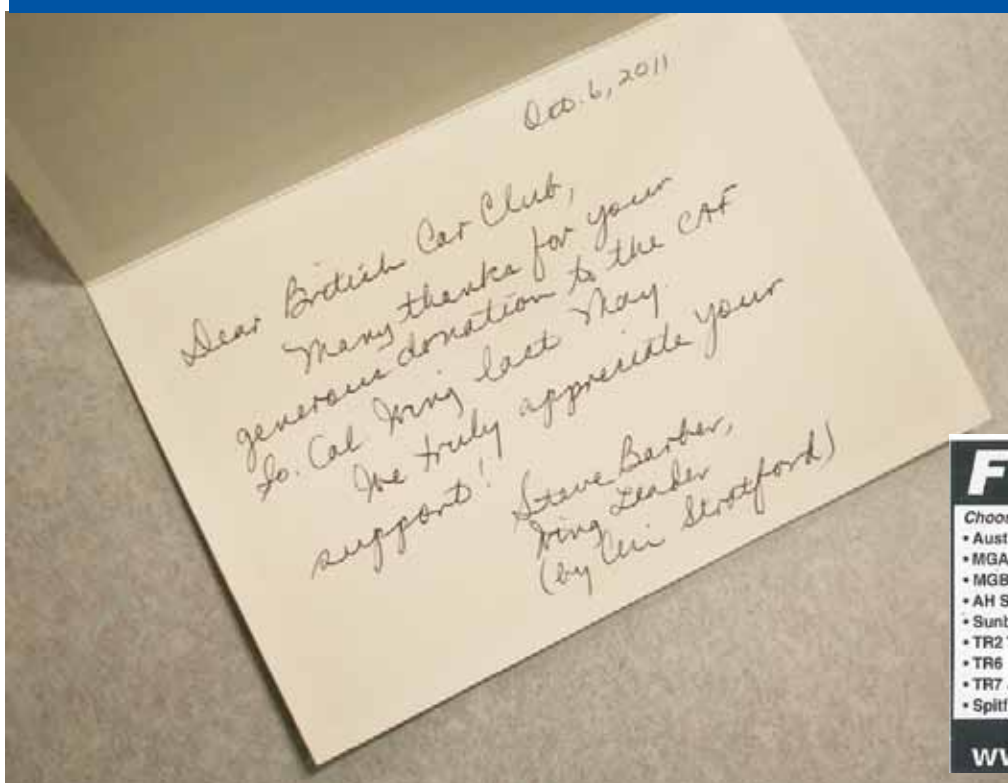
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8th Annual Motor4Toys Charitable Car Show - Sunday, December 4, 6:30am-noon, The Anthem Building in the Warner Center

Our mission is to bring the motorsport community together for the holidays to collect as many toys as possible for less fortunate children. Entrance to the event is FREE for everyone. We ask that each guest bring along at least one new, unwrapped toy valued at over \$10. Come and join us for a beautiful, sunny day with the most spectacular high end automobiles the world has to offer... and all for a wonderful cause! For more info, visit www.motor4toys.com/

Annual CCBC Wine Country Tour - February 3-4, 2012, Pismo Beach, CA

Once again we'll be returning to the Cottage Inn by the Sea in Pismo Beach. The tour will be on Saturday with an after party to follow. Details are still in the works. Rooms at a group rate have been set aside for CCBC. Make your reservations now!



Thanks!

Earlier this year the club had a gathering at Camarillo Airport when the Spitfire plane was on display. The club made a donation to the Commemorative Air Force in support of what the group does to preserve aviation history.

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