

THE CLEAR HOOTER!



NEWSLETTER OF THE CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB



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Winners at the Wheel and Windmills Car Show
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MINUTES OF THE CENTRAL COAST BRITISH CAR CLUB GENERAL MEETING DATE Sept. 3, 2019 At Barrelhouse 101 in Ventura



Meeting brought to order by: Dave Reid, CCBCC Vice-President at 7:00 pm.
Number of members present: 38 of 139 members

Board Members in Attendance:

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Notes:

We now have 139 members in the club as of 09/03/2019. If you have ordered a name badge or are a new member your name badge is ready for you and the Membership chair has sent you a notification that it is in, so you can collect it at any meeting or event that you are attending by contacting Pam Justin at pjquilter1@hotmail.com to make arrangements for your name tag to be there for you to collect.

Topic 1: Newsletter Editor Request.

The Newsletter editor is requesting photos of events and your British Cars along with a short write-up about the event or your auto so she can feature your auto on the cover of the newsletter or put the article in it with photos of an event you participated in with your British auto. If you have questions about this or need some assistance you can contact Terry Schuller at dtreid@gmail.com for more information. One last thought the newsletter editor has been placing a photo of one of our members in the newsletter from a time long past to see if the membership can identify the person in the photo and asks at the monthly meeting if anyone knows who it could be so if you have a photo of yourself that only you and a select few people would recognize and wish to share it with the editor to try and stump the membership please let Terry know as she is in need of more selections for this part of the newsletter. Last month's photo was a photo of very young Gary Cooper just so you know.

Topic 2: Triumphest 2019 Santa Maria, Ca.

Triumphest 2019 September 12 – 14 is the gathering of all Triumph Autos and this year it is in Santa Maria, Ca. and a number of the clubs' members are going to attend as it is only a two hour drive from Ventura. This year's featured Triumph is the TR6 as it is the 50th anniversary and the organizers are trying to have as many TR6's show up and to try to set a record for the largest gathering of TR6's in one place. If you have never attended one of these gatherings it is a lot of fun and a great way to enjoy our autos and the people associated with this hobby. Here is a link to the web site and registration if you wish to go. <https://triumphest2019.com/>

Topic 3: Summerland Brunch Run Sept. 28, 2019.

The club has organized a drive and tour that will meet at the Golden China Parking lot just off the HWY 101 and Seaward Avenue off ramp in Ventura on September 28, 2019. Michael Gustafson is the POC for this event and you can RSVP to him at mikegus999@gmail.com if you wish to attend and for more information. This drive / run will be to the Summerland Café for a no host brunch and then via the two lane roads to the Olive Factory for a tour of the facility to see how they produce olive oil and products that they make. Michael will be sending out more information in the next week about this event and meeting time so keep an eye out for that email.



Topic 4: Club Regalia

The club has put the regalia on the web site under the Members Only section so that members can now purchase directly from the vendor that the club has an agreement with to supply items approved by the club. There are three ways to purchase regalia for the club, one is by contacting the membership chair, and two is to attend a club meeting, and third is to contact or visit Custom Embroidery in the Ventura Harbor. By using this vendor the club is able to supply a number of custom items to the membership and also support one of the local shops in the area so if you are looking for that unique item you most likely can find it there.

Topic 5: Wine Tour

The CCBCC Wine Tour is on February 22 & 23, 2020 and will once again start and finish in Pismo Beach, CA at **The Cottage Inn by The Sea**. This is an event that our club has held for 32 years and is typically very well attended and proves to be a good time for all! The POC for this even is Neal Subic who can be reached at the following if you wish more information; (805) 258-1182
neal@nksubic.com .

Topic 6: October 13/14, 2019 Seaside Highland Games

The Seaside Highland Games will be held at the Ventura County Fair Grounds and we have been asked to display our British Auto's at this event by the organizers. If you wish to participate you can email Paul Keener at pcktools@gmail.com and he will provide you with directions and information as to where you can enter with you vehicle. He also provides you with passes for the event for displaying your British vehicle. If you have never attended one of these events it is interesting and fun as they have all sorts of entertainment and booths at the gathering of the games. A number of the club's membership display their autos at this event yearly so you will not be alone and it is a lot of fun. Hope to see you there.

