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Little Anthony's Car Show



It was a very cold sunny Saturday morning after an intense Tucson Friday snow storm. Our biggest concern would be the possibility of hidden "black" ice on the roads. Once we parked and registered, Event Chairman Mike Morales handed out breakfast coupons from the club to our TBCR attendees.

Jeff Simpson arrived at the same time as I did in his black MGB and proceeded to remove the ice from his car with a towel.

We entered Little Anthony's Diner and warmed up with coffee and a big breakfast.

Later we adjourned to the show field and enjoyed conversations, answering visitor questions and discussions about recent events and cars in general. Geo Hahn continued his "interest little kids in cars campaign" which was received with great enthusiasm by the youngsters.

At the end of the show, our club members received a large number of plaques for their cars. -- Pete

Awards:

Pete W won the 70's class (MGB)
Clark W won the 50's class (Jaguar XK140)
Mike M won the Sports car class (MGTD)
Fred C won the Modified class (AH 3000)
Clark also won the 50/50 drawing.

See pictures next page.

Little Anthony's



From the Bonnet to the Boot

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The TBCR website received an email from a local gal who had just brought her late father's MGB to Tucson from Pennsylvania. A non-runner that had sat for more than a decade, she was looking for advice on how to proceed. A team of 'specialists' was called in. The TBCR Revivalists (aka The Pros from Dover) met at her home to see what could be done.

Follow the pictures:

Jeff disconnects the fuel pump as the tank contents have not been examined.

Harold pulls the plugs so the engine can easily spin and bring up oil pressure for a short bit.

A gas tank from a lawn mower is installed to the Stromberg carb.

Plugs back in, fuel fed to carb, battery hooked up, we crank & get -- nada. A trouble shooting sequence ensues which ultimately reveals 'no spark': The problem is finally traced to a bad high tension coil wire. Eric P (TBCR member & a neighbor of the couple) retrieves said wire from his own MGB for a temporary fix.

Success! The engine fires and runs, oil pressure is strong and we bask in the glory of the moment.

This is, of course, the start of the story not the end: but the car appears to have been thoughtfully stored (tank and carb may have been run until dry) and the brake hydraulics still work so it may be mostly a matter of fluid changes, tires and some hoses to get this MG moving under its own power again.

While all this was occurring we met a neighbor who has a non-running Spitfire in her garage (how many of these things are out there?). Contact details were exchanged so perhaps there is another resurrection opportunity in the near future.

Know of one in your neighborhood? Get 'em running, keep 'em on the road!

Geo

Events Calendar

- Wednesday March 6 **BLAT** 10:30am start McDs on the NW corner of Grant Rd (Ironwood Hills Rd) and Silverbell Rd. See below.
- Saturday March 9 **Second Saturday Breakfast Run** TBA, watch for email.
- Saturday March 23 **Le Tour Des Garages** 9am start, with lunch. See below.
- Saturday April 13 **DM-50 Car Show** watch for details about entering as a group.
Registration: <http://www.dm50.org/wp-content/uploads/2019/01/dm50-car-show.pdf> See flyer in Feb. *Register.*
- Thursday, April 25
and Friday, April 26 **Overnight Tour to Bisbee** book rooms and confirm attendance by March 10. Contact Geo for confirmation. See details in Feb. *Register.*
- And every Tuesday:* **BritCar Cafe**
7:00AM – 9:30AM
Starbucks NE corner of Grant & Swan
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Drive Time

BLAT to Amado, AZ is an old favorite that we haven't done in 5+ years. However, lunch will be at a relatively new place...Firefly. We've checked this out personally and...it's fabulous food, ambience and service. I must have an RSVP for attendance by 12:00 noon on Monday, March 4, so I can give the staff a *firm* number. There will be limited seating for our group so first preference will be given to those who will be driving with us on the tour. So please email me your RSVP as quickly as possible.

The start for the drive is 10:30am at the McDs on the NW corner of Grant Rd (Ironwood Hills Rd) and Silverbell Rd on the west side. We'll go over the Tucson Mts, through Saguaro Nat'l Park, south to Ajo Rd (SR86). We will stop and regroup at the junction of SR86 and SR286 in Three Points. From there it's south for 33 miles then east through Arivaca and on to Amado. I am planning lunch for 12:15 PM at Firefly.

Le Tour des Garages will begin at 9:00 AM with a visit to Wayne's Toys and Tucson Classic Car Museum, located at Tucson Classic Car Museum 909 S. Cherry Ave. The ending point is at Ben & Megan's 4101 E. Bujia Segunda near Swan and Sunrise.

