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On the Road – at Last!



TBCR back on the Road.



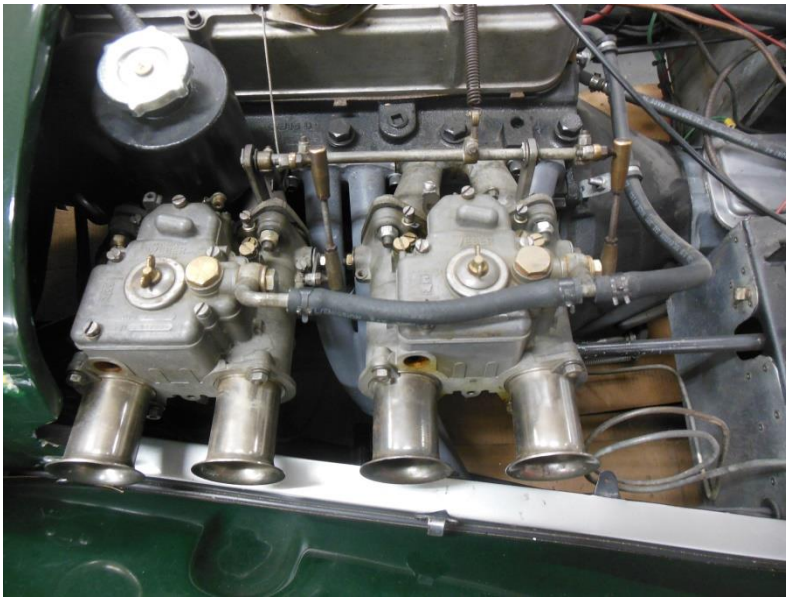
View from the Windscreen

by Ben Cohen

First of all, our driving events coordinator told me we had three excellent turnouts for drives on the three Saturday drives in April. The drives scored over 20 cars each. I want to thank all who came to the drives.

As we segue into our summer heat here in the Old Pueblo, I hope we can still have driving events 2X per month. We are still going to keep things, as they have been during the pandemic. We will not have organized gatherings, any planned meals and minimal contact before our drives. We will see how things progress in Arizona and perhaps make some changes during the summer. So, for now, stay healthy, safe and vigilant.

In continuing the lockdown garage story here at the mews the last month has been busy. Unfortunately, it wasn't lots of car work. There were house chores, landscaping (before the heat), getting vaccinated, etc. However, I did continue some routine cleanup, timely maintenance and some new parts in the 1972 Lotus Seven, series 2. This Seven is has a 1340 cc Cosworth pre-crossflow engine, non-synchro 4-speed, "optional" speedometer and drum brakes on all four corners. Induction is by dual DCOE40 Webers with long velocity stacks. Probably, the most stunning spec on this car is the 980 lb. curb weight.



I've had this Lotus since late 2002, driven about 14,000 miles since then and was the first car I have ever owned, where I had to pull the engine. About 4 years ago the ring-gear on the flywheel decided to disintegrate – luckily while starting the car in my own garage. Once it was out and separated from the gearbox, I replaced the flywheel with a brand new English Ford product from the mother-land. At the same time the Webers were rebuilt and remounted to the manifold with soft, flexible O-rings, as required.

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TBCR Summer Drives – First one Saturday May 15

Plans are for at least 2 drives/month.

Ben will be at some drives but not all. So, he will rely on you to start on time, be safe and enjoy the fun. Should be a great time. Please note that starting times will reflect the temperature forecasts and could change. The idea is for about a 90 min. drive that gets you home easily before 9:30 AM and most likely before 8:30 AM.

Watch for map/directions, etc. by email from Ben.

Tuesday Zoom Coffee

TBCR has not resumed in-person coffee, but the next best thing is on Zoom. Every Tuesday at 8am. Watch for the weekly email reminder or contact the Editor.

Tucson Classics Car Show

October 16, 2021 Registration is open: <http://www.RotaryTCCS.com>



TBCR will again participate in the annual Tucson Classics Car Show on October 16th from 10:00AM at the Gregory School. Pete Williams and Mike Morales will help you with any questions about the event. TBCR participation has grown over the years thanks to the hard work of George Hahn and Ben Cohen. Those who wish to enter the field as a group can do so. We will have more information on our grand entrance later. TBCR will provide a tent. We ask that you sign up individually but put TBCR as your affiliation. The entry class for our group is "J. British Made Cars".