Topic 7: 2020 CCBCC 30th Anniversary Car Show

The planning for this show has already started as this is going to be a special event for the club as it is a milestone not many clubs reach. The club's board is asking the membership for suggestions as to what they think the participants might want to see in the way of trophies and vendors and other things for those that come to participate. Please submit your input to any board member or directly to Michael Gustafson at mikegus999@gmail.com so it can be presented to the car show committee. Also, if you wish to help with the planning of this milestone event please let Michael know or just come to any of the planning meetings as they are always open to the membership as it is your club and you always have a say in club as a member.

“JULIE TIME” presented by: Julie Root

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Arbys Gift Card = Joel Justin
Lure Seafood Gift Card = Frank Powel
Trader Joe's Gift Card = Walt Hagedohan

Jersey Mikes Gift Card = Martin Keller
In & Out Burger Gift Card = Gary Cooper
Starbucks Gift Card = Kurt Lanise

Birthday Gift Card Drawing for members at the meeting with a birthday in the month of September. Rick Wiles and Martin Keller have B-Days this month and were at the meeting making them eligible for this drawing. Happy Birthday to both members and any others in the club that were not at the meeting. Rick Wiles was the winner of the B-Day Gift Card this month.



GENERAL MEETINGS:

Are held at 7:00 pm on the 1st Tuesday of each month unless it falls on a holiday at :

Barrelhouse 101 restaurant : 545 E. Thompson Blvd. Ventura. Offramp on 101 is California St.

2019 GENERAL MEETING DATES:

Oct. 1, Nov. 5.

Dec. 8, Christmas party, Four Points Sheraton, Ventura

Board meetings take place according to the needs of the club, usually before or after the club's General Meeting; but as often as is deemed necessary at the discretion of the Club President.

NEWSLETTER

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Wheel and Windmills Car Show

by Joel Justin



Neal and Mike have raved for years about how good the Wheels and Windmills car show in Solvang was. They said the setting is great and that the car show takes over the whole town. They also said it's a popular car show and you needed to register the day it opened, which was June 1st.

I registered at 7:30am and sent Neal and Mike a note that I had. Good thing I did as that reminded them they needed to register too. Then Mike sent a reminder out to the club. Martin tried to register at 10:30 and it was already full! I'm sure other club members were disappointed too. How do we get our car show to be that popular!

Pam and I headed out in our 1954 Triumph TR2 (my best shot at an award) at about 6:30am for the Golden China to meet up with Mike and Sandra (1973 TR6), Neal and Maggie (1970 TR6), and John and Jean who were driving the "SAG wagon" (GMC Acadia). We had a beautiful drive up 101 to Buellton with cool temps and mostly sunshine. We got off at Hwy 246 and headed into Solvang. Things were a little backed up, but we finally got off the road and into line for registration and photos.

We had asked to park together so they put us in the CCBCC section. It turned out Byron and Mara Brill had registered their 1956 Austin A50 Cambridge and a French 1959 Panhard Dyna Z16 (which I heard several folks say, "Look at that Packard"!). We had a sidewalk behind our cars that was in the shade so we set up our chairs to stake our claim. We were hungry so Neal, Maggie, John, Jean, Pam and I went into the Red Viking Restaurant which was right across the street from where we parked for breakfast. It was delicious and really hit the spot.

Just as we were getting ready to walk around and ogle at cars, Frank Powell and Randy Ricks walked up. Neither of them got in the show, but they drove up in their Austin Healey 100/6 and Triumph TR6 respectively. Then as we started walking around, we bumped into Ron and Julie Root. They didn't get into the show either, but drove up in their TR6 to enjoy the day.

As you might imagine, most of the cars were domestics. Hot Rods, customs, original restorations. Lots of beautiful cars. With over 300 cars taking up not only the main street in Solvang (Copenhagen Drive), but on several side streets as well as the parking lot across from the park, needless to say, it took a while to see everything.

We got split up and on our way back, Pam and I saw a Doc Bernstein's ice cream shop. A Mint Chocolate Chip cone sounded good, so we stopped. When we got back to our cars, we saw they had been judged. So we kicked back in the shade for a bit before the awards ceremony.

While we were waiting, one of the many people looking at our cars asked if any of us owned the TR2. I assumed they wanted to ask some questions, but I quickly learned that they were one of the show merchant sponsors who got to pick out their favorite car and present an Award of Excellence. And I got theirs! They were from Jon's Equipment and Construction in Buellton and it turns out he's a real car guy, having 22 cars of his own.

It was time for the awards. We took our chairs to the park and found a shady spot under a tree near the pavilion. Since we had 45 minutes or so, and Fitzpatrick's Tavern was right next door, we thought a pint was in order. And it was nicely air conditioned too!

