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**1960 Morris Minor Mini-Traveller Woodie Wagon**



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# BUSINESS INFO



## GENERAL MEETINGS:

2023 Meeting Dates, first Tues of each month.  
**We will meet at the Black Bear Diner, 2401 E. Harbor Blvd. Ventura (in the old Carrows)**

**2024—March 5, Apr. 2, May 7, June 4**

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 at least 10 a year.

## NEWSLETTER

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## ***“Fancy A Cuppa” - Time with your President***



Unlike many of our club members, I did not grow up with British cars. In fact, I don't recall even seeing one until college, when a friend of mine drove me to a party in his MGB. That car caught fire in the driveway of that same party, apparently from fuel dripping on the starter. I recall a lot of British car electric jokes while we watched the poor guys ride melt before his eyes.

I also lived in Wisconsin where snow and ice covered the streets 4-5 months a year, not to mention COLD! A lightweight, topless car was not exactly practical in the rust belt. Also, the bulk of American cars were built in Wisconsin, Indiana and Michigan. Imports were heavily frowned upon in a society full of Union Auto Workers.

One day my parents announced they had purchased a home in the country. I had just started college and was working part time at a Target store. School was near Lake Michigan, work was in the suburbs where I grew up and home was now way-out in the country. I was doing a lot of driving and needed some economy.

I found a 1975 Fiat 131 Sport on a front lawn with a for sale sign. First and foremost it was CHEAP, in decent condition, nominal rust, a 4-cylinder 2-liter twin cam and 5-speed manual. I paid the man and drove off with excitement of driving something different. At this point, I had not been informed that Fiat stood for Fix It Again Tony.

Oddly enough, it was a pretty dependable car running back and forth from school, work and home. It got great mileage and was actually fun to drive. My friends found all the strange knobs and foreign controls humorous. Over time however, the little car began to falter and struggled to run in the cold weather. One afternoon, while leaving school for work, on a rev up the gears, there was a loud bang, puff of smoke out the back and she rolled to a stop.

I traded that car with a co-worker for a 1976 Camaro with a bashed fender, three different body colors and a rebuilt engine. Later my friend informed me after he tore down the Fiat engine, that he found a hole in the piston and a valve in the oil pan. It was close to a decade before I owned another foreign car and that one was made in Japan, followed by several from Germany. My first car made in the U.K. didn't arrive until 2018 and has not caught on fire, yet!

Cheers,  
Ted



## *Drive your Triumph Day by Joel Justin*



Drive Your Triumph Day (DYTD) is an annual event on February 10<sup>th</sup> celebrating the birthday of Sir John Black who was the chairman of The Standard Motor Company. After WWII, he purchased what was left of Triumph (nothing really other than the name), renamed the company Standard Triumph and produced the post-war Triumphs we enjoy today.

The idea is that if you own a Triumph, get out and drive it on February 10<sup>th</sup> and take a photo of you with your car. Then submit your photo to Rye Livingston for posting in that year's DYTD site. Last year, over 600 Triumphs (and Standards) participated from locations all over the world. Let's see what this years numbers are. We contributed 13 cars.

I was planning on organizing a simple drive, but in the meantime learned that the Mullin Museum was closing its doors in February due to Peter Mullin's death. I wanted to attend one last time and when I looked online about purchasing tickets, saw that 2/10 was an option. What a great way to combine this with DYTD.

The day went like this. 17 people met at Eggs 'N' Things in Camarillo at 8am for breakfast. The food and service were both good. We then headed over to the Las Posas Park and Ride to meet up with 16 others. There we took photos of the 11 Triumphs with their proud caretakers. We then took a short 30 minute drive thru the Oxnard plains to the Mullin Museum. Since the museum no longer offered tours, we were all on our own, so split up to enjoy the museum at our own pace. Pam and I were there until 2pm, taking our time to soak in the beauty of the beautiful French cars. You will find a collage of the 11 cars who participated on this drive plus 2 others who submitted photos to me.





