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## End of Summer Touring



September saw three excellent drives. The morning weather was perfect, and Ben lined up tours Northwest, South and East. Breakfasts were fine, the roads good and the cars were handsome.

October will be the return to winter schedules for the BLAT.

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

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

**by Pete Williams**

Over the years we have had a number of talented members who have been our newsletter editor. Our current editor of eight years, 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.

In order that we continue our newsletter, we asked John to put together a list of editor attributes to help one of us make the decision to volunteer for this position. The position is an appointed position and is not an elected position. Here's what John has to say:

*I believe the newsletter editor position is very straightforward in its duties and requirements:*

- *get to know the club, its mission, and its style of activities. This can be as easy as chatting with club officers and members and looking at past newsletters.*
- *go to club events, OR request event pictures and event descriptions.*
- *seek stories from club members and others in the British motoring world (if so moved).*
- *Be a little organized, that is, get newsletter material together in time to put everything together by the first of the month.*

*Now, as to skills? It is all pretty basic:*

*-A computer and a rudimentary knowledge of WORD, Mail Chimp and manipulating digital photos. The current newsletter's format is very simple.*

*-Writing skills are not very important: let others do the writing, you edit and do the layout.*

*--Finally, I am not stepping away from the club. I will work with the new editor on learning and mastering every aspect of putting a newsletter together.*

*--John Mead*

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

*--Pete Williams*

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## Calendar

**October 7 - Saturday Drive** to breakfast at The Kettle - starting point is Circle K at 4650 S. Palo Verde Rd - departure time 7:00 AM

**October 21 - Saturday Drive** to breakfast - watch for details

**October 14 - La Encantada Car show** 7:00 - 10:00 AM - come and go as you please.

**October 21 Tucson Classics Car Show. See Entrance Plans below.**

**October 29 British Wheels on the Green** Peoria Centennial Plaza in Peoria, Arizona. See announcement on Page 12.

**November 25 Hotdog Run and Elections**

**December 2 TBCR Holiday Party** See announcement on Page 11.

**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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## Tucson Classics SHOW ENTRY PLANS

We will meet at the River Center shopping center at (NE Corner) Craycroft and River Road. (Whole Foods / Walgreens) Saturday, October 21st.

The plan is to depart as a group around 8:15 am and arrive at the show field by 8:30 am.

Friday afternoon around 3:30-4 pm we will be setting up our TBCR tent on the show field. We would like your help to erect the tent. If you like, you can stop by the show field registration area to pick up your entrance package.

--Pete Williams



## Welcome New Members

Please welcome our new members this month as they join us for coffee and events. All new members will have name tags.

Dave Hoffman driving a green 2017 Cooper S Clubman  
Bill Walker with his yellow 1977 MGB. And  
Paul La Beck and Toni Sollars in a green/black 1971 Morgan Plus 8 Roadster.

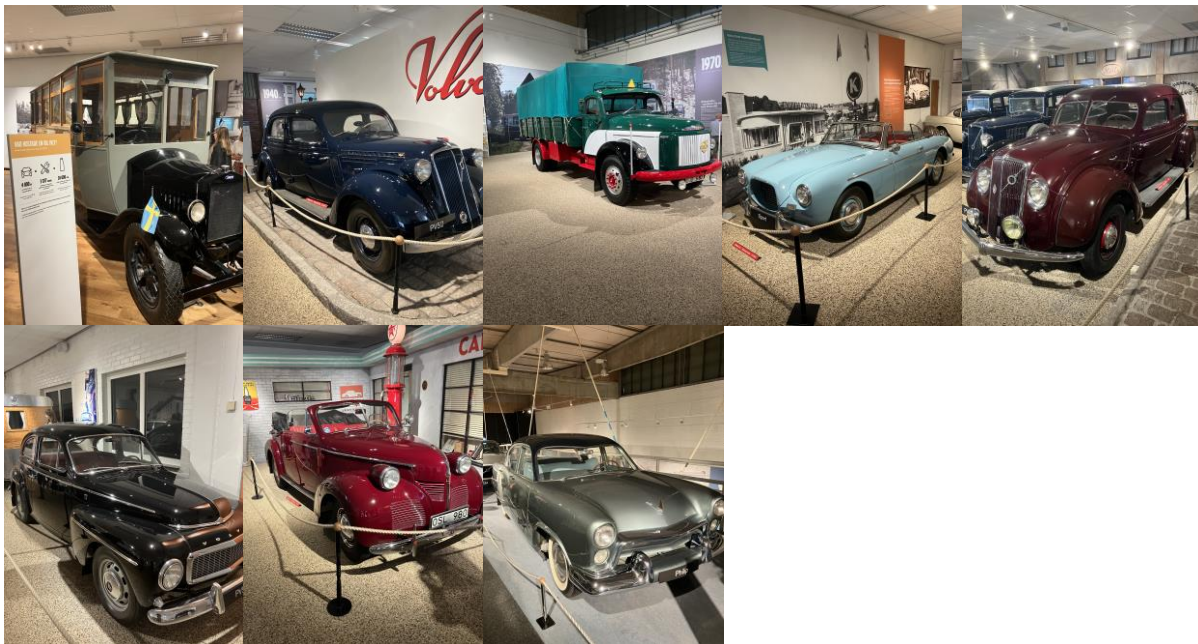
## FROM THE COCKPIT OF THE V.P.