They were a little late in getting the awards started; the old excuse of "the dog ate my homework" – actually, our computer crashed just after we entered everything. But it got rolling and we waited for them to get to class H – Sports Cars Domestic and Foreign. They called 2nd place first and Mike won with his TR6. That left me feeling pretty good about 1st place, and sure enough, they called me next.

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We figured we were done with awards, but we hung around chatting while they continued. All of a sudden they called Neal up for a 1st place award for his TR6. We didn't hear what the class was and the award had the same writing on it as mine, so we were totally confused until we got back to the cars and saw that his car was registered in the modified class. So between our 3 cars, we won 4 awards. Not a bad haul for the CCBCC.

Mike and Sandra headed home after the show, but the rest of us spent the night in Buellton to partake in a little wine tasting on Sunday. After checking in and taking showers, we met in the breakfast room for "happy hour". We shared some wine and Neal and Maggie brought some snacks. We had dinner reservations at Firestone's Taproom which was a short walk across the freeway. After a delicious dinner, we headed back to the hotel where we sat in rocking chairs on their front porch enjoying the cool evening and "welcoming" people coming to check in.

Pam and I got up early the next morning and took a walk down Avenue of Flags. We walked by the Mendenhall Museum of Gasoline Pumps & Petroliana. That may have to be a future club outing. We then met the group for breakfast at the hotel. After breakfast, Neal and Maggie headed home while John and Jean and we headed to Los Olivas for a little wine tasting at Artiste Winery. They weren't open yet, so we stopped at Arthur Earl to taste their Nebbiolo and Barbera wines. They were quite good, so naturally we bought a bottle of each.

We stopped at Los Olivas Grocery where they made us delicious sandwiches, then headed over to Sunstone to enjoy them on a shaded picnic table on the lawn. After lunch, we tasted there before heading home.

Other than the traffic getting thru Santa Barbara and Ventura, the weekend was wonderful. It's always great hanging out with club members and I look forward to the show next year. But I may need to get up earlier so I can get in before it sells out!



NEW MEETING LOCATION FOR CLUB MEETINGS TAKE NOTE!!!!



October's meeting will be held on **Tues October 8th at: Barrelhouse 101** at: 545 E. THOMPSON BLVD, VENTURA, CA 93001. The Barrelhouse has free parking and an extensive menu. We have a separate room and the management hopes we will all order something. Please use the California exit of the 101 freeway. If parking is gone, use the free parking structure 74 South California St, Ventura, CA 93001 about 1.5 blocks away.

Behind the Wheel *editors corner*



I am attempting to put out a newsletter every month, there may be times I miss a month due to being away.

The newsletter is a vital piece of communication to keep members informed of what is happening within our club and lists events that are happening that may be of interest to club members.

I would like to feature one member's British car on the cover of each newsletter. If you would like your ride displayed on the cover, please send me a high resolution picture of it in a nice place (not just the parking lot at work!!) to dtreid@gmail.com

I have NO more picture and story for the front page of the newsletter. Let's see some of your favorite pics of your British car.

ARTICLES NEEDED:

The newsletter is in need of articles on anything to do with the club or British cars. Please use Microsoft Word and save as a document. If possible use font Arial, size 12 and do not do any formatting, just paragraphs of words.

A NEW NEWSLETTER FEATURE



Sept.'s child is Gary Cooper



Guess who the Oct. kids are?
They are married and met many years after these were taken!

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CCBCC & other Car Events coming up



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Wednesday Oct. 16, Drive to Jalama Beach for lunch

Gerald Davies and Michael Carlson are organizing a drive to Jalama Beach for lunch and one of their renowned hamburgers on Wednesday, October 16th. We will take in some scenic hills and valleys from Ventura to Santa Barbara and then 101 to the turn off to Lompoc and then Jalama Road to the Beach. We figure it should take about 2 hours to get there. It is a pretty beach and the grill is a good place to eat. We can stay an hour or two and enjoy the beach while we are there. Then we will head on back to Ventura returning around 3:00. Please let Michael know you are coming: michael.carlson55@gmail.com, 832 655 8760

Sunday November 17, 2019 Teddy Bear Run.