# Drive Your Triumph Day – February 10<sup>th</sup>, 2024



Ted & Monica Carlsen  
1969 GT6+



Gary Cooper  
1947 1800



Martin Hall  
1974 TR6



Rand & Vicky Huffman  
1968 TR250



Joel & Pam Justin  
1960 TR3A



Martin Keller  
1974 TR6



Jon & Claudia  
Korbin  
1974 TR6



Jason  
McIlhaney  
1968 TR250



Stewart & Lori  
Morse  
1965 TR4A



Michael Musser  
& Cindy Mulhollen  
1980 TR8



Patrick  
Salamunovich  
1974 TR6



Dave & Enedina  
Thatcher  
1957 TR3



Doug & Zelda  
Wochna  
1979 Spitfire





# STEPHEN KAROLYI's Woodie Wagon from the Cover Page



This "Woodie Wagon" is a 1960 MORRIS MINI TRAVELLER. The Traveler was built in England on 27 October 1960 at the Longridge Plant, Morris Motor Car Company as an export to Canada, that is why it is a left-hand-drive with the steering wheel on the left side of the cockpit and not on the right side of the cockpit like it would have been had it been built to stay in the United Kingdom (England). The Traveller was shipped to Canada the very next day on 28 October 1960. Back in the 1960's two British auto makers built the Woodie Wagons; they were the Morris Motor Company, the Woodie Wagons built by Morris were called the "MORRIS MINI TRAVELLER". The other British motor company who built the Woodie Wagons was the Austin Motor Company. The Woodie Wagons built by Austin were called the "AUSTIN COUNTRYMAN"; both wagons were identical in every respect except the badging on the hood. The wagons built by Morris had a Morris hood ornament and the wagons built by Austin had an Austin hood ornament. These two companies built the Woodie Wagon from 1960 through 1969.

Interesting fact about this Woodie Wagon. There is a organization in England called "The British Motor Industry Heritage Trust" (BMIHT) , they have all the build records for all the British cars ever built. Anyone with a British (English) car can request the BMIHT certify/verify the authenticity of their British vehicle by sending the BMIHT all the information the vehicle owner has on any particular British car. Make, model, engine number and chassis number. I sent the BMIHT all the required information on this Morris Mini Traveller and the BMIHT responded with the requested build records. Mr. Brotherton of the BMIHT also sent a hand written letter stating that this particular Mini Traveller was the oldest Traveller the BMIHT had ever been asked to authenticate. Mr. Brotherton said that the only reason this particular Traveller was still in existence was that it was shipped to Canada the day after it was built. Had it stayed in the United Kingdom, the Traveller would have been consumed by rust many, many years ago. Mr. Brotherton then stated that this particular Morris Mini Traveller could very well be the OLDEST SURVIVING WOODIE WAGON ON THE PLANET...

The "original" Mini was first built in 1959 and continued to be built until 2000; in 2000 BMW introduced the "BMW MINI" and has continued to produce a beautifully designed, "fun to drive" vehicle incorporating the latest in safety equipment and technological advances...



This is at the Camarillo MINI car dealership showroom. It was on display for several months



## CAR SPOTTING

### What British cars do you see here?



I am introducing another newsletter item for your enjoyment called Car Spotting. See how many makes and models you can identify in the vintage photos. This first one should be a breeze for the Triumph experts.

Enjoy,  
Ted

Ken Keegan Imported Cars (Los Gatos, CA)