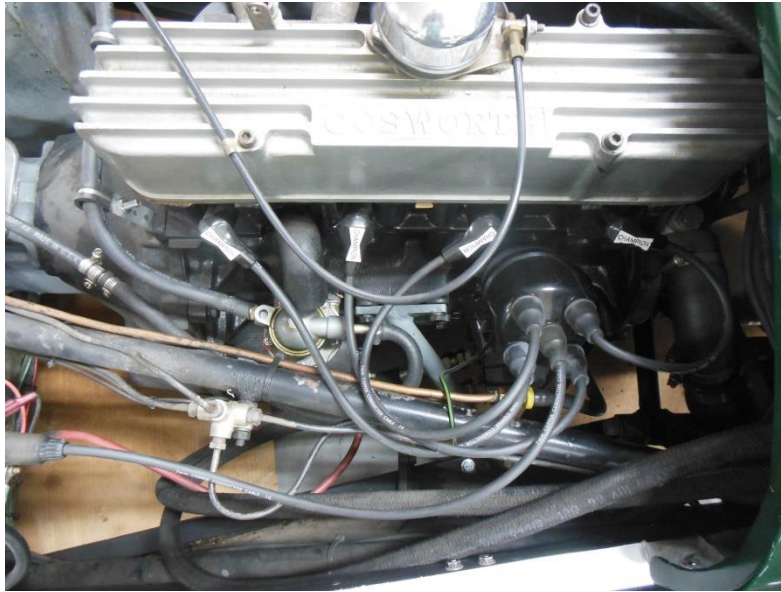
Looking forward to filling up Row J at this annual event. If you have any questions, contact Pete or Mike. (emails on the left side of the page).

--Mike

Other Arizona British Car Events Noted

Triumphfest October 14-17 Flagstaff. This is an annual regional event held in CA, Nevada or AZ. It includes all Triumph cars. It is the same weekend as the Tucson Classics.

British Wheels on the Green November 7 Peoria. Organized by the Arizona MG Club. All Marques are invited and judged. TBCR organized a trip to this event in 2019.



This month I updated all the fuel lines from the tank to the carbs, cleaned and sized most of the jets, removed carb and in-line fuel filters for cleaning or replacing and redid all the primary circuit wiring. Plugs were cleaned/re-gapped, points cleaned and reset and timing adjusted. The oil change was done last fall, so I passed on that and simply replaced coolant. With the help of #1 mechanic Megan, brakes and clutch hydraulics were bled and the car road tested.



You can see in this picture of the driver's side that there is NO speedometer in the instrument cluster. The optional speedometer is located in front of the passenger...I guess so they can scream at you for over doing things on the turns!!!

I hope that you are all keeping your heads above water, working on sorting out all those problems and being read to drive, when it happens.

Stay well, be safe and drive as much as you can.

Ben

On the Road! *Continued*



And More on the road



As Ben said in his column, the three TBCR Spring drives were very well attended. The April 3 drive was South, the April 10 went Northwest, and the April 24 event was East. In consideration of COVID, Ben organized drives with no gathering at the end. While the socializing and food was missed, the upside was that our time was 100% driving (except for hanging around at the start).

It was great to see so many cars and participants. And remember, you don't need to wait for a TBCR event to drive, but do send a picture. – the Ed.

For Sale /Give Away

I am finished with the froggye rotisserie that Marv James gave me. I would like to offer it up to anyone in the club. I, like Marv, only have one request: I don't want it back.

Bart bartweaver49@yahoo.com

For Sale

Recently, while I was getting my tires checked, the dude who was working at Big O asked me "do you like these British cars?" -silly question.

He mentioned that a friend of his wants to sell a non-running "78 (?) MGB convertible. Based on his description, the car is either a -money pit- restoration project or a parts car. Apparently, it has wire wheels. Also, it seems that before moving the car to a new location, it was home to pack rats who chewed the wiring and the interior (expected).

The guy wants \$750 for it. I am passing along this info in case someone in the club is looking for something like this. If it's me, I'd buy it as a parts car.

I'm sure the price is negotiable.

The owner's name is Quinten and his number is (928) 651 4141.

Hernan

Wanted


Several members are looking for MGBs. If you have a MGB you are ready to sell, please send information to the Editor tucsonbritish@gmail.com and I will send it out simultaneously to those looking. In addition, please feel free to run an ad.

Advertising in the *Register*

Want Ads: Please send your for sale/wants to the editor tucsonbritish@gmail.com. Text and pictures are welcome, but subject to space restraints. No commercial sales please. The deadline is the 20th of the month. If you send an ad and you don't see it, or get a confirmation, please remind the editor! Stuff can get lost at *Register* World Headquarters.

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