The 30th annual Teddy Bear Run will be on November 17th. We will meet up at the **Douglas Penfield School**, 640 Jazmin Ave, Ventura @ 9:00 am. For those members who have not attended this event in the past. The Douglas Penfield school serves students from kindergarten to fifth grade with moderate to severe disabilities. For the past 29 years the CCBCC has delivered teddy bears to the school in November. The bears are then passed out to the children at a spaghetti lunch put on December 13th by our club volunteers. Each car attending should bring a teddy bear for each person in your car. Try to keep the Bears no larger than 24". After we present the teddy bears to the school we will drive as a group to a restaurant for lunch. As the event gets closer we will have more details on where we will be going for a no host brunch / lunch. The POC for this brunch / lunch drive will be Martin Keller and he will be putting out more information as we get closer to the event date so keep an eye out for a club email with more information. Also spread the word to your friends even if they do not have a British auto all are welcome to attend this event and drive to brunch / lunch.

Sun, November 17, 2019 10:30 AM – 4:00 PM This fund raiser car show is held in front of MB2 Raceway in Thousand Oaks, CA at **1475 Lawrence Drive**. You can access the show by getting off at Rancho Conejo Road (take a left coming from Ventura, take a right coming from Los Angeles) and head down Rancho Conejo just past Lawrence Drive. You will see a sign for MB2 on the left hand side. Register before Halloween and you'll receive a free goody bag and T-Shirt for only \$20.00! Here is a link to the web site. <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/5th-annual-ada-charity-car-show-registration-62965257781>

Feb 21-23, 2020 Our annual **Wine Tour** is in the final planning stages and it's time to put it on your calendars and make your hotel room reservations!

The 2020 Wine Tour will once again start and finish in Pismo Beach, CA at **The Cottage Inn by The Sea**, and as is tradition we will be doing a great scenic drive up the coastline and through the Central Coast wine country. This is an event that our club has held for 32 years and is typically very well attended and proves to be a good time for all! See pg. 15

The Tale of Mara's Austins by Byron Brill



We had been collecting cars for about twenty years when Mara came home one day and announced she had found her dream car. We had a small collection of early post-war European cars, most of which were ones I remembered fondly from my youth. Mara, who hadn't ever given cars much thought prior to our first meeting, was accepting of this addiction and mostly tolerated my exploits. After all, I'd picked her up for our first date in my DKW. She had to know something was up. But one day in the late nineties she spotted a cute little car for sale in neighboring Redwood City. When I asked about it, she said it was small, black and absolutely as cute as could be. And it was an Austin.

An Austin was my first car (at age 12) so my ears perked up. And since any car guy wants his wife to be happy (and since she had fallen for an *Austin*), I thought we'd better take this seriously. So we drove over to the neighborhood where she saw it and, sure enough, there was a dingy, black 1956 Austin A50 Cambridge. But far from cute and snuggly, it appeared to be a well-worn, much hacked about example held together with baling wire and a prayer. So, of course, we bought it. It was only \$500 and, with rose colored glasses firmly in place, we convinced ourselves a paint job and a bit of extra work would turn it into a jewel.

A few days of driving it around the neighborhood revealed just how worn out the poor old girl was. The complicated left hand drive four speed column shift linkages were held together with bailing wire, the engine smoked, the brakes pulled, the transmission shifted with great difficulty and the interior was ratty beyond belief. There had to be a better example out there that wouldn't cost several times its market value to restore.

Time to find another

I convinced Mara that our new baby wasn't the one we wanted to restore. We really needed to find one in better shape. But if we were going to do that, shouldn't we look at the bigger A55 or even the top o' the line A105 Westminster six cylinder? They all shared the same basic three box look, after all, and the A55 and A105 were so much more refined than the original A50. No dice. To Mara, the admittedly rather dumpy proportions of the A50 couldn't be improved upon; only an A50 Cambridge would do. Even though A50s are as scarce as hen's teeth on these shores, the search was on. After a few phone calls to knowledgeable British car friends, we turned up a fellow in Los Angeles with two for sale.

Over the ten to fifteen years prior, Mike first bought one Cambridge needing restoration, then another, nicer one. He also hit all the former British car dealers that remained in business selling other makes in the greater LA area and bought up all the NOS Cambridge parts he could find, amounting to four large plastic boxes worth. It sounded like the perfect deal and the price was right. So, we bundled up our three kids (15, 13 and 10) packed our '97 Suburban and '94 Buick Roadmaster wagon and headed to LA where we rented two U-Haul car trailers and steered toward Mike's house. He explained his decision to sell by saying that he really wasn't into the "big" Austins any longer. He wanted to concentrate on the little ones, like the A35 in his garage. (When Mara saw the A35 she went all starry eyed, but it wasn't for sale. But the die was cast, as we shall learn.) We loaded the two A50s, together with all the NOS spares Mike had amassed, and headed back to Menlo Park with our booty.

