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## From the Prez

by Pete Williams

Touring time with The TBCR or getting a thrill out of driving no frills cars.

Getting a thrill out of an activity is an extreme pleasure. It's the combination of having the right set of skills to enjoy the high level of fun from living on the edge. The release of natural endorphins while being engaged on what could be scary to some is the kind of extreme experience, which many folks live for.

Roller- or ice-skating fast is exciting. Passing up slower bunches of people packed ahead keeps one sharply focused.

Skiing down a steep mountain slope is another of these experiences. The right amount skill, warm clothing and the right amount of good equipment aid the enervating experience. High altitude and beautiful vistas also dial into the overall experience.

Riding a motorcycle is another similar experience. It's just you and your bike versus whatever you encounter. It's a very personal experience.

A well set-up car driven through mountain twisty roads that demand your full attention can be very interesting. You hear the engine. It's time to shift and press the accelerator and shift again. Touch the brakes quickly just before the corner, down shift and accelerate around the bend. Your mind is very focused on what is displayed before you. There are no distractions. It's just you, the extension of your body to the car and off you go. The right equipment, which allows you to go also aids in controlling the various situations you encounter. Touch the brakes a bit or hard? Onward. It's pulsating!

Participating in demanding situations requires rapt attention to the situation at hand. Distractions can cause one's focus to shift away from the serious business of ending the trip safely.

A great number of vehicles for sale today are replete with distractions. It is a challenge to find a vehicle without these distractions. Some are mandated by government standards. Manufacturers have embedded vehicles and have assumed "we all want these toys". Can one even order a base car without all that "stuff"? Recent events with chip shortages have proven that vehicles for sale today are too complex. Manufacturers have locked themselves into multitudes of electronic devices that have pushed vehicle prices and complexity to extreme heights.

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## On the Road

Recent weeks featured fine weather and three nice TBCR tours, that's to Drive Master Ben and the many TBCR drivers.

Pictured on this page and page 4, is last Saturday's NW cruise. A picture-perfect day to show off British wheels, old and new.



*Don't let the coats fool you, it was lovely out there.*

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## Calendar

**March 5** - Saturday drive 9:00 AM from Mega Circle K 4650 S. Palo Verde Rd. We'll gather at the Mega Circle K at 4650 S. Palo Verde. Our departure time is promptly at 9:00 AM and we'll be heading almost immediately west on Irvington Rd almost to its end. We'll then head north on the other side of the Tucson mountains on Kinney Rd, McCain Loop Sandario and Picture Rocks. Our destination for this drive is Mercado San Augustin on Congress Ave near the Santa Cruz River. There are 4-5 possible places to enjoy a breakfast repast, if you so choose.

**March 19** - Saturday drive 9:00 AM departure- TBA

**March 23** - BLAT - 10:00 AM departure - TBA

**April 16** – DM50 Car Show 10am to 3pm. As of this publication date I don't know if the club will participate. Watch for emails. For further info contact me - The editor.

**Every Tuesday**-- Tuesday Coffee 7am to 9am, Starbucks at NW corner of Swan and Ft Lowell. You don't need to be British, bring a British car, or even own a British car. Just join in and enjoy the car talk.

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## Club News

### Pictures Wanted for the Website

This is a call to all our members for new club related pictures. These may be pictures from past club events, drives, interesting cars or even your garage repair success (or failures). The choice is yours. The only limit is that the photo is TBCR related.

If you have a photo that you'd like to share on the website picture banner – please email it to Harold at: [cars@tucsonbritish.com](mailto:cars@tucsonbritish.com)

### Regalia

Want TBCR swag? Contact Regalia Chair Libbie or see her at Tuesday coffee or a driving event.

# On the Road



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Saturday February 12, Tour  
by TBCR Tours Correspondent

It was a little chilly at 9:30 AM when our TBCR group of fourteen cars left the Park Place Starbucks. The sun was shining the whole tour. Our route covered different roads and some that were very familiar - but different in a good way. Due to stop lights, the group was broken up. The first half of the tour we traversed the rough Tucson roads. The latter half was pleasantly smooth. By the time we arrived at TTT restaurant around 10:30 - 11 AM it was warm enough to shed jackets and open windows. Some of the group decided it was never too late for breakfast and headed into the restaurant to get their fill of the delectable menu items. All in all, it was a little different, but still nicely scenic.