As you can see from the pic, I have now changed it to a TR4 dash pic and removed the Sunbeam Alpine pic.

As an update to our summer fun, Sharon and I took a Scandinavia cruise to get out of the heat and saw Denmark, Sweden and Norway and enjoyed a blessed high on any day of 72 degrees. As we stopped off in Gothenburg Sweden which dates back to 1621, right outside the cruise terminal was the Volvo museum....yea, I know, it's not British but it was still an

excellent museum dating from the 1st Volvo's through the one off designs that were incorporated into a number of the production models. I couldn't read many of the signs as most were written in Swedish for the local folks. Below I have added some pics of the museum, funny though, in the past I had a 2002 Volvo S60....never saw one in the museum and we looked for it!



We are having a great turn out at the Tuesday morning coffee, but it would be great to meet a lot of our new members, come on out and enjoy!

The location is the Starbucks on the corner of Swan and Ft. Lowell, 3001 North Swan Road. Members start showing up due to the late summer heat around 7 a.m., so come on out!

Have a Great Autumn of Driving.



## More On the Road

The start of the tour up Mount Lemmon.



## **Pres Sez....**

**-by Pete Williams**

My up-north snowbird gig is ending. I will be on the road traveling from Wisconsin to Tucson the end of September with my projected arrival being the first week in October. This time my road trip will take me via Colorado to visit one of our AMC Book 2 authors in Peyton.

There are a number of shows and events coming up in the next couple of months that I encourage you to attend:

- October 21 - Gregory show - Probably sold out. We registered early so we will have our tent on the show field.
- October 29 - BWOOG (British Wheels On the Green) Show in Peoria. There will be a tour to the event starting on Saturday, October 28th. We are joining forces with the Southern Arizona Jaguar Club for our tour. (More in another article)
- November 11 - Southern Arizona Jaguar Club Concours at La Encanta circle - a morning event.
- November 25 - Hot Dog Run and TBCR board election (More in another article)
- December 2 - Christmas / Holiday Luncheon - see the flyer

Of course, we will have a regular Tuesday morning Starbucks coffee gathering as well as the usual and customary driving tours. Come and join us for some fun.

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## **TBCR Elections**

We will be having TBCR board elections following the Hot Dog Run on November 25th, 2023. Here are the positions and currently proposed nominees we will be voting on:

- President
  - Pete Williams - Incumbent
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- Vice President
  - Tim O'Keefe
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- Treasurer
  - Dave Germain - Incumbent
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- Secretary
  - Mike Morales - Incumbent
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If you have an interest in being placed on the ballot for any of the positions, let me know at ptrwms@gmail.com before October 23, 2023. The open positions are not to suggest we cannot have more than one more nominee. We will update the slate of nominees in the November newsletter.



Northwest side drive. From Starbucks to Beyond Bread, with a lot of Marana in between.



## And More Driving



On the BLAT. Another picture is on Page 1.







## A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

### Tucson British Car Register

After 2 years of no dues, the Board of Directors has determined that we need to resume dues for 2024. *Dues are due by the end of this year.* New members from October forward are paid for 2024.

Now that is the bad news. The good news is that dues remain at \$35 per year and include a spouse/significant other in activities.

To make this easy on both members and the Treasury Team you have the following options:

1. Go to our web site: [tucsonbritish.com](http://tucsonbritish.com). Click on "Shop", then the "Member Renewal" button. There you can pay by PayPal.
2. 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.
3. Pay in person by check or cash at the informal Tuesday coffees. Our Treasurer, Dave Germain is there most Tuesdays. Dues can be paid this year beginning October 17<sup>th</sup>.
4. Pay in person by check or cash at the Saturday November 25<sup>th</sup> TBCR HOT DOG RUN and TBCR Elections. Jack Stewart will be collecting renewals at this event.

For any option, send changes in car or contact info to: [dkgermain6@gmail.com](mailto:dkgermain6@gmail.com) , or by a written note.

For any questions contact Dave Germain at [dkgermain6@gmail.com](mailto:dkgermain6@gmail.com).

For Sale

Would like to put my 2004 Jaguar XJ8 up for sale, documents attached.

- \$14,900.00
- 93,xxx miles
- Needs new windshield wipers.