Reality bites

The neighbors were a bit shocked (but not surprised) when we finally arrived back home with a pair of towcars and trailers and two new A50s to add to the growing fleet. The car needing restoration was also black and had been stored poorly over the previous decades. It was a very early car with low original miles, but it needed everything. The other car was a sun bleached seafoam green in decent condition, but with high miles. Looking the two of them over in greater detail in the coming days revealed that even the nicer of the two really needed quite a bit to make it a safe, good looking regular driver. I had plenty of projects in the pipeline already and really didn't want to drop everything to focus six months and a lot of

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dollars on making this one the peach Mara expected. We now had three Cambridges on our long drive-way, so what to do? Look for another!

Several more phone calls to friends failed to reveal any more Cambridges hiding in the Western U.S., apart from one rusty example in Oregon. But I recalled a website I had stumbled upon several years earlier. It was run by a man named Alan Peacock from New Zealand and specialized in listing Austin cars and parts for sale anywhere in the world, but mostly in New Zealand and Australia. What the heck, it was worth a try. The site disappeared some years ago, but was still active in early 2000 when we went looking.

The Find of the Century (if you're into Austin Cambridges, anyway)

After scrolling through pages of Austins and parts, I found an ad for a 1956 Austin A50 Cambridge. It was said to have low miles and be in good condition, residing in a garage where it had spent the last several years. The ad said the car was located in Turlock, CA less than 100 miles from where we lived in Menlo Park! I traded emails with the owner, Brian Wright, and Mara and I made arrangements to drive out to Turlock and have a look.

There we found a 1956 Austin A50 Cambridge that had been owned by Brian's great aunt. Kate Robinson had been a school teacher who lived in Felton and drove her Cambridge daily the few miles into the seaside resort town of Santa Cruz to her school. It showed 35,000 original miles at the time. After Kate left the Cambridge to Brian, he drove it on weekends for several years until the fuel pump packed it in, whereupon it was parked in a corner of Brian's garage. When he came to the realization he wouldn't get around to having it fixed, he decided to put Kate's Cambridge up for sale. How and why he happened to list it on Alan Peacock's site just as we were looking is just down to providence.

This Cambridge was built on May 4, 1956 and shipped to the West Coast of the U.S.A. on June 2, 1956. It was purchased new from San Jose British Motors by Kate Robinson and registered BMC 999, an odd twist since Austins of this period were built by the British Motor Corporation, better known as BMC. Ms. Robinson had the car serviced regularly at Felton Shell and Vern's Auto Repair also in Felton. She continued to drive the car until 1979, when registrations ceased for several years. The Cambridge was again registered in 1983, this time to Kate's grandnephew, who drove it occasionally for the next decade until the fuel pump problem developed and the car was permanently parked.

Mara and I bought the car on February 2, 2000 and trailered it back to our Menlo Park home. The three other Cambridges were sold off to other enthusiasts and we continued to see Mike's green one driving around in Menlo Park for some years afterward. Kate's Cambridge was treated to a new set of Dunlop radial tires, new brakes, a rebuild of the clutch hydraulics, fuel pump and carburetor, a new exhaust system and fresh paint to the wheels and dash. Several years later we replaced the threadbare carpets. Apart from these items, the car is completely original, right down to the Radiomobile radio Kate ordered with the car. In the trunk we found the original 1956 black on yellow California license plate; BMC 999. We've added a touch over 8,000 miles over the last twenty years attending rallies, meets and pleasure drives. It starts first time, every time and still drives like a nearly new car.

An A35 surfaces...

Along about 2013 Mara, who is sometimes confined to bed due to the effects of an obscure autoimmune disease called dermatomyositis, was surfing the Interweb on one such occasion, eBay to be specific, when she happened upon an auction for a 1958 Austin A35. To Mara, 1958 is a special year, although to protect her modesty, I can't go into exactly why. And seeing all the pictures of this cute A35 reminded her why she had fallen in love with them when first seeing Mike's in his LA garage thirteen years prior.

