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## Hot Dog Run *A little rain then blue skies.*



More Hot dog Run



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## Calendar

**Dec. 2 - TBCR Holiday Party**

**Dec. 9 - La Encantada car show - 8:00 - 10:00 AM**

**Dec. 16 - SATURDAY DRIVE** - Watch for map & directions

**Dec. 20 or 21 - BLAT Drive** - 10:00 AM for a lunch out of Tucson - Watch for details

**Dec. 30 - SATURDAY DRIVE** - Watch for map & directions

**Jan. 6 - SATURDAY DRIVE** - Watch for map & directions

**Jan 27 - Santa Cruz Car Nuts** – Quail Creek Car show They have a “British Class”. <https://carnuts.org/event-5136595>

*Watch your email for details from Ben about all the drives.*

**Every Tuesday—Brit Coffee** 7am to 9am, Starbucks at NW corner of Swan and Ft Lowell. Join in and enjoy the car talk and car walk.

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## TBCR Hot Dog Run and Election - Pete Williams

The annual Hot Dog Run started in drizzling weather conditions. Due to the weather we had attendance concerns. The brave tour participants arrived around 12:30 PM at our destination. Other members decided to arrive a little earlier in their daily drivers.

After checking in with the treasurer's department, all participants were issued hot dog tickets. The Hot Dog Vendor provided an extra tent, tables and chairs along with their signature hot dogs. The service was excellent and the food was good.

The club provided two delicious Costco sheet cakes! The chocolate cake was consumed, but the “white” cake had 7 remaining pieces.

The meeting included some announcements as well as our annual election. No nominations were made from the floor. The only new board member is Vice President Tim O'Keefe. Officers will start at the Annual Meeting January 13th, 2024.

The meeting was well attended and quickly adjourned.

Considering the early day rains and the much cooler weather, in true Tucson fashion the sun warmed things up after lunch.

Thanks to all who participated and worked the event. Jack Stewart and Marc Koenig manned the treasurer's table. Thanks guys!

## On the Road



November's Saturday tour took the group southeast from a Park Place Mall start. Turnout was excellent, with 15 cars.

## More on the Road



The BLAT was a West/Northwest side event, crossing the Tucson Mountains and back over to lunch in Oro Valley. Weather was fine and the food was great.



## Prez Sez – December 2023   Pete Williams

I want to thank all of you for participating in a car club whose main focuses are British Cars and the folks that drive them. We have fun along the way, share stories and technical information. Our tours regularly exercise our LBCs and some BBCs (Little and Big British Cars respectively). Along the way we encounter fleets and singular bicycles sometimes sharing the road (other times not). We see more of local Arizona than most folks do. Our members want to drive their cars. Some of them have some really unusual ones. Sometimes they drive their old cars and sometimes they drive whatever is operational. (maybe their daily driver or another old car) We welcome the diverse fleet of cars our companions bring to our events. Sometimes our members do not have any British cars. That's OK too. We're having fun and want them to join in on the fun.

There are a few changes... At our annual Hot Dog Run we had our annual officer elections. The officers take on their responsibility at the Annual meeting in January. Vice President Marc Koenig stepped down and Tim O'Keefe was elected to replace him. Our current Newsletter editor, John Mead, will be stepping away and will be replaced by Stephan (Steve) and Nancy Hosmer. The rest of the board remains the same. Thanks to each of the board members for their hard work. Each of us does a little bit and we keep moving forward. It's been a fun and a very nice experience.

Membership growth over the last three years has been impressive. Currently we have over 190 members. We are now asking members to pay their \$35 dues (for the first time in 3 years). Please visit our web page to pay your dues. Here's the link: <https://www.tucsonbritish.com/shop/> You get a lot for your dues. The club absorbs the credit card merchant fee too.

Our Treasurer, Dave Germain, would like to move on. Searching our membership for the right candidate to fill this position is not an easy thing. The candidate must be conversant in Microsoft products: Excel and Word. Some amount of accounting / bookkeeping and being detail oriented is required. In a future newsletter I'll ask Dave to outline what he currently does. Dave is an excellent Treasurer. I trust him implicitly.

Things are looking up...

- Our (three year delayed) Holiday Party luncheon will be December 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Culinary Dropout on Grant (formerly the site of Grant Lumber). We will have a short organizational board meeting after lunch. You are welcomed to attend. While we have a number of things to work on, the meeting: hitting the high points and hopefully quick. Ed Smith is the chairman of this event and has done a great job putting it together.
- Annual Meeting after a tour. January 13<sup>th</sup> at Brandi Fenton Park – Ramada 2. Watch for the tour announcements for the timing. We encourage you to bring a picnic lunch.
- Car shows and events:
  - Santa Cruz Car Nuts – Quail Creek Car show January 27<sup>th</sup> They have a "British Class". Sign up today... Here's the direct link: <https://carnuts.org/event-5136595>
  - Gregory Rotary Tucson Classics Car Show – watch for their announcement in February. It was sold out very early this year.
  - Davis Monthan Car Show
  - Club events: Phantom Car show, Gelato, March Swap Meet at Pete's, Tours and more.
  - We will continue to gather at Starbucks on Tuesday morning. If it's cold or wet, we'll be inside. It's always amazing to see the wide variety of cars at this gathering. There are sometimes some really rare "beasts" that are there. In really nice weather we have quite a crowd of folks who join us. That's really fun!

Keep the shiny side up and the rubber on the road! Always the best!!!

## BWOG October 29th Show - by Pete Williams

Three intrepid tourists departed from Golder Ranch / Oracle for the Saturday drive to the BWOG show the following day.

Our first stop was Casa Grande Monument for a picnic lunch. Tom and Daria Dunham had just returned from Chicago and decided to travel directly to their hotel. David Goode and I decided to stop at the new (150+ car) Martin Auto Museum in Glendale. It's a very nice collection with cars from the early to late 20th century on display. Then we went to our motels.

Saturday evening our hosts, Arizona MG Club, had a 2 hour light meal and refreshment event. Sponsors were mentioned and the show layout was available for viewing.

Sunday morning came very early. Show cars had to be in line no later than 8:30 AM. The show field was a brilliant bright green. Much later, after noticing that green color on my shoes and on my tires, it was apparent the beautiful green field color was faux. It didn't really matter though as the 150 cars were nicely displayed on the field. A few members came up for the day as spectators (free admission). One member drove up on Sunday too.

All three cars on our tour successfully arrived and returned to the general Tucson area. Sunday return travel was impacted by several Phoenix area construction closed freeways.



*See more pictures on pages 8 and 9.*





## 1966 MK III Healey Sprite For Sale

Very solid body 98% original parts. This an "unmolested" rust free car with the 1098 engine. Some parts removed from engine bay,dash, etc have been removed for restoration, but are there. This would be an excellent candidate for a concurs car. **\$7,250 602-369-0269**