Donald Sanger  
(520) 390.5777



2004 Jaguar XJ8		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• 4.2 liter V8 engine</li><li>• 6 speed automatic transmission</li><li>• EPA fuel economy: 18 city/28 highway</li><li>• Well-maintained and in excellent condition</li><li>• Dealer maintained service records available</li></ul>		
<p>This 2004 Jaguar XJ8 was first purchased from Royal Jaguar and remained in Tucson it's entire life. The 4.2 liter V8 engine &amp; 6 speed automatic transmission delivers smooth and powerful performance. The XJ8 is also well-equipped with features such as leather seats, heated seats, sunroof, and premium sound system. It has been dealer maintained since new and has a clean title.</p>		
Vehicle Service History Summary		
(2004 - 2016 available at Royal Jaguar - Tucson)		
Vehicle maintenance (performed at Royal Jaguar - Tucson)		
Service - oil & filter change	5/17/2017	66,834 miles
Service - oil & filter change	5/15/2018	68,936 miles
Service - oil & filter change	5/21/2019	70,790 miles
Service - oil & filter change	12/4/2019	71,654 miles
Service - oil & filter change	7/14/2020	72,313 miles
Service - oil & filter change	8/03/2021	72,965 miles
Service - oil & filter change	8/16/2022	84,922 miles
Major service items		
Replace - water pump	6/28/2017	67,141 miles
Replace - air compressor	6/28/2019	69,115 miles
Replace - front air springs	6/28/2019	69,115 miles
Replace - rear toe links	12/4/2019	71,654 miles
Replace - oil pan gasket	12/4/2019	71,654 miles
Replace - front break pads and rotor	12/4/2019	71,654 miles
Replace - spark plugs	8/19/2021	73,236 miles
Replace - transmission pan & seal	8/19/2021	73,236 miles
Replace - front upper control arms	8/20/2021	74,070 miles
Interstate battery	11/08/2021	-
Continental Control Contact Sport tires (4)	5/12/2022	82,213 miles
Replace - rear break pads and rotor	4/17/2023	91,382 miles

## Tucson British Car Registry Christmas Luncheon



When: Saturday, December 2nd, 2023

Where: Culinary Dropout

Location: 2543 E. Grant Road

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

Cost: \$40 per person, payable by

Cash, check or PayPal

Registration Cut-off: November 27, 2023

Cash Bar is Available



## **The BWOG (British Wheels On the Green) Oct 29, 2023 - Peoria, AZ**

Open to British vehicles or motorcycles up to 1998.

The BWOG show in Peoria, AZ hosted by the AZMG Club is recapped below. Please visit their web page as soon as possible to sign up for the show. [www.britishwheels-az.info](http://www.britishwheels-az.info). I suggest our members who would like to attend make their hotel reservations quickly. Be advised that some hotels are charging for parking.

***\$35 ONLINE PRE-REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 1ST (EARLIER FOR US MAILED)***

***\$40 LATE ONLINE ONLY REGISTRATION ENDS OCTOBER 15TH***

NO DAY OF SHOW ENTRIES

### **Hotel Information:**

The headquarters hotel (Staybridge) is heavily booked and they insist on a 4 night stay at the listed per day show price. This didn't fit my one night stay requirement. I shopped around a bit and found there are other hotels in the area. I found another one night stay which was much more affordable. Our members should check a web page like Travelocity and the city of Peoria or Glendale for other affordable hotels.

**Hospitality Reception Oct 28th 4:30 - 6:30 PM** at the Staybridge (9340 W Cabela DR, Gendale, Az )

Attendees must register for this event if they want to attend it. Scroll down on the link noted above for more information.

Note: The directions below have a TBD for our Saturday afternoon tour destination. Two choices are:

1. Hall of Flame Museum - Fire fighting equipment and history 6101 E Van Buren St, Phoenix (borders Tempe and Scottsdale) Entry fee: Seniors \$15, Adults \$17. Open 10am - 6pm daily. (East side of Phoenix)
2. Dwarf Car Museum 52954 West Half Moon Rd, Maricopa Az 85139, Entry fee: \$5. West of Casa Grande (Southwest of the Casa Grande Monument) just off I-8. open 9 am - 4 pm. A very interesting place where the owner has created half size drivable cars all by hand. (They are about the size of an Austin-Healy Bug-eye Sprite.) Interesting craftsmanship and eclectic. Some gravel roads to the venue.
3. *Got any suggestions?*

## **BWOG, continued**

### **Tour gathering and suggested timing.**

#### **Saturday BWOG Tour to Glendale / Peoria Hotel via Casa Grande Monument and the TBD Museum**

##### **Bring your GPS**

##### **Bring a picnic lunch**

The tour will gather at 9:30 AM Saturday, October 28, 2022 at Basha's Golder Ranch / Oracle Rd west parking lot (*next to gas station*).

- 9:50 AM Exit Basha's parking lot for our tour. (see tour directions)
- 10:45 AM arrive in Coolidge / Casa Grande National Monument. View monument exhibits, movie and the main monument ruin about 12:00 PM picnic lunch in the picnic shelters on site
- 12:30 PM Exit Casa Grande Monument.
- Proceed to the TBD Museum. Directions when we know what the TBD place is.
- After the TBD Museum proceed to your Glendale / Peoria Motel

Load the show field starting at 7:30 AM Sunday Oct 29th.

