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## Tucson Classics Car Show



Friday afternoon several TBCR members got together at the field to erect the club tent. Assembling the tent is like a mechanical game of Tetris. Our direction sheet is "muy importante!" We built the upper 2/3 of the tent and left the cover, bottom poles and weights for Saturday. There was some confusion about field placement, but that was quickly resolved.

## **Tucson Classics *continued***

On Saturday morning about a dozen members met at Whole Foods and drove to the show as a group. Others arrived before or after our group. There were 25 British cars in the two classes. The shade in the tent and the ice cold water was welcomed.

Thanks to all members who helped both days and who shared stories at our shady spot on that very hot day. There were no casualties and only one hard to start Jag V12.

Congratulations to the winners of the 2 British Car categories (it varied by production year):

Class U: 1st - 1983 Austin Mini - Michael Sime?, 2nd - 1962 Jaguar E Type coupe - John Tolle, 3rd - 1965 Sunbeam (Tiger) -Charlie Nichols

Class T: 1st - 1957 Jaguar 140 OTS - Nancy & Steve Hosmer, 2nd - 1967? Rolls Royce -Dan ? 3rd - 1961 Austin Healey 3000 BN7 - Steve Meyer.      -- Reported by Pete Williams



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## Calendar

**November 4 Breakfast drive** now beginning a bit later at 7:30 AM.

**November 16. BLAT** 10AM start

**November 25 Hotdog Run and Elections** Saturday, November 25th. Our traditional route begins at Mission San Xavier with a 11:00 AM departure. Lunch is provided by TBCR at the Sonoran Hot Dog cart on the NE corner of Alvernon Way and Lee St (just north of Speedway Blvd on Alvernon).

**December 2 TBCR Holiday Party** See announcement on Page 10.

**December 16 Breakfast Drive**

**New Years.** Yes, we will have a drive!

*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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## Club News and Notes

Welcome to our New Members

We have 3 new members for October. Tim White & Connie Erdmann are with us in the north central area driving a Red 1976 MG Midget. And from Rio Rico Mark & Linda South with a 1966 White MGB. From central Tucson is Marc Simon and his Red, White and Black 1966 Triumph TR4As, all same year and model.

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Lost and Found (no, not members)

Folding chairs (2) left at last spring's TBCR swap meet. If you are missing them and can identify them, contact Pete Williams

## **Club News and Notes, *continued***

### **TBCR 2024 Board Election After Hot Dog Run, November 25th, 2023.**

We will be having TBCR board elections following the Hot Dog Run on November 25th, 2023. The positions and currently proposed nominees we will be voting on below will occur after our meal.

If you have an interest in being placed on the ballot for any of the positions, please nominate from the floor during our November 25th meeting. The open positions are not to suggest we cannot have more than one more nominee.

President - Pete Williams - Incumbent, Vice President - Tim O'Keefe, Treasurer - Dave Germain - Incumbent, Secretary - Mike Morales - Incumbent

Look for an email from our Tour Director for the Hot Dog Run preceding the Election. The club will buy a hot dog with extras, a bag of chips and a soft drink beverage.

This will be an excellent time to pay your 2024 dues.

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### **We are Looking for an Editor!**

#### **TBCR Newsletter Editor - An Integral Part of the Club      by Pete Williams**

John Mead has decided that it is time to pass the job along to someone else. We respect his decision. We thank him for his contributions to the club.

This job is straightforward: collect information about upcoming events, take or request pictures from recent events and invite members (or others) to write about British cars.

If you can compose a letter on WORD, you can do this, and John will walk you through the whole process and assist in getting the newsletters together, for as long as it takes.

The potential volunteer may be a member, a spouse or S/O of a member. Please consider this opportunity.



## More Tucson Classics



## Pres Sez....

-by Pete Williams

By now you have noted we sent out a notice requesting payment of your 2024 annual dues. Our \$35 annual dues are really quite modest when you consider what the value our membership fees cover. For example: New members can get up to 2 mailed name tags. All members are eligible to participate in our tours. We have subsidized meal events too. (Our Holiday party as well as our Hot Dog Run) Our monthly newsletter is available on our Web page. We offer a selection of TBCR clothing through our Regalia Chairperson, Libbie Gabriel.

Like our Covid event hiatus, our board decided not to charge dues for the two years when we were having reduced events and no subsidized meal events. We gather every Tuesday morning at Starbucks (Swan & Ft Lowell). Our members arrive in a wide variety of their collectible cars to provide an on-going car show gathering for a couple of hours. We each get a lot of mileage / value from our \$35.