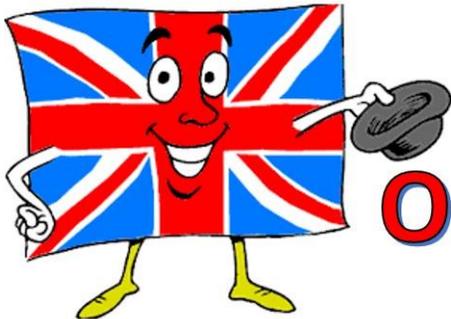
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Thursday, February 17 was a much warmer day than the rainy very chilly previous days. The changeable winter weather cleared up, but there were reports of snow that had fallen on our way to Patagonia.

Only 5 cars were present for the start of the tour. Along the way one dropped out due to mechanical issues. We added three more Green Valley cars on Sahuarita Road. By the time we reached Patagonia two Green Valley cars stopped in Sonoita. There were four of us who had a very nice lunch at the Patagonia coffee shop.

Due to the altitude, the temperature was a bit chilly with big fluffy white clouds and lots of sunshine. On our way from Sonoita we saw snow in one of the mountain peaks.



# Welcome Our New Members

We have 3 new members since the last newsletter. All new members have name tags. Take time to welcome them to our events.

Bill Flomer with us from Florida driving an Indigo 2007 Jaguar XK Convertible.

Michael & Diane Gendreau are in Oro Valley with a silver 2009 Aston Martin DB9.

John & Liz Reynolds also live in Oro Valley and drive a number of LBCs - a blue 1960 Triumph TR3A, a green 1968 Triumph TR-250, a red 2001 Jaguar XK8 and grey 1988 Jaguar XJ12.

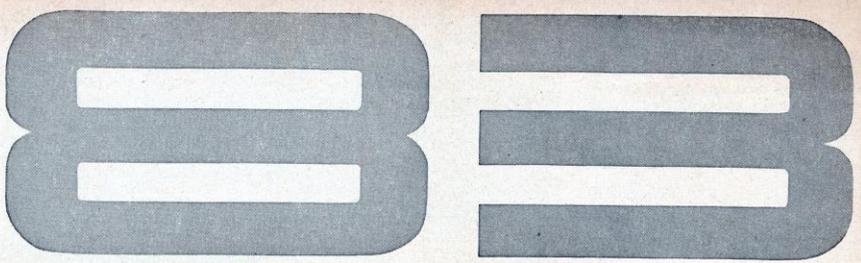
Be on the lookout for our new friends. We now have 151 members.

*--Dave Germain, Treasurer*

## From the Prez *continued*

Think about some of the items that are now included, which have elevated vehicle costs. Are they absolutely necessary compared to the LBC BBC cars we love to enjoy? These new items seem to expire prematurely and are very expensive to replace. Can we get along without them? Have humans evolved to not do things themselves?

Getting a thrill out of driving is one of my not-so-secret pleasures. Of course, it helps to select the proper tool out of your toolbox to get to that level. What's your pleasure?



**83**  
**miles on one gallon!**

**MORRIS MINOR SETS AN  
ASTONISHING MARK IN TEST  
RUN RELIABILITY TRIAL  
JANUARY, 1951**



At a recent mystery event held by Motor Sports Club of America one of the most astonishing performances of economical gas consumption was turned in by a stock Morris Minor Sedan. Conducted on a bright Sunday afternoon in May 1951, the event consisted of a carefully administered reliability trial over a pre-determined course, which wound its way over 50 miles of Connecticut and New York countryside. The gas tank of each car was filled to capacity at the start of the event; all gas tanks and hood openings were sealed by inspectors.

Competitors were allowed to drive as slowly as they liked; time was not a factor, coasting down hills and turning off the ignition switch to save gas was permitted. The car able to negotiate the prescribed course most economically would be the winner.

Penalties for failure to conform exactly to the course or failure to pass through all secret checking points on the road, or tampering with any hood seals or gas tank caps would, of course, result in immediate disqualification.

Under these conditions a 2 door Morris Minor Sedan with over 10,000 on the clock, carrying 2 adults and a 100 lb. Great Dane puppy averaged 83.33 miles per gallon to win the test hands down.

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