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On the Road

To Colossal Cave and Back



The Saturday drive featured SE Tucson roads, with a turnaround near Colossal Cave. The skies were sunny, and the temps were brisk.



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Calendar

Saturday March 4 Drive. Depart Circle-K at 4650 Palo Verde. Drive will end on the NW corner of Shannon Rd and Ina Rd. There are 2 restaurants there. We've been to Grumpy's but now the Trident Grill offers a breakfast menu on weekends...looks pretty good.

Saturday March 18 Drive. Depart Park Place mall Starbucks at 8:00am. Breakfast at Triple T.

Wednesday March 22 BLAT. Drive to lunch. Depart 10:00 AM - watch for details possible long loop down to GV/Amado and back to "Karichimaka"

April 15 DM50 Car Show See Page 8.

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.



Welcome New Members

February is a short month, but we gained 5 new members in February.

Stan and Michele Klebe live in central Tucson driving a Red 1967 Spitfire MK III.

Stephen Jones lives in Southeast Tucson with a British Racing Green 1969 Triumph GT6 and an orange 1971 Triumph GT6 Orange - Full race prep for vintage racing.

Steve and Brenda Huettner have a lovely red 1952 MG TD and live in west Tucson.

Charles and Jodi Charvoz drive a 1962 two door Mini Cooper, Red with black roof and live in central Tucson.

Spencer and Mike Cahill have a 1976 teal MGB based in Vail. Be on the lookout for our new friends, say hello.

They have name badges. Please welcome them to our coffees and drives.

More on the Road

BLAT to the Flightline Grille

The BLAT started out at the corner Starbucks located at LaCholla and Orange Grove. We ventured across Gates Pass and Avra Valley past Marana Airport to Pinal Airpark for a lunch at the Flightline Grille. While there were some who missed turns, we eventually arrived at the restaurant. Curiously, a sign on their front door indicated we should go around the building and enter across from the (empty) pool. We got in line just before another larger group assembled behind us. The food was plentiful and good. We passed a repurposed 747 - without a tail or wings on our return to Tucson. It's interesting what one sees in the desert! It was a very good tour.



The Prez Unseasonable Weather, Regalia, and a TBCR Swap Meet

I feel that Our weather this winter has been cooler, wetter and windier than normal. Most of January and February's Tuesday gatherings were held inside the Starbucks store. Our tours have started out very chilly and ended up being a tad warmer. (That happens in the desert I guess.) But it's better than being caught in a blizzard and deep cold in the northern part of our country.

Our tours generally have been well attended. The recent new "Colossal Cave" route was a well paved section of road with many, many hills and dips in quick succession. That was fun! Food at the end of the tours has also been welcomed too.

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Regalia update: One big hit this season was our TBCR lined beanie sweater hat. Heck I even took it and wore it on a holiday trip to visit my daughter and son-in-law in St. Paul MN. Gosh it was truly cold (well below zero) there! Similarly, when it gets really sunny and warm, how about a cap with a neck shield and a lanyard to attach to your shirt? Our Regalia Chair, Libbie, has sorted out the vendor situation and the Regalia is open for your orders. Libbie, has regular caps and T shirts. She is able to order the Beanie and Desert hats. They are reasonably priced. Send her an email if you are interested.

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I truly believe that March is a transition month in our area. Typically, the weather moderates and open car TBCR members don't have to wear as many layers. Does sunscreen count as a new clothing layer?

As a new TBCR event, I thought of hosting a club swap meet in my back yard. Now that construction has concluded on my new garage, and the grounds around it are finished, there are many solid surfaces and gravel surfaces to display your extra treasures you want to move along. A recent garage inventory of MGB items revealed that I have a lot more than I'm ever going to use. Some of my excess may be something you are looking for to replace something that is truly tired. I am sure members have similar caches. Maybe it's Triumph, other MG, Sunbeam, Hillman, Jaguar or ??? British parts. (Cars for sale on the street.) Look for more information on the Swap Meet event. BYO food and refreshments and sunshades. When I send out the invitation via Mail Chimp mid-month, I would like to know if you are planning to participate. A head count of members who are looking to participate is helpful. Ample street parking is available as well. If it doesn't sell, I can't store it. You've got to take it back home with you. Usually swap meets charge for sales spaces. TBCR members: This is a free admission, and free sales space event. (No airbags or catalytic converters please!)

In the meantime, keep the rubber side on the road and the shiny side up.

--Pete

FROM THE COCPIT OF THE V. PREZ

Well, we are now in another great year of fun and frolic with our LBC's/BBC's. Ben has some great drives coming up, always seems to be new folks showing up at the Tuesday Starbucks coffee get-together and looking forward to the car shows such as the 13th Annual DM Car Show on April 15th as well as you can now sign up for the October 21 Gregory Car Show.

