



# TUCSON BRITISH CAR REGISTER

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## JANUARY CALENDAR

*By Ben Cohen*

Below is the schedule of upcoming events for January:

### **DRIVE - Saturday, January 6th - 7:30 AM**

Watch for details for this run to breakfast.

### **SALE - Saturday, January 13th - 9:00 - 11:30 AM**

It is for British Automobilia. *ADDRESS WILL BE SENT AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.* For planning it is before the Annual Meeting. The location is near the intersection of E. Broadway Blvd and S. Alvernon Way (near Reid Park). There will be general automobilia, petro and beer/pub memorabilia. There is also limited garden railway (G-gauge) and accessories.

See "POTPOURI" at the end of this Register for more details.

### **ANNUAL MEETING - Saturday, January 13th - 12:00 Noon**

Location is Brandi Fenton Park (Alvernon Way and River Rd) - Ramada #2. This is a BYO Picnic Lunch event.

### **DRIVE - Saturday, January 20th - 7:30 AM**

Watch for details for this run to breakfast.

### **BLAT - Thursday - To be arranged.**

Not scheduled yet but watch for details for a run to lunch.

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## The Prez Sez - January 2024

by Pete Williams

By the time you read this our year-end holidays are in our rear-view mirror. No, we did not get everything we wished for. Now we can aspire to new things in the coming year. Is it a part, a car, or some tool? All will be revealed in the coming months. Lucky? Maybe! Did a car find us? Did our significant other buy in to the aspiration that appeared? Time will tell.

As a club we had a very good year. We ended up the list of activities by having four events in December. Holiday Party, Breakfast Tour, BLAT, and pre-New Years tour as well as our usual "Tuesday Coffee" gatherings. We exceeded 190 members too!

As the month of December wound down, the number of attendees at our Tuesday coffee gatherings increased. I'm always surprised by who and what cars appear - as if by some magical summons at the gathering. What fun! Wow!

For the first time in three years, we had an excellent holiday party at the Culinary Dropout restaurant. A big thanks to chairman Ed Smith! The private room reserved allowed seating for us with lots of room left over. The buffet food was excellent, and the staff kept it coming. At the end of the luncheon, we had a short board meeting to prepare for our annual meeting this month. We decided to schedule a 2024 Holiday Party at the same venue.

Our Annual Meeting will be at the end of a drive that Tour Director, Ben Cohen, is putting together. We hope to start the annual meeting around noon on January 13 at Brandi Fenton Park, Ramada 2. We have this ramada all day. If you want to come early or stay later that is allowed. Bring a picnic lunch. Look for Ben to send the tour email in early January. We will have our annual club meeting and a couple of awards to present.

Our officers will mostly continue except for Tim O'Keefe assuming the VP duties. A big "Thank You!" to