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Chris Haye's MG and Dave Reid's Jaguar at Boccalis for lunch after our tour of the Bower Car collection, see page. 4-5



# BUSINESS INFO



## GENERAL MEETINGS:

2025 Meeting Dates, first Tues of each month.  
**We will meet at the Black Bear Diner, 2401 E. Harbor Blvd. Ventura (in the old Carrows)**

**2025—No regular Dec. meeting**

**Dec. 7th—Christmas luncheon—Four Points Sheraton, Ventura. See announcement and sign up form in the newsletter.**

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

THE CLEAR HOOTER is your Club Newsletter and it is published monthly. The deadline for submission of any camera ready or digital ads, stories, reports and information that you'd like to see in the next issue is the **23rd** of the month prior to publication. Items may be sent to the editor at: [dtreid@gmail.com](mailto:dtreid@gmail.com)

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## “Safety Fast”

### Two words not usually compatible

### The Origin and History of MG’s “Safety Fast” Campaign Slogan

The “Safety Fast” slogan is one of the most iconic mottos in automotive history, closely associated with MG (Morris Garages) and was first used in the 1920’s and coined by George T. Eyston, a famous British racing driver and engineer who worked with MG during its formative years. Eyston was passionate about both speed and safety, believing that these two concepts could—and should—go hand in hand, especially as cars became faster and more sophisticated.

The slogan made its debut in MG’s advertisements and promotional materials around 1929. At the time, the automotive industry was rapidly evolving, and concerns about road safety were growing. MG wanted to distinguish itself from competitors by emphasizing that its cars were not only fast and sporty but also engineered with safety in mind.

“Safety Fast” encapsulates MG’s approach to car design and driving. The company aimed to build vehicles that were lively and responsive, providing an exhilarating driving experience without compromising safety. The slogan suggested that MG cars offered the thrill of speed, but with advanced engineering and features to ensure driver and passenger protection.

The slogan quickly became a rallying cry for MG enthusiasts and was often featured in advertisements, brochures, and even on badges and accessories. Even as MG’s ownership changed and the company expanded globally, “Safety Fast” endured, connecting contemporary models to the brand’s storied past.

“Safety Fast” is more than just a slogan—it’s a philosophy that has shaped MG’s identity.

Safety Fast,  
Ted



# Cars, Coffee, and Garages with lunch by Chris Hayes



We had a great turnout for the Garage tour of Dwayne & Marilyn Bower in Ojai last Saturday. There were 24 cars, 40 people visit the garage, and 21 people for lunch at Bocall's, which was excellent as always. To see such a collection of cars, all with a special meaning for one man, all in one great place, was such a treat. I had the good fortune of spending a few hours with Dwayne earlier in the week, so i got to hear the full story of each car in the garage.

Dwayne was so impressed with the group of knowledgeable, and interesting car lovers. He said we were the biggest and the best group he has had so far. So much so that he has invited us back to see the other half of his collection on his ranch. He has a couple of barns with something like 60 or so vehicles to see there. So i will be setting that up for sometime in the new year.



# Pictures from the Bower Museum





## **2025 CCBCC HOLIDAY LUNCH SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025**

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

**TIME:** 11:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**FEATURING:** 1) Opportunity drawings for gift baskets  
2) White Elephant gift exchange. Bring a gag gift, do not spend much money on this or you might have something at home to use for this gift. Bring a gift and you get to pick a gift. You can steal someone's gift once and you can replace a gift someone took from you.

**FOOD OPTIONS:** This will be a sit-down lunch. Lunch is served with a Water, Coffee, and tea. Dessert will be NY Style Cheese Cake. The hotel bar will be open for those who want alcoholic beverages. (The hotel no longer offers the mimosas like we had in the past)

There are three Entrees to choose from. All entrées will be served with a Caesar Salad, Fresh Seasonal Vegetables along with Rolls and Butter.

### **Lemon Herb Charbroiled Chicken**

Lemon Herb Seasoned Charbroiled boneless Chicken Breast in a Chardonnay Herb Cream Sauce. Served with Roasted Herb Potatoes.

### **Slow Roasted Tri Tip**

Slow roasted Herb spiced marinated tri-tip topped with mushroom Bordelaise sauce, served with roasted herb potatoes.

### **Lemon Dill Salmon**

Seared Salmon filet topped with Lemon Dill Caper Sauce, served with Medley Rice.