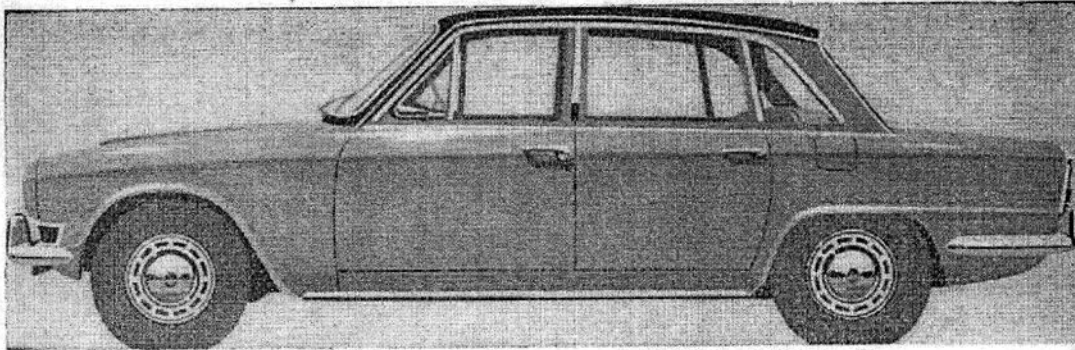




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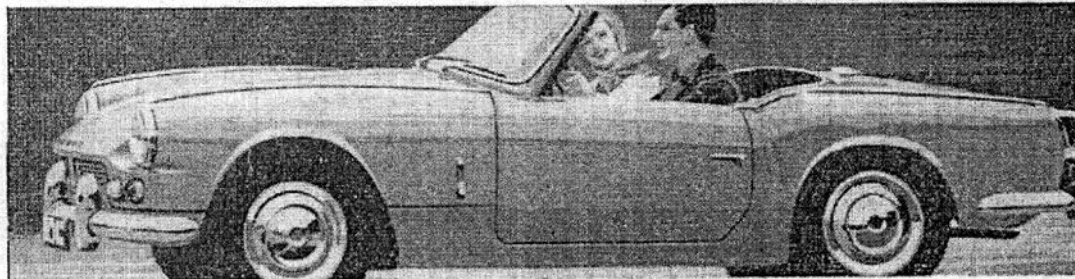
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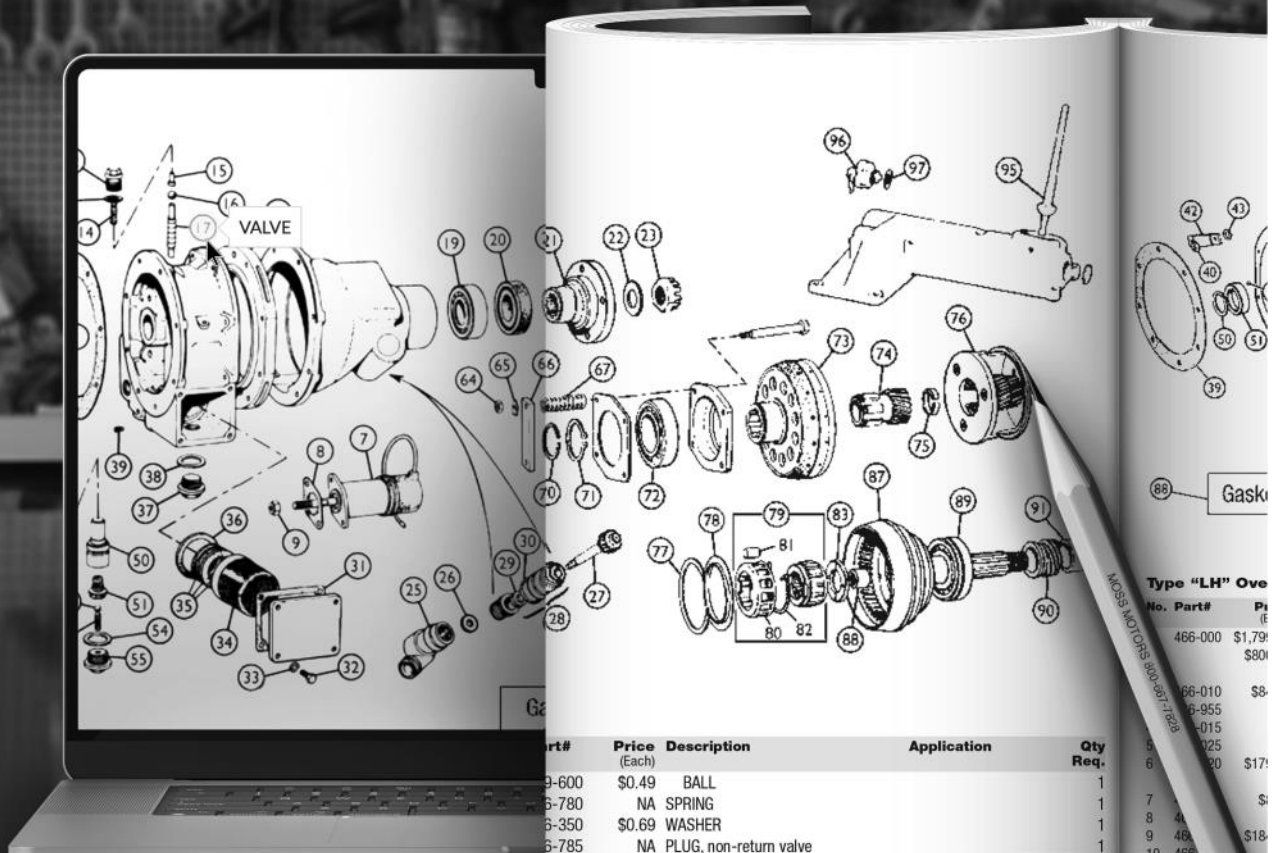


