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## **APRIL CALENDAR**

*By Ben Cohen*

Below is the schedule of upcoming events for **APRIL**:

### **Tuesday Coffee**

Every - Tuesday – 0700 to 1000

Starbucks – Corner of Swan Rd & Fort Lowell Road

### **1<sup>st</sup> DRIVE**

Saturday, April 06 – 0800

### **La Encantada Car Show**

Saturday, April 13<sup>th</sup> - 0730 to 1000

### **DM50 Car Show**

Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> – 1000 to 1400

### **2<sup>nd</sup> DRIVE**

Saturday, April 20 – 0800

### **BLAT**

April 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> - To be arranged.

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## **URGENT MATTERS**

### **The 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Tucson Classics Car Show**

**Registration is still open.**

**SATURDAY**

**October 19, 2024**

**The Gregory School  
3231 N. Craycroft Rd.,  
Tucson, AZ 85712**

**Enter Your Vehicle Online at [RotaryTCCS.com](https://RotaryTCCS.com)**

The new “Color Guard” has been developed by President Williams and field tested during the recent Swap Meet event. It will be present at the show.



## **THE PREZ SEZ**

*By Peter Williams*

Most often when we go on a TBCR tour we are participants in a scenic tour through the diverse Tucson area usually followed by a meal. Our Tour Director works hard to provide interesting and varied scenic routes and sometimes ending with quirky restaurants that will accept an unexpected surge in guests. It's interesting to see how each restaurant responds to our group.

Equally interesting are the Tuesday morning Starbucks gatherings at Ft. Lowell and Swan. One never knows what kind of cars or which members will arrive. Usually at least one or two cars have their bonnets raised as members gather around to see the latest or just another iteration of what motivates or stops their car. Our turnout this spring has been impressive! On March 26<sup>th</sup>, Dave George arrived from Green Valley in his 1960 Wolseley. His latest enhancement added a power brake booster to his single master cylinder. The original, he explained, was missing prior to his ownership. It was interesting to see, and he might write a future article about it. Dave says it now stops easily with little effort. Before, he said that stopping was sometimes a frightening experience.

I would hazard to guess that we have as many points of view as we have members. Two people at the same event will report similar, but different views. It's all down to one's point of view and experiences. Neither is incorrect - just different.

Our Tour Director hinted the summer will be interesting with events such as the Phantom Car Show. It's a now you see it, now you don't... sort of like the 1954 Brigadoon movie. Stay tuned!

We would like to thank those members who renewed their membership (\$35). For those who may not understand why they had to look up the newsletter on our web page (Tucsonbritish.com) rather than getting an email announcing the newsletter, the explanation is you need to pay your dues to return to the active mailing list.

For those who receive our Mail Chimp email newsletter announcement, where clicking on the highlighted URL link doesn't work, please copy the entire URL, and paste it to your internet browser and press enter. It's a quirk.

Keep the rubber on the road and the shiny bits up.

## **ON THE ROAD**

### **1<sup>st</sup> Drive – 02 March**

The drive started at 0800 departing from 4650 S. Palo Verde Road heading south around Tucson International Airport then diverting on to Aerospace Parkway and south on Nogales Highway. In Sahuarita, it was left onto Sahuarita Road and across I-19 for the journey West side to Downtown and Breakfast at the Kettle Restaurant.

Photographs follow on next page.

**ON THE ROAD (Continued)**  
**1st Drive (Continued)**



Sometimes a friendly Sherriff comes along for a chat.



## ON THE ROAD (Continued)

### La Encantada Car Show – 09 March

*Photos by John Mead*

Some of our members who attended the event and meeting others who are not members but have nice cars.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Drive – 16 March

*By Pete Williams*

Another beautiful March morning greeted us.

It was a curious start from Park Plaza Mall. While our group left at 8 AM, there were Jaguar Club members who were arriving (early) for their 9 AM Road Rally start from the same location as ours. (Their event was also a success.)

Our tour wound around SE Tucson and then up and down Old Spanish Trail. The scenery was excellent, and we had interesting views of low valley clouds with the mountains rising above the clouds.

At the conclusion, we had 18 members arriving at the restaurant for our brunch. The restaurant was somewhat crowded, but we managed to wiggle in. Then the host was informed of our reservation, but surprisingly the restaurant was not expecting our group. They all dropped what they were doing and quickly pulled tables together and set them up for us in a group seating.

*[Editor's Note: Great service, great food, great portions, great pricing, and great job Ben!]*

## ON THE ROAD (Continued) 2<sup>nd</sup> Drive – Continued

By Pete Williams



## BLAT – Mar 20 - Mt Lemmon Luncheon

By Peter Williams

The March 20th BLAT luncheon tour was well attended. We gathered at the Tanque Verde and Catalina Hwy McDonalds parking lot for our run. We stopped at the scenic overlook and enjoyed the views. After a short stay, we departed for the lunch spot. Several of us were looking forward to the new hotel's lunch spot. However, it was closed for an employee appreciation lunch. Instead, we ate at the very nice Sawmill restaurant.