# HOLIDAY PARTY CONTINUED



**COST:** \$23.00 per person, this price is for members in good standing and their spouse/partner. (includes gratuity)  
\$47.00 per person for guests and non-members (includes gratuity)

**RSVP:** Mail check payable to "**CCBCC**" with the form below by **November 17th, 2025**.  
or bring to the Nov. meeting

**Please return this page with the following information filled in along with payment.**

**GUEST 1:** Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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## ***An Invite from The Triumph Club of So. Calif.***

The Triumph Club of Southern California has invited our members to join them in their annual Cambria Blowout Rallye. While they are a Triumph Club, they welcome all British marques for this event. See the flyer for additional information on booking the hotel. You should also let Rob Bowen ([bowen6951@yahoo.com](mailto:bowen6951@yahoo.com)) know if you're going so he can add you to the email list for attendees and keep you up to date on outing plans.

2026

# Cambria Blowout Rallye

North/South Meet up

Reservations can now be made for the June 5, 6 & 7 2026 at the Bluebird Inn in Cambria, California. They are holding the rates to the same as this year, so book early.

**All reservations must be made through Kylee:**

**Reservations for the event will be made by the individual attendee directly by calling Kylee at the Bluebird Inn at 1-805-927-4634 or emailing [kylee.thebluebirdinn@gmail.com](mailto:kylee.thebluebirdinn@gmail.com).**

Attendees should identify themselves as Triumph Club Members.

**ROOM CANCELLATION CUT OFF DATE:** Group attendees will be able to cancel their reservations up to **5/29/26** ("CXL Cut-Off Date"). At the CXL Cut-Off Date, Hotel will charge the individual for **the entirety of the room reservation** plus all applicable tax on the guarantee credit card. *"No-Shows" will be charged the entirety of the room reservation plus all applicable tax.*

## ***Suggestions for Runs, Brunches, Or Visits***



We are almost at the first month of the year and the club has only one event planned. Below are numerous suggestions, some we have done in the past and others are new. We need the general membership to step up and offer to take charge of one so we can show off our rides. With 162 members, there are usually just 3-4 people who always are the point of contact for a run.

Suggestions include:

**Bennet's Honey Farm**, Filmore, contact info: (805) 521-1375

**Santa Susana Depot**, Simi Valley, contact info: (805)581-3462, [www.santasusannadepot.org](http://www.santasusannadepot.org)

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**Getty Villa**, Malibu, contact info: (310)440-7300, <http://www.getty.edu/visit/villa/plan/>

**Adamson House**, Malibu, contact info: (310)456-8432

**The Peterson Museum**, Los Angeles, contact info: (323)930-2277, <https://peterson.org/visit/>

**Leonis Adobe** Ranch and Museum, Calabasas, contact info: (818)222-6511 or email [karen@leonisadobemuseum.org](mailto:karen@leonisadobemuseum.org).

The club only does about 9 runs a year. We usually do not do one in September as that is our car show month and we have the teddy bear run in November, December is the Christmas luncheon.

If you would like to plan and lead one of these suggestions or have your own, please coordinate the calendar with Joel: [j\\_bar\\_j@hotmail.com](mailto:j_bar_j@hotmail.com)

## ***Who Works on Wire Wheels, Need Parts???***



All members have access to the member only section of the website:

<https://centralcoastbritishcarclub.com/member-info/>

Scroll all the way down to Suppliers and Services.

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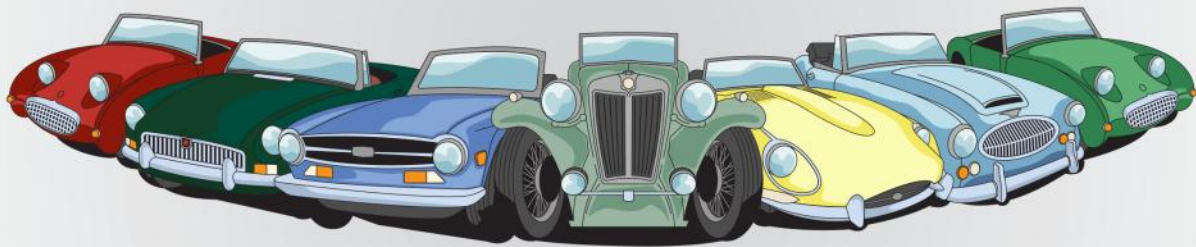
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## ***Cars and Coffee at Crossroads Church, next one Nov. 22nd, 8-10 am***



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 am.