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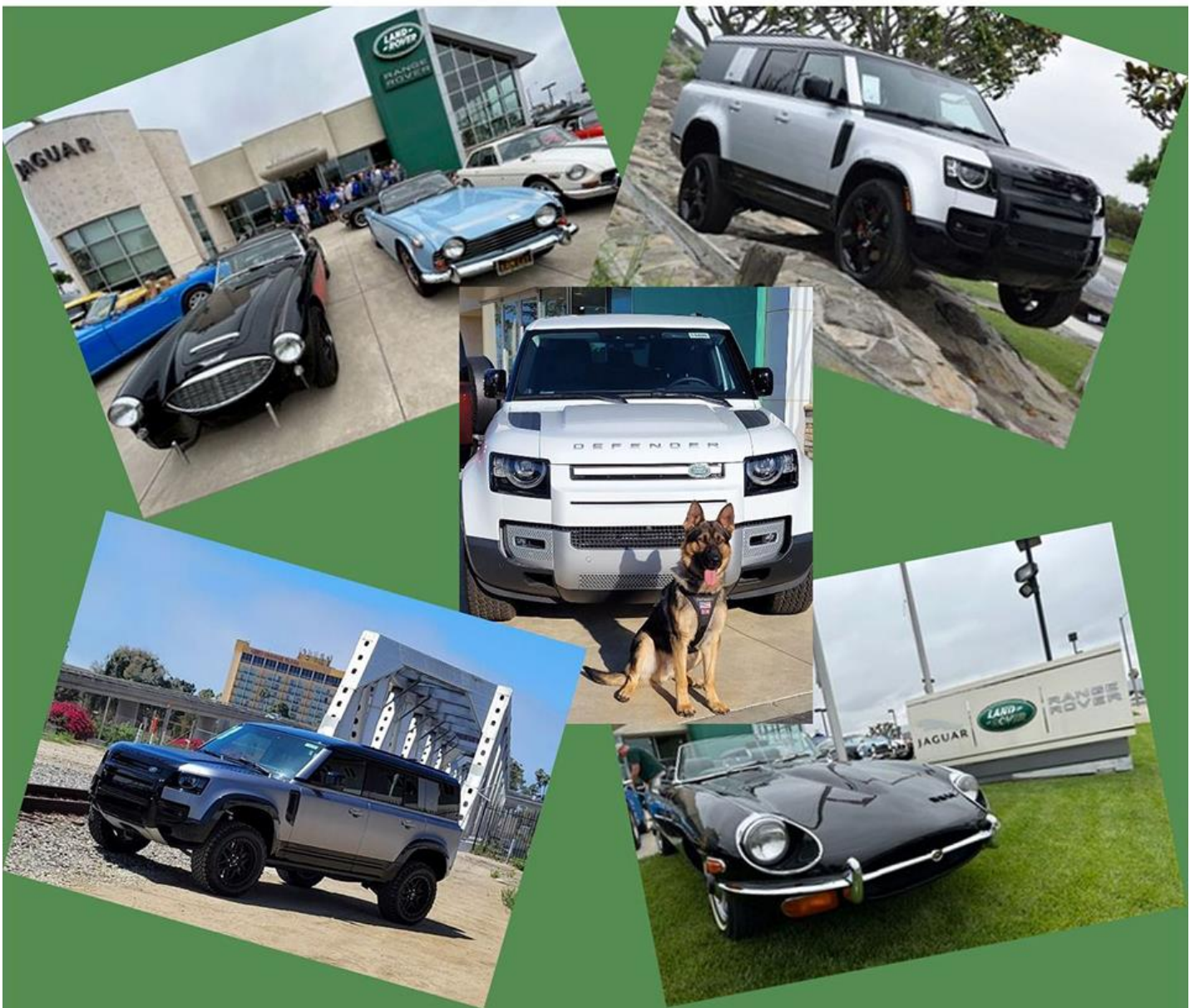




