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You are invited...



Everyone is invited to celebrate on May 22 at Brandie Fenton Park. See page 4 for all the details.



From the Cockpit of the Vice PREZ

With Pete now enjoying the fertile fields of Wisconsin (or at least driving there), we all will be here getting ready for a nice.... long..... hot..... summer. As we heat up, this is a great time to get our LBC's & BBC's on the road. I am sure that many of you, driving in the summer, have had heating issues. I personally use a product called Water Wetter that claims temp drops of up to 20 degrees, I believe for the most part if you can see a temp drop of 5-10 degrees your doing good. Just add to your radiator with distilled water and you are ready to go. I use a 50/50 mix and have had good results. If you are still running too warm for your taste, then you might consider a lower temp. thermostat and an additional fan in front of the radiator.

During the month of May, TBCR will have a great opportunity to celebrate the 60th Anniversary of the MGB that will be held on **May 22, 2022 (Sunday) at 9:30 a.m. at Brandi Fenton Park, Ramada 2.** So all you "B" aficionados are asked to come to the event, and also the "A"s and "T"s and all other members so that we can have a great showing. The MG marque had their roots in the 1920's as a sideline to Morris Garages and by 1924 the MG with the MG Octagon badge was registered as a trademark by Morris Garages. 1928 saw the company being large enough that warranted an identity separate from the original Morris Garages and the M.G. Car Company was used from March of that year. Eventually, the company during the production build of the MGB was manufactured by the British Motor Corporation (BMC) and later the Austin-Morris division of British Leyland.

The MGB that we are celebrating started production in 1962 and ended production in 1980 with over 523K vehicles built of the three variants: MGB, MGC and the MGB GT V8.

Recently our club officers have been discussing having a forum for our members use. Since a number of us are having difficulty getting our cars worked on or finding somebody locally that can work on a British car, perhaps having a forum available for discussion, recommendations, help from other members, etc. may help. The club will be sending out a survey asking for your recommendation either for or against having a TBCR forum. The forum can possibly accept downloaded pics, will most probably have a monitor for password usage and acceptable language. The upcoming survey will explain the proposed forum rules with the hope of answering any questions.

As a final note, I am encouraging all our club members to join us at the every Tuesday morning get-together to meet new members and chat with old ones. The location is the Starbucks on the corner of Swan and Ft. Lowell, 3001 North Swan Road.

Have a great summer of driving,

Marc

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Phantom Car Show - it's back after 3 years and will be **Saturday, June 4** and coincides with the celebration of British Car Week. Unless things change by then we'll start any time after 7:00 AM in the overflow parking lot on the **SE side of Park Place Mall behind O'Reilly Chevrolet and LA Fitness**. TBCR will provide breakfast snacks, ice water and you just bring your own coffee and any snack you might want. The whole thing ends by 9:30 AM, so home before the heat. Watch for updates and details.

Saturday morning drives May 14 and May 28.

Mid-week BLAT drive - TBA

Every Tuesday—Brit 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 and car walk.



Welcome
New TBCR Members

We have five new members this month.

--Don Bender and Inna Shames in Green Valley, driving a 1974 Triumph TR-6.

--Bryan and Traci Kidd from Corona de Tucson, driving a 1979 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow.

--Shawn Horton, in Southeast Tucson driving a 1987 Jaguar Vanden Plas.

--Ian Henderson is returning member living in North Central Tucson with a Red 1957 MGA, A 2009 Jaguar XF and A 1971 Brabham BT-36.

--Gregory Hathaway from Marana.

Be on the lookout for our new friends at our activities, say hello.



The MGB 60th Birthday Party

This event has been organized by the Arizona MG Club. They wanted the celebration to be convenient to everyone, so they are holding parties in Phoenix, Flagstaff and Tucson. The Tucson event is assisted by TBCR, with Libbie Gabriel coordinating.

Where: Brandie Fenton Park, 3482 E River Road.

When: May 22. We will begin gathering at 8am, with a brief ceremony at 9am.

Who's invited: anyone with a British car or an interest in British cars, but especially all the MGB owners. There will be a recognition of the oldest MG present.

The Arizona MG Club will have a representative present and will bring cupcakes! TBCR will also have refreshments on hand, we know a cupcake alone won't cut it in this club.

Here's the word from the Arizona MG Club:

All three parties will start at 9 a.m., but you will want to arrive at 8 a.m..

The main reason to be early is there will be a plaque given to the oldest MGB at the party and the organizers need time to determine the oldest car.

The Phoenix site is the State Capitol (northeast parking lot by monuments)

The Prescott site is Fain Park.

The Tucson site is Brandi Fenton Park.

Just look for the B's!

The site coordinators are: Phoenix—Andrew Stevenson; Prescott—Penny Putao; and Tucson—Libbie Gabriel. These coordinators will determine the oldest B at the site.

President Steve Strublic, Vice President Peter Holbrook and Board Member Rich Flammang will welcome y'all and present the plaque.

John Pekala will photograph the Phoenix site and there will be photographers at the other two sites.

All attendees will receive a memorial patch and cupcake!

The MGBs

The following pages are casual pictures of Tucson-area MGBs. Most of these are from recent TBCR events.



Ok, this is not Tucson.





Do you have a MGB picture you would like to share? Send it to the Editor and I'll get it in a future edition. The more vintage, the better!



On the Road

SE Tucson-Vail Tour

Reported by Pete Williams

There was no need to wear jackets, gloves, heavy boots, or beanie caps on our April 9th tour. I think we've turned the page... and cold temperatures are so.... "last season".

The drivers and passengers of the fifteen TBCR member's cars were quickly loaded and ready for a southern / eastern tour through Tucson, Vail, and Pima County. The day was bright and sunny with a few cirrus clouds. Dust and air pollution were at a minimum which resulted in great long-distance viewing.

There were multiple brands of British cars present. The oldest two were a 1948 white MG TC and a 1954 red Triumph TR2. It's really great to see these (and all the other) cars going through their paces.

We had a new couple join us in their red MGB. They asked if they could join our club... YES!!!



On the Road, *continued*

Mt Lemmon Tour

Nice day, with cool temps at the top.



On The Road, *continued*

April 23 West Side Tour



Another super drive arranged by Ben. West over Gates Pass is always spectacular. The return over Picture Rocks Pass offers some of the nicest corners in Tucson.



More April 23 Tour