It's easy to pay your dues. On the internet go to <https://www.tucsonbritish.com> , click on SHOP then click on MEMBER RENEWAL. You can use your credit card to easily pay dues. The club pays the credit card merchant fee.

When I started as President we had 125 members. As of October 17th we have 185 members! Wow! **Thank you for renewing your membership.** You can also pay your dues at our Hot Dog Run meal / election meeting. Manual checks mailed to us are also an option. We have not raised our dues for several years. It's a very good value in these inflationary times. We don't want to leave you in the dust. Pay early!

You will also see a Holiday Party flyer elsewhere in this newsletter. Our Holiday Party is December 2nd. Our chairman, Ed Smith, has been working hard to make this a very nice event. We will have a large private room with a buffet luncheon. Please use the internet link above and click on the HOLIDAY LUNCHEON tab to register for the event. The club is subsidizing a portion of the cost.

By the time you get this newsletter, two big events will have happened in October. The Rotary Club's Tucson Classic car show at the Gregory field October 21st, was sold out early this year. As of October 2nd the TBCR had 24 spaces including one for our big club tent. BWOG - British Wheels On the Green show in Peoria will happen October 29th. We have a tour planned with a stop at an auto museum in Gilbert, AZ. This is an excellent all-British car show held on a beautiful venue. There is no entry fee for non registered spectators. We will report on both of these shows in next month's newsletter.

Thank you for being a member and participating in our fun events! Keep the shiny side up!



## And More Tucson Classics





## As Seen at Other Events....



The monthly cars & coffee at La Encantada features some special cars in the circle. No mistaking Ben's Lotus.

Bottom pic, From Charlie Nichols  
A nice show in Show Low Az on June 3. They had a parade and burgers on Friday, car show on Saturday with cool weather, lots of green grass, door prizes, and friendly people. They even had a few British cars in the field.



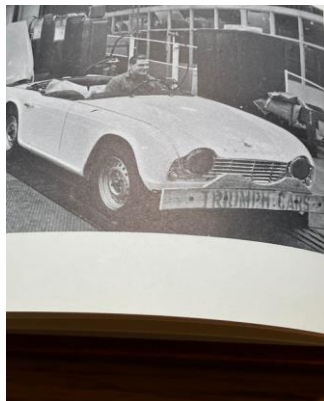


## FROM THE COCKPIT OF THE V. PREZ



Now that I have become a Triumph aficionado, specifically the TR4/4A vintage, I have begun searches for information about the car. It's easy to find the info that has been written recently, but I am looking for early 1960's info and pics that'll discuss those issues and concerns that often lead to major problems later on with older cars.

I have located a few pics below that goes back into the history of the TR4. Hope you enjoy.



The first TR4 production line in operation in 1961. The new car was built at the then-new Standard-Triumph Liverpool plant in Speke. Check out the "gray-hairs" and wooden assembly floor - no robotics here!

TR4 production in Coventry. The wooden "bumpers" are shipping boards for use while the cars are packed close together on board ship.



Unloading TR4's - sling it out of the hold onto the dock and hope it didn't hit anything on the way. A major problem came from brain fade on the part of the crane operators, who occasionally dropped cars on the dock instead of gently setting them down. TR4's were shipped without bumpers and windshields to avoid damage!

*Have a great Autumn driving,  
Marc*

# Tucson British Car Register Holiday Party



When: Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

Where: Culinary Dropout, 2543 E. Grant Road, "The Coop"

Time: 1:00 PM - Last Call 3:30

TBCR is offering the following: "Build Your Own Lunch Station"

\* Appetizers - Soft Pretzels & Provolone, Fondue, House Salad

\* Turkey, Pastrami Sandwiches

\* Baked Orecchiette Pasta

\* Roasted Salmon

\* Desert: Mini Mississippi Mud Pie

Soft drinks included, Cash Bar is Available

Cost: \$40 per person, payable by: Cash, check or PayPal

\*\* PayPal: Go to our web site: [tucsonbritish.com](http://tucsonbritish.com). Click on "Shop", then the "Holiday Luncheon" button.

\*\* Send a check to: Tucson British Car Register, P.O. Box 30997, Tucson AZ 85751-0097. Since checks are not always personalized, please include your name.

\*\* Pay in person by check or cash at the informal Tuesday coffees or at the Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> TBCR HOT DOG RUN and TBCR Elections.

***Registration Cut-off: November 27, 2023***