Details, maps, possible breakfast meeting point all to be determined.

Ben

British Invasion at Green Valley



For a pop up event, this was very well attended. We met at the Pub 19 restaurant in Green Valley on Wednesday, February 13, where there were 16 members present for a late lunch. The food was good. At around 3 pm we went south about 11 miles to Continental Plaza for the parking lot British Invasion. Our numbers swelled and we displaced many regulars with our cars (We got there first). As the pictures show, we had a pretty good cross section of British Cars. Bug Eyes, MGBs, TDs, XKEs, Sunbeams, Triumphs, Lotus, XKs, and others. It was pleasantly warm and fun. -Pete

Little British Car Company Adventure Part 5

By Dave Germain

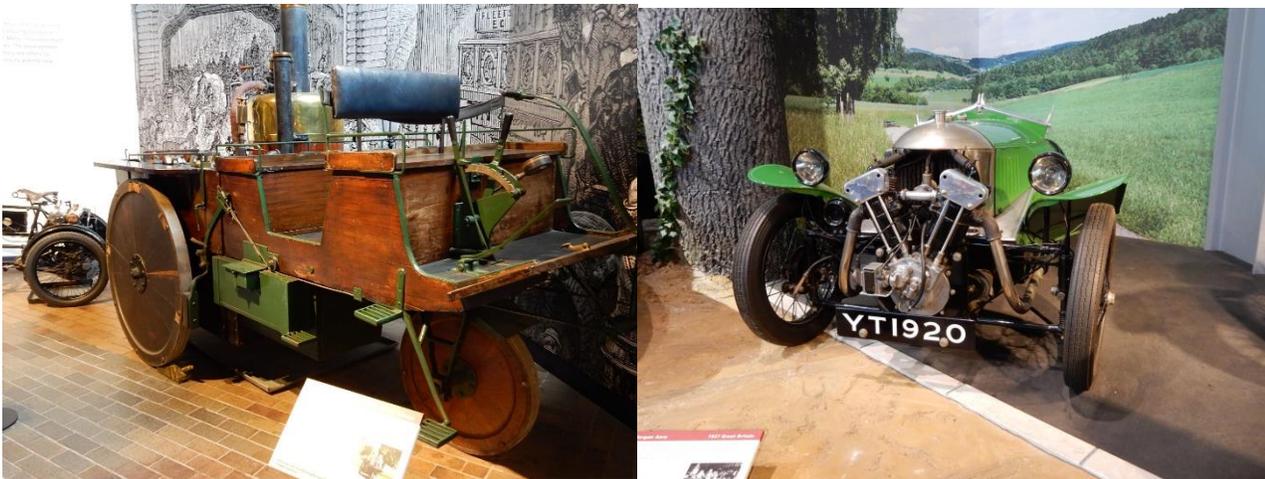
Beaulieu National Automobile Museum and International Autojumble

Continuing our tour of British Motoring sites, we are at Beaulieu in the New Forest, Hampshire, UK. In England, Beaulieu is pronounced [BYOO] + [LEE], ignore any French pronunciations. At the site are The National Motor Museum, Secret Army Exhibition, Palace House, Beaulieu Abbey, the World of Top Gear and gardens. Well more than enough to keep spouses and family occupied while you wander through the Autojumble.

Beaulieu estate was a top secret base for special agents during the Second World War. More than 3,000 spies were trained here before undertaking daring missions behind enemy lines. No secrets today as there is a full exhibit of the secret army. The museum has over 250 vehicles telling the story of motoring in Britain from its pioneering origins to the present day, including the movie star Chitty Chitty Bang Bang. The Palace House is a fine example of a Victorian country house. Since 2016 part of the late Lord Montagu's private apartment has been opened to visitors, providing the chance to see Lord Montagu's library.