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### **Paul Wittrock**

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## ***New Monthly Articles, Need Submissions***



Eric Baldwin had a great idea for a monthly article. A few paragraphs of your very first British Car. You may not have a picture from this time; but there are stock photos of all British Cars on the web.

Please submit article and picture(s) to [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)

I am sure you all have stories to tell. I'll correct spelling and punctuation for you.

All 158 members had a first British Car. Maybe it is your daily driver currently, a show car, does not matter, please send me a small or large article with a pic or two for the newsletter.

Our new president, Ted Carlsen has an idea for a new article, what is the current work you are doing to your LBC?

Please send text only in Word and send pictures separately as attachments with indicators where they go in the article. Send captions separately for the pictures numbered so I know where to put them!



## ***Cars and Coffee, next one March 23, 2024, 8-10***



Cars and Coffee at Crossroads Church will be on the fourth Saturday of the month. We just established a public Facebook page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/948827036240338> and we will be posting photos and announcements concerning the event. The address is 161 Plaza la Vista in Camarillo, and the facility is on the corner of Outlet Center Drive and Plaza la Vista. We will have coffee and donuts available for a donation and if you want Starbucks there is a Kiosk in the outlets about a two-minute walk from the church, it also opens at 8 which is why we scheduled our event from 8 -10.



## ***Cars and Coffee Ojai, Next one March 10, 2024, 8-11***

Ojai Cars And Coffee events take place in a gorgeous setting in the parking lot of the Westridge Midtown Market. So, they happen every second Sunday of the month. 131 W. Ojai Ave. Ojai, CA

# Automotive Classic

at Trilogy Monarch Dunes

Greetings prior Automotive Classic at Trilogy car show participants, and fellow car lovers!

### **SAVE THE DATE!**

We're excited to announce the **Automotive Classic at Trilogy Monarch Dunes is on Sunday, September 22nd, 2024!**

We will once again feature vintage and unique automobiles, individually selected to be shown in a beautiful resort setting on California's Central Coast. The day will feature live music on 3 stages, local foods and food trucks, cocktails, wine, beer and retail and artisanal artists and vendors. It's FREE TO ALL SPECTATORS!!

Check out our new webpage and **register to show your car!**

Click on [https://www.autoclassicat Trilogy.com/page/car\\_registration](https://www.autoclassicat Trilogy.com/page/car_registration)

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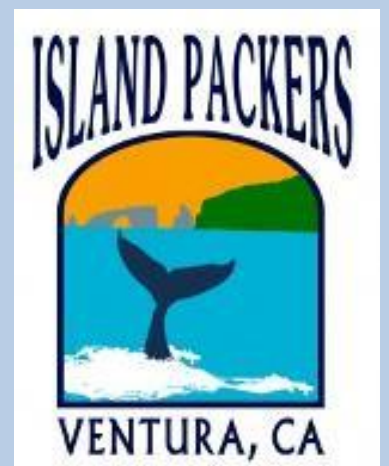
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How about an article for the newsletter??? I know you have something to say about your car, a trip with your car, an outing, a technical article. I am sure you must have a picture of your drive that you would like to see on the cover of the newsletter.

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](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)

**I have no more pictures for the front page of the newsletter. Let's see some of your favorite pics of your British car. I will have to resort to pictures of bunnies, if I don't get car pics.**

**We have 158 members, please someone send me a nice picture of your ride for me to put on the front covers??????????**

### 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. Send pictures separately with indication where they go in the article.

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# Classifieds



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