In a fit of passion, and with five days left in the auction, Mara placed a bid, then forgot about it. Literally. Four days later Mara received a notice from eBay that she was the high bidder for a car she hadn't yet told me about. It was time to come clean. The car was located somewhere in the Midwest and about all I can recall is that a round trip flight on such short notice would cost over \$3,000, so a presale look-see wasn't going to be worth it.

With less than 24 hours remaining in the auction, I called the seller and got as much of the low down as I could. It had been home restored in England around 2005 and came with a raft of old MoTs, but little else in the way of restoration documentation. The interior looked great, paint fair and there was obviously some rust that was creeping back in along the door bottoms. The little 948 ran like a top with a single SU replacing the original Solex downdraft and the smoothcase transmission had the typical chipped 1st/reverse gear. I restored, then drove a Bugeye Sprite for a couple of years in high school. I was aware that Donald Healey had based his small sports car on the A35's lusty mechanicals and suspension, so I was very familiar with the underpinnings of this car. We decided to roll the dice and let the auction proceed. We won!

The little yellow A35 arrived on a carrier a few weeks later. To my delight, the driving experience is much like my old Bugeye, but with a roof! Mara still thinks it's the cutest thing ever. My brother tells me it looks like it escaped from Babar Goes to the Circus. Fact is, it's a hoot to drive and is most definitely a chick magnet, though I don't think Mara quite anticipated that.

As I mentioned, I've always had a soft spot for Austins. We still own a few other oddballs, like our DKW 3=6, Panhard Dyna Z16 and Riley RMC Roadster, but the Austin contingent has grown. Since buying the Cambridge, we've bought & sold several others and are currently sitting at five; apart from Mara's pair, we also have a '51A40 Devon (restored and formerly owned by CCBCC member Bill Wilkman), a 1953 A40 Somerset Coupe and a '53 A70 Hereford Countryman.

All our cars have been shown and driven on rallies over the decades with the San Francisco-based Arcane Auto Society and now, following our move to the Santa Ynez Valley a few years ago, throughout our area ever since..





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CCBCC Annual Wine Tour

The **2020 CCBCC Wine Tour** will take place Friday night **February 21st** (check-in and socialize), Saturday **February 22nd** (back-roads drive, winery tours, and evening social/pot-luck), and Sunday **February 23rd** (check-out and drive home).

On Saturday the 22nd, as a group we'll line up the cars in the hotel's parking lot and depart the hotel to make a couple of stops in the morning and continue on back roads to our lunch venue.

For those of you that are new to the club, or to this event, the day of the tour (Saturday) works like this:

- you grab breakfast prior to our departure (breakfast is included if you're staying at The Cottage Inn).
- you bring a picnic lunch to our lunch venue/stop (I'm trying to find a place that also offers food such as pizza or a food truck like last year).
- in the evening we have a potluck style dinner in the hotel's dining area, so you will bring something to share with the group. Plates, napkins and silverware are provided. It's very low key and casual, and we socialize before, during and after dinner, usually over glasses of the wine that we've picked up throughout the day. We even have our traditional "Julie Time" raffle!

The hotel that this event takes place at is **The Cottage Inn by the Sea** in Pismo Beach. There is a block of (25) discounted hotel rooms set up for us already. You are not obligated to stay at The Cottage Inn, but that's where we have our block of rooms, and they let the CCBCC use their dining room free of charge for our Saturday night gathering.

Our discounted rates this year are \$179/nt. for a std. King room, and \$239/nt. for a ground floor ocean front King room (plus tax, license, and doc fees). These rates are much lower than we've seen in past years!

If you're going to stay at the Cottage Inn, **you need to call the Cottage Inn and book/pay for your room**. Reference the '**CCBCC block**'. The cut-off date for our discounted block of rooms is January 31, 2020, but when they're all booked they are gone! The Cottage Inn's number is **(805) 773-4617**. If you have questions or any problems making a reservation, just email, call or text me.

This is a fantastic hotel that sits on the bluffs above the Pacific Ocean in Pismo Beach, CA. A few of the amenities this hotel offers that keeps our club coming back year after year are:

- Quaint Old English cottage style architecture
- Free onsite guest parking
- Oceanfront, heated pool and spa (Complementary robes in each room)
- Complementary daily continental breakfast
- Fireplaces in every room
- Oceanfront fire pits and Adirondack chairs with ocean views along the bluffs
- Mini fridge, microwave, and coffee makers in each room
- Beach access
- 10-minute walk to pier and downtown Pismo

Be sure to call and book your room early soon so you don't miss out!