## ***Cars and Coffee Ojai, Next one Nov. 9th, 8-11 am***

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



## **CCBCC MEMBERS ONLY TECHNICAL SUPPORT**



The following Club members have **very generously volunteered** to be technical advisors for the club. Please reach out to them if you have questions about a make or specific model or need technical assistance.

### **Jean Preis**

ASE certified mechanic

Jaguar, Land Rover, all makes, electrical issues

[katwrench@aol.com](mailto:katwrench@aol.com)

### **Kelvin Dodd**

Tech support for Moss Motors

MGA-MGC, all makes, electrical issues

[KelvinD@roadrunner.com](mailto:KelvinD@roadrunner.com)

### **Joel Justin**

Lifetime Triumph devotee

Triumph TR2, TR3, TR4, TR6, GT-6 General information

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### **Gerald Davies**

Owner

TR6, TR7 & TR8 General information

[d90man@aol.com](mailto:d90man@aol.com)

### **Paul Wittrock**

Previous owner

TR3A General information

[wittrock.paul@aol.com](mailto:wittrock.paul@aol.com)

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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 165 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.

Ted Carlsen also 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 JPG's 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!

# ***When is a good deal truly a good deal?*** ***By Steve Simmons, Pres. of TC Motoring Guild***



When is a good deal truly a good deal? Shoes at half price? That's a good deal. Senior special at your local restaurant? Another good deal. An old car at an affordable price? Not always. Despite the numerous old car purchases I've made over the years, somehow I still manage to blind myself to reality while making the deal. Maybe it's all that chrome reflecting the sun into my eyes.

Take our recent TC purchase as an example. Linda came to a deal with the seller, a good friend of ours, and I thought oh boy, finally a car we won't end up underwater in! It was in beautiful shape, just needing a minor fix or two. But it's never just one or two things. It's a whole bunch of things we spotted beforehand and then conveniently forgot about in order to convince ourselves it won't be so bad. After all, to look at the entire car with a realistic eye would ruin the fun!

We reasoned with ourselves that we could drive around on the old tires for a while before replacing them. We could also live with the seat cushions crumbling from age until next year. Those rusty bolts aren't such a big deal to look at, and the hard to reach oil leak isn't going to bother anyone. On and on it goes as you convince yourself this purchase is a great idea – in fact the best idea you've ever had! The car comes home, you clean it up, and then the same old thing starts... You want everything to be just right so you put together a small order. But if this new part looks nice then it will make that other part look worse, so you add a couple items to the list. That thing you were going to live with can no longer be lived with, so more parts are ordered. By the next morning you have a couple thousand dollars worth of parts on the way that you didn't technically need. Sure some of it was needed, like replacing the 17 year old tires that a few days earlier you told yourself were "in amazing condition for their age", but most of it was not really necessary. I suppose it's better than spending that money at a bar or heaven forbid, buying a new car. (Yuck!)

Not that I'm complaining or anything, in fact just the opposite... we love the car and would do it again! This old car hobby is a crazy thing... and so are we.



Thanks Steve for allowing us to reprint your article from your newsletter.

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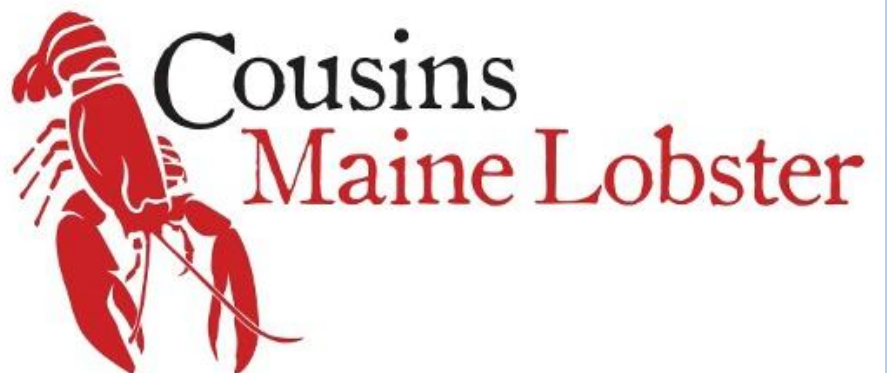
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**How about an article for the newsletter??? I know you have something to say about your car, a trip with your car, an outing, a technical article. I am sure you must have a picture of your drive that you would like to see on the cover of the newsletter.**

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)

**Thanks to all who have sent front cover pictures. I have a few ahead of time; but will always accept your car pic and a short write up about it.**

### **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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