It was lovely, 40+ degrees at the top of the mountain. The ski resort had just closed for the season three days before we got there. When we returned to Tucson, jackets had to be removed ... it was much warmer!

Unfortunately, John's Reynolds' Triumph 250 suffered a severe case of vapor lock. Even though three of our members stopped to help, he did not make it to the luncheon.

**ON THE ROAD (Continued)**  
**BLAT – Mt Lemmon Luncheon (Continued)**



## ON THE ROAD (Continued)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Drive – 30 March - Tour to Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch

Our March 30th tour started at Wetmore and 1st Starbucks. We departed at 9:30 AM to drive to our first stop at Basha's Golder Ranch parking lot. More tourists joined our pack. We then departed for the drive to Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch along I-10 via Hwy 79 and Park Link Road across the desert to the frontage roads. The saguaros, cholla and blue lupin were plentiful.

When we arrived at Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch our group enjoyed our picnic lunches. Next, we paid our entrance fees and were issued 2 plastic cups with animal feed. There were several kinds of critters waiting for our hand-outs: deer, goats, rabbits, ducks, tortoises, donkeys, small birds along with a huge flock of gregarious ostriches. We distributed the kibble to the critters by hand or down chutes. There were ostrich warning signs declaring that they bite (a tad aggressive).

It was interesting and fun to visit this "tourist attraction". (Some declared it a tourist trap.). I've passed it many times, but I've never stopped there. Was it worth it? Maybe. It WAS different! A good tour too! The Fun Factor was a plus too. Oh yes... Dick Keith enjoyed feeding the birds.



## ON THE ROAD (Continued)

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Drive – 30 March - Tour to Rooster Cogburn Ostrich Ranch (Continued)



## POTPOURRI

### WELCOME New Members

*By the Editor*

We have new members who Joined on March 7<sup>th</sup>:

**Peter and Bree Wilke** who reside in the Northeast part of the Tucson City area. They are driving a 1972 Jaguar XKE 2+2 V12 4-speed; color is Ascot Fawn, and the vehicle is in good condition.

Their names and contact details have been added to the directory. Name Badges have been ordered so please keep an eye out for them and take the time to welcome them to the club.

### Technical Matters

#### MGB Boot Lid

*By Peter Michell*

I installed this in my roadster several years ago after I read an article about the extreme difficulty with opening the boot lid when the round lock mechanism pivots due to a loose screw. The only resolutions are to damage the boot lid or to fish a sturdy wire through the removed backup light housing while uttering a string of non-public expletives.

The alternative is to install a cable release where the end is passed through the bulkhead wall that one can pull. After installing this I do recall having to do some modifications by drilling to get it to work properly.

**POTPOURRI (Continued)**  
**Technical Matters (Continued)**

**MGB Boot Lid (Continued)**

I've had to use this cable once. Then "Red Lock" tight the screw so it can't get out of position. It's quite slick and solves a nasty situation.



**A Swan Emerges – Jewelry fo the GT** *By Peter Williams*

Imagine you've got some really shiny stuff you just got back from the refinisher. Now, where to put them? On the shelf to be lost? Nope. Straight onto the car! Can't get lost there!

The front and rear bumpers are now completed. Since the car is 51 years old and since there are no assembly instructions for some of this stuff, it's a real stretch to get it looking correct. Nobody mentioned that there might be a few things that happened to the car over these 51 years. Skewed or improper alignment... correct and exact fits? We don't need that stinkin stuff. But it happens.

I just got the bumper hoop and rear bumper "over-riders" today from the chrome shop. Assembling the bumper hoop was a real challenge. Alignment is close - we're not talking a concours car here. But it looks pretty darn good.

Now about that liftgate weather seal. Gads, what a real challenge to remove & replace it. I had it off (and back on) today. The panel gaps to the body are closer. Still not satisfied with it. It's a good thing there is no heavy glass mounted in it. Stupid design!

More heat shield / sound deadener ordered. About 2/3 (front of the cabin) done. Should be done with the shield / deadener next week. Then on to installing the carpet and interior trim panels.



## POTPOURRI (CONTINUED)

### FOR SALE

1. Triumph Spitfire rollbar. Sells for \$700.00 plus shipping from the UK at Rimmer Brothers. First \$200 owns it. Please contact David Bollen on (818) 342 8432 for details.



### WHAT IS IT?

Below is a specimen created in past time. Do you know what it is? If so, please respond to [tbcramer@gmail.com](mailto:tbcramer@gmail.com)



# POTPOURRI (CONTINUED)

## OTHER MATTERS

### Road & Track Event

Dick Kieth found this and forwarded it for anyone that may be interested.



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