If you are going to come along on the wine tour, and once you have made your hotel reservation (or make other rooming accommodations) please email me to let me know so I can get you on the participant distribution list for future detailed information and updates.

Cheers!

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(805) 258-1182



Our car show from the Prospective of an out of towner and non club member

Channel Islands British Car Show 7/14

Article by Tim McNiff

The sun was up and it was still cool as I headed west to the 29th Annual All-British Car Show at Channel Islands Harbor, Oxnard. The weather looked great until I neared the grade before Camarillo and saw the deep marine layer hanging over the hills. As I descended into Camarillo the temperature dropped, mist started forming on my windshield, and I kicked myself for not bringing something warmer than a denim long-sleeve shirt.

As I drove through the farms and fields between Camarillo and Oxnard, I wondered who from the club was attending. Upon arrival I was directed to the Healey parking area and saw six other "Big" Healeys belonging to Club members Ron Fine, Phil Caliva, Dex Kaytis, Russ Thompson (with Joyce Maeda), Bill Hoyt and Dave and Bunny DeLorie. All four of the Bugeyes attending were club members: Tom Spangler, Greg Aden, Emil Joseph, and Ralph Deex. There were a few square-body Spidgets also. Our "rare" member Chuck Lakowski and his Jensen-Healey along with three other Jensen-Healeys were in a separate class of "Rarities". Finally, Rich Jones and his wife were there in his Sunbeam Tiger. Additionally, there were two 100's, a 100-6, and two 3000's also on display.

As in past years the Farmers' Market was open and this year a Fine Art Market was also taking place so there was a lot of foot traffic through the car show. Members of the host club, Central Coast British Car Club, were busy selling raffle tickets and Greg Aden put his purchases to good use winning four prizes. The crowd was also treated to a Pipe and Drum performance that included some young Highland dancers. Representatives of the SeasideHighland Games in Ventura were on hand to select the Tartan Surfboard winner, which went to a Mini Traveler.

A few club members decided to visit the show without their cars, including Charlie Hart and Larry Bryant. And others, like Chuck Lakowski with his grandson Jim, brought guests with them. Speaking of noted visitors, the Healey area got a lot of interest from distinguished British actor Malcolm McDowell who brought one of his young sons to check out the cars.

The awards portion of the show saw "back-in-the-day member" Fred Cohen take first in the Big Healey class with his 'nasty boy' 100-M. Club member Ron Fine took second place for his blue-over-white 3000. In the Sprite class first place went to a 1964 square body and Greg Aden and his green and yellow Bugeye racer took second.

By 2:05pm a group was ready to head home and with the temperatures from Newbury Park to the 405 Fwy in LA registering above 90 degrees it was decided to take the Coast Highway. It seemed a good idea as we made good time until we hit Trancas Canyon. Then we hit a figurative wall. Traffic slowed to a crawl and the temperature gauge kept climbing. As we sat in traffic at the light at Zuma Beach my car died and didn't want to start no matter how much I choked her. According to the gauge I had plenty of gas so out of the car I jumped and started pushing to the edge of the road. Then it became a chinese fire drill as Dex, Phil, and some guy in a truck next to me hit the pavement and started pushing. It was vapor lock and a 20 minute cool down got me going again. However, we didn't want to get back in the traffic jam, a turtle was going faster than we were. Dex used his traffic app to find a round-about route that got us to Kanan Dume Rd and we were speeding along again.

But not for long. Another traffic jam has us all cursing and then Rich Jones said we could turn off just ahead at Cornell Road and get over to Mulholland. Phil and Dex decided not to wait and made a turn at Troutdale Rd; Rich was afraid they wouldn't get through because last year's fire had burned one of the bridges. we continued on reaching Mulholland and took Mulholland to Topanga Canyon where I refueled and jumped on the 101Fwy. Traffic was moving pretty good and I transitioned to the 134 and really picked up speed. I arrived home at 5:45pm, hot, tired and ready for a cold adult beverage.

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You Can Be Part of the Games!!

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Among the fun events to be found at the Seaside Highland Games are: internationally known musicians, pipe band competitions & demonstrations, Scottish country & Highland dancing, sheep-herding demonstrations, Celtic fiddle competition, whiskey tasting, vendors, clan tents, children's glen and YOUR wonderful cars!

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Club Affiliation (If Applicable)

Email and/or Phone Number(s), where you can be reached. Please indicate day/night?