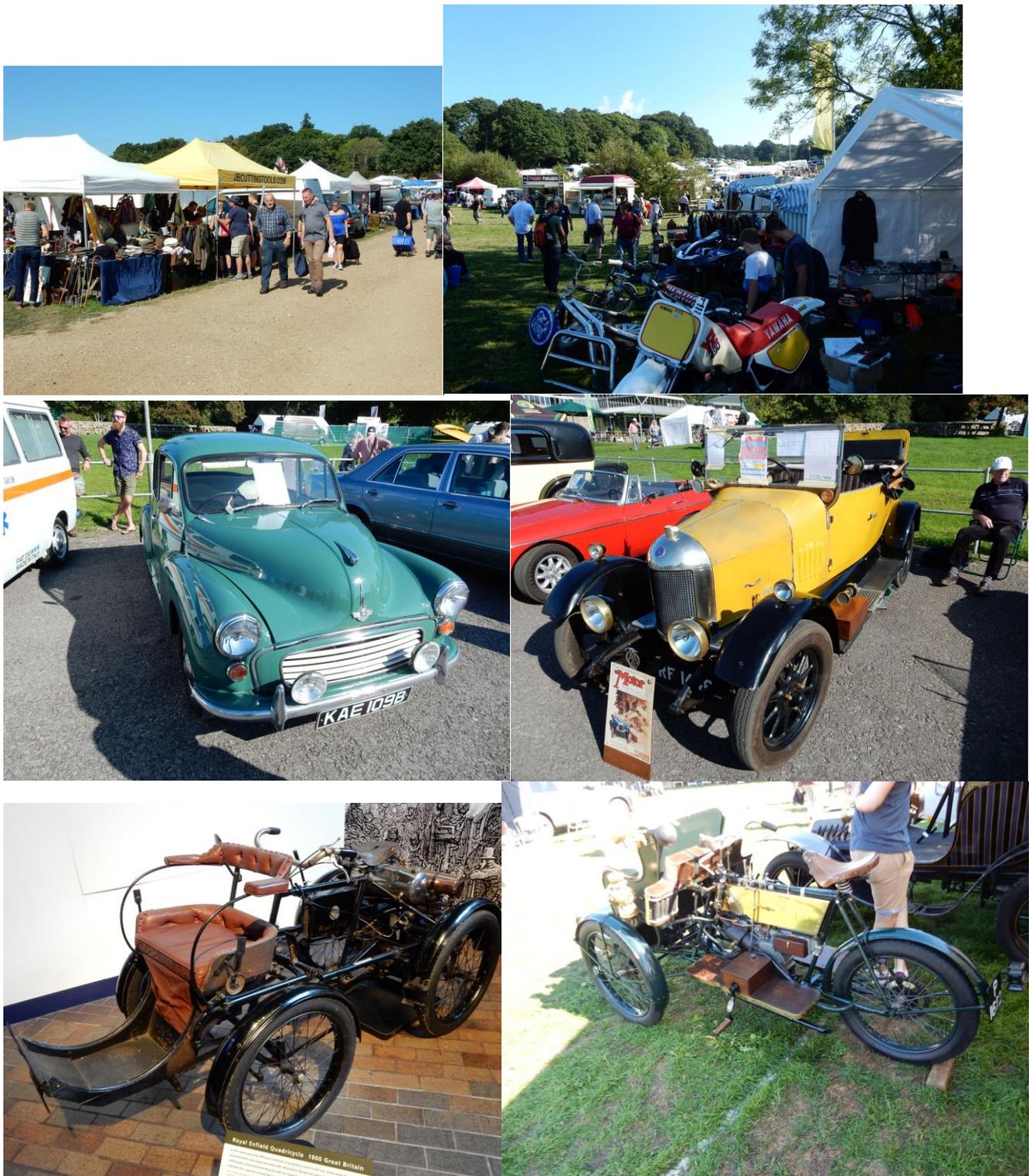
None of the mentioned attractions can compare to the iconic and world-famous International Autojumble, the biggest outdoor sale of motoring items in England. With over 2,000 stands at this signature event it has all kinds of vintage and classic motoring "stuff". It is often said "If you can't find it at Beaulieu it doesn't exist!" You can actually find some treasures or just marvel at everything that's being offered.

The Autojumble is regarded as the place to locate and purchase elusive motoring parts, accessories, automobilia, literature, tools and clothing. There is something for everyone - and plenty of bargains to be had! Thousands attend the event each year, not only from the UK, but from throughout Europe and overseas. In addition to traders' stands, amateur autojumlbers sell surplus motoring bits from the back of their cars. Also there are good prices on interesting cars for sale. If you are planning this year's travel, the International Autojumble is 7-8 September 2019.



Steam Carriage, Morgan, Chitty-Chitty.

Beaulieu National Automobile Museum and International Autojumble *cont.*



Top: Autojumble scenes, Middle: 52 Morris Minor, 25 Morris Crawley, Bottom: 1900 Royal Enfield Quadricycle : 1907 Humber Forecar.



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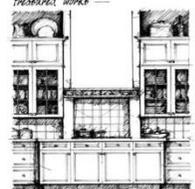
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