During the last couple of weeks, I have been reading about how AI (Artificial Intelligence) is now beginning to "infiltrate" into essay writing and semi-technical articles, especially in the school environment. The AI is a trained language model that can generate human-like text by using vast amounts of text data. It ends up being capable of understanding and generating human language and can be used for tasks such as language translation, text summarization and question answering. So just for fun, I initiated an on-line request to enter into the world of AI using ChatGPT, getting authorized and then submitting two "car" questions, shown below in BOLD; one an essay question and the other more technical. I noticed the 1st question was answered very general without specifics and the 2nd question was answered by listing a series of tasks. All words and sentence structure were generated by AI with no human interface. I am not sure if the tasks are correct or in order of disassembly, so it would all have to be verified.

As you read through your car magazines, its just something to be aware of, that the articles written may in fact be generated by your friendly little (AI).

Why do Americans love British Sport Cars

Americans have a fascination with British sports cars for a number of reasons. One reason is the history and heritage associated with these cars. Many of the early British sports cars were designed and built in the mid-20th century, and they have since become iconic symbols of style, speed, and performance. Additionally, the designs of these cars often incorporate unique and distinctive elements that set them apart from other sports cars.

Another reason is the driving experience that these cars offer. Many British sports cars are known for their exceptional handling and responsiveness, as well as their powerful engines. They are also often lightweight and aerodynamic, which makes them ideal for driving at high speeds and in tight turns.

Finally, there is a cultural connection between American car enthusiasts and British sports cars. The car culture in the United States has long been influenced by British styles and designs, and many American car enthusiasts see British sports cars as a symbol of that connection. Whether it's the history, the performance, or the cultural connection, there are many reasons why Americans love British sports cars.

How do I repair the Rear Wheel Hubs on a Sunbeam Alpine

Repairing the rear wheel hubs on a Sunbeam Alpine can involve the following steps:

1. Raise the vehicle: Use a hydraulic jack to lift the rear of the vehicle and place it on jack stands for stability.
2. Remove the wheel: Remove the wheel from the rear hub assembly.

3. Remove the caliper: Remove the brake caliper from the hub assembly by loosening the bolts that hold it in place.
4. Remove the brake rotor: Remove the brake rotor from the hub assembly.
5. Remove the axle nut: Remove the axle nut that holds the hub assembly to the axle shaft.
6. Remove the hub assembly: Remove the hub assembly from the axle shaft by removing the bolts that hold it in place.
7. Inspect the hub assembly: Inspect the hub assembly for any visible signs of damage or wear, such as cracks or looseness.
8. Replace the hub assembly: If necessary, replace the hub assembly with a new or refurbished one.
9. Reassemble the components: Reassemble the components in the reverse order of disassembly, making sure to tighten bolts and nuts securely.
10. Test drive the vehicle: Test drive the vehicle to ensure that the repair has been successful and that the wheel hubs are functioning properly.

Note: The exact process of repairing rear wheel hubs may vary depending on the specific model of Sunbeam Alpine and the tools you have available. It is always recommended to consult a repair manual or seek the assistance of a professional mechanic for proper guidance and to avoid any potential damage.

Happy Driving!
--Marc



What's that Car?

The actual car my Uncle Joe bought in May 1924 to take his wife on honeymoon. It came back into the family about a year ago.

It will be 100 years old May next year. It is a runner in good condition but has a small ignition fault. Hopefully small.

The two "boys" in the car are two of Uncle Joe's sons.

--Richard Reeves

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13th ANNUAL DM50 Car Show APRIL 15th, 2023

Car show proceeds benefit the Airmen of Davis-Monthan Air Force Base. - FREE LUNCH AND BEVERAGE INCLUDED - Event is located at Davis-Monthan AFB (Bama Park) on APRIL 15th from 11am to 2pm. Directions included with car show entry confirmation. ENTRY DEADLINE - MARCH 31. I have access to the base*

My passenger has access to the base* *If not, provide the following for AFB access: Name, Date of Birth, Driver's License # / State Issued; and SS # via email to Air Force Secured Server: 355fwprotocoloffice@us.af.mil or call 520-228-3600

NAME: _____ EMAIL: _____ PHONE: _____

PASSENGER NAME: _____ CAR/MOTORCYCLE TYPE: _____

CLUB NAME: _____

SHOW CATEGORY (circle one): MOTORCYCLE MILITARY BRITISH GERMAN JPN/FRA/ITL DETROIT-
'50 & EARLIER DETROIT - '51 to PRESENT Street/Hotrod

Mail the Registration Form* and a \$40 entry fee (payable to DM50) to: Davis-Monthan Protocol 3405 S. Fifth Street, Davis-Monthan AFB, AZ 85707 *on-line registration and payment is available via www.dm50.org

For Sale

Two 1967 series 1.5 convertibles for sale One is Primrose Yellow, all original numbers matching. The other is British racing Green (new paint) numbers matching.

Yellow car: Original paint, all numbers matching, new leather seats. Spin on/off oil filter and oil cooler (original equipment supplied with car). New soft top provided. Milage 34774 Asking price \$90,000.00

Green Car: Original paint was Willow Green, repainted in BRG, otherwise original. Numbers matching car, new soft top installed. Milage 49256. Asking price \$80,000.00

In addition, there is an aftermarket hardtop which fits either car sold separately.

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