CAR SHOW Sunday, October 20th 2019, 9am to 4pm

→ **Show Car load in time is from 7:30 to 8:45 am**, NOT Earlier as Event Set-Up Crews Must Exit Located on Moorpark Road between Hillcrest and Wilbur. Car Show Area is near center, on Brazil St.

Street Fair is put on by the **Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks** an organization that raises funds for Charities. www.ThousandOaksRotary.org FB <https://www.facebook.com/tostreetfair>

SHOW CAR REGISTRATION Only \$10 Online Early-Bird or \$15 by MAIL or after Oct 1st.

NOTE: THERE ARE **LIMITED SPOTS AVAILABLE**, **EVENT WILL SELL OUT FAST**. NOTE: Other Car Shows at similar events like Westlake Street Fair and Camarillo Street Fiesta ad T.O. Chilli Cook-Off, Craft Brew, **Sold Out in Advance**, so

→ **REGISTER NOW TO NOT MISS OUT!** → in 2 Simple Steps,

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→ **STEP 1: EMAIL ALL needed info per form Above ^ to Jim; Contact: CarShow@Mail.com**

→ **STEP 2: Go to <http://paypal.me/TORotaryStreetFair> and make your \$10** or \$15 payment.

Alternate Email is: EmailListReplies@Yahoo.com Or **IF BY MAIL MUST BE RECEIVED BEFORE October 6th 2018,**

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There can be NO discount on mailed applications because of staff labor to process, donation is \$15 to reg by mail.

Facebook Event page for CAR SHOW only is <https://www.facebook.com/events/301644677301825/>

Award categories will be for Antique up to 1949, 1950's, 1960-1975, 1976-1989, Classic Muscle, Classic Original, Custom/Modified, Modern (1990 and up), Corvette, Foreign Classic, Special interest, Best Truck, and Best Of Show, and more... **Award time approx 1:30-3pm**

Show Car load in time is from 7:30 to 8:45am. Please Note: Late arrivals may have a long wait and/or may not be admitted as **law enforcement rules prohibit driving inside the event after 9:00 am.. Arrive on time between 7:30-8:45am, Not early and not late.**

Separate entry needed for each vehicle entered, For Safety Reasons **NO Driving inside event is permitted during event hours** (Sheriff enforced), **if a circumstance occurs where you must leave, then you Must find an event volunteer who'll guide & walk with you to help assure a safe exit.**

Categories, awards, date/times, terms & conditions subject to change without notice. Event is raising funds as donations for Charity, so no refunds.

Note: "For Sale" or similar, any promotional ads or literature are NOT permitted (unless you are also registered with main event as a "vendor" or sponsor). If you wish to display your vehicle with a "for sale" sign, Email request to CarShow@Mail.com when and if approved you may be parked in a specific area for such.

This is a **Large Public Event, there can be 20,000+ people**, so Law Enforcement are on site, and usual & common sense **IMPORTANT RULES** for Public Safety and comfort apply; **No driving inside event**. No outside alcohol or firearms permitted on site. All vehicles, coolers, bags, and hand carried items are subject to search. No music is to be played without prior approval. The Rotary Club of Thousand Oaks is committed to maintaining a family friendly environment at its events, therefore reserves the right to eject anyone (without refund) who does not comply with event rules, uses loud or vulgar music or language, promotes or uses illegal or unsafe substances or devices, or any unapproved promotional sales or solicitation activity, or offensive behavior. Force majeure; Neither party shall be liable in damages or have the right to terminate this Agreement for any delay or default in performing For Any Reason. **By signing or electronically submitting this application or attending this event, you understand and agree to the terms and conditions herein this form** and agree to release the Rotary Club of Thousand Oak and it's venues, agents, officials, personnel, volunteers, vendors, sponsors, businesses or individuals jointly or severally, from any damages or liability that could arise on date of stated event, and gives permission to use entrants automobile's and/or driver's image for publicity purposes. *Thank you and See you there for awesome Show Car fun.*

2019 CCBCC HOLIDAY BRUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2019

WHERE: Clipper Room, Four Points Sheraton
11050 Schooner Drive
Ventura, CA 93001

TIME: 10:30 AM to 3:00 PM
CHAMPAGNE BRUNCH BEGINS AT 11:30 am

FEATURING: Opportunity drawings for gift baskets
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More information as it becomes available. Please save the date. You can't bet the price. An official sign up form will be forthcoming. Money needs to be paid to put yourself on the list of attendees. Cut off date will be around Thanksgiving time.

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