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# On the Road



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### **TBCR 2023 40th Year Officer Elections**

Our 40th year is a milestone! Our club is strong both financially and membership wise. We are fortunate to have 161 TBCR members. While we enjoy our tours, gatherings and fellowship, our current officers welcome new ideas and your input. Part of that input is your desire to make the club continue and prosper as a social and mechanical interest group. Our members graciously lend a hand where needed.

The following offices will be open for TBCR Board nominations for 2023: President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer. The by-law regarding elections was covered in the October TBCR Newsletter.

The current nominees are listed below. Additional nominees may be made at the election event.

- President:
  - Pete Williams
  - Marc Koenig
  - Stephan Hosmer
  - Vice President:
    - Mark Koenig
    - Tim O'Keefe
- Treasurer: Dave Germain
- Secretary: Mike Morales

Voting will occur after our tour and after our luncheon. November 26, 2022 (Saturday after Thanksgiving). Look for the tour announcement during November.

#### A Message from the TBCR Chancellor of the Exchequer



## NO DUES FOR 2023!

Or a note from the TBCR Treasurer as we say in Tucson. After a close review of the current state of the TBCR treasury, planned budget and planned activities, the TBCR Board has again suspended dues for current members for the year 2023. Our treasury remains in good shape for the next year, even at full operations. Current paid members for 2022 will be extended until December 2023. New members will still pay initial dues of \$35.00 good through December 2023. We now have 163 members.

At TBCR, we are in the business of driving and fun, not taxes. (We will still pay for hot dogs, gelato, events and etc. for next year.)

Please <u>DO NOT</u> send cash, checks or PayPal. As unlikely as it may seem, we will just send it back. See you all at the Hot Dog run!

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### Calendar

**Saturday, November 12** TBCR Drive departs at <u>8:00 AM</u> from Starbucks at 65 W River Rd on the south side of River Rd, just west of Stone Ave. (we've been here before). We'll head west through the Saguaro Nat'l Park with a loop through McCain Loop Rd and back over Gates Pass - one in each direction. We will try an old breakfast place where TBCR held its first Breakfast Run back in the late 90s. It is now the 4 Seasons restaurant at 1423 W. Miracle Mile. Lots of choices and hopefully not too long a wait for food. Ben has emailed the map. Contact the Editor for a copy.

**Saturday, November 12** Jaguar Club Concours d'Elegance La Encantada shopping plaza, 2905 E Skyline Drive. Cars arrive between 8am and 9am. Judging will begin at 10am and completed by 12 noon.

#### Saturday November 26 TBCR HOT DOG RUN and TBCR Elections.

For all you new members that have never heard of this here are the details. Our last one was Nov. 2019 pre-COVID. <u>This will be an 11am departure from</u> <u>Mission San Xavier</u>. Arrive for Sonoran Hot Dogs on the SE corner of Alvernon Way and Lee St. at 12 to 12:30pm. It's just north of a new Dairy Queen. Ben will email the map. Don't get the email? Contact the editor.

For those coming for lunch only: be there by 12-12:30pm. You don't have to go on the drive to attend.

**Saturday January 28 Car Nuts Sahuarita Classics Car Show** Veterans Memorial Park, Sahuarita. Register: https://carnuts.org/event-4653907.

**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.



We have 2 new members this month. All new members have name tags. Take time to welcome them to our events. Mike and Sandara Smith are from Nogales with a Blue 1956 Austin Healy BN2. Tom & Jane Lassar live in the foothills and drive a Silver 2005 Aston Martin DB9 and a Red 1991 Jaguar XJS.

Be on the lookout for our new friends. We now have 163 members.

### On the Road, *continued*





. TBCR did two drives in October, plus the car shows. Our tours went Northwest and Southeast. Seasonable weather prevailed and good turnout meant plenty of good exhaust sounds on the road and more oil spots on the parking lots.











# **Tucson Classics Car Show**

*"It was a good day not to bring a car that needs side curtains."* 

Friday afternoon we had a good-sized crew to erect and secure our tent.

The Gregory show had been blessed with excellent weather for many years. This year's show had spotty rain showers during the event. several times owners brought out their towels to remove raindrops before the water etched spots onto their cars.

Close to the end of the show it was announced that a strong thunderstorm was approaching. There would be no award ceremony and awards would be sent to the recipients. –*Pete Williams* 





# British Wheels on the Green

The Arizona MG Club did an outstanding job organizing another event in Peoria on October 30. The show was sold out, but there were some no-shows. The atmosphere was relaxed and fun.

TBCR participants headed to the event Saturday, with stops at the Casa Grande Monument and the Arizona Railway Museum.

### From the Prez - Touring Time By Pete Williams

Once in a while, I lapse into thinking about cars I wish I could own. Often reading the Hemmings Motor News publication or seeing their email blog feeds stimulate those thoughts. One sage called those publications "auto-pornography". (Auto porn) But stop a minute and think of your possible future vehicle choices.

Sometimes vehicles find us rather than the other way around. People around us know we might like certain makes and models. An estate needs to liquidate cars. Other times, the vehicle on offer is something we ordinarily would not consider. Then these thoughts occur: "It's just such a nice car." "It has great potential." "If I don't get it, it's going to be scrapped." "It only needs just a little work to make it viable." The next series of questions border on practical realities: spousal approval, funding, storage, parts availability, tools available, and depth of the work required (and probably more constraints). Often these issues come up after we have been "bitten" by the Car Bug. Have you ever said to your spouse / SO: "Look what followed me home?" (Or something like that.)

I once ran into a beer from Utah. It was labeled "Polygamy Porter". Their motto was: "You can't have just one!" Their beer wasn't that good, but their label was! Lay's potato chips motto: "You can't have just one!" is a similar motto. Car collections are like that. For many of us, it's really hard to stop. (I'll have one of those, that one too, maybe that one over there...) Then it's what do I do with it... after we have adopted our newfound waif. Often we are restrained from moving forward for one reason or another (pick one from above). In the meantime, enjoy what you have. Keep the black round things on the ground and the shiny side up. See you on the next tour!



## More British Wheels on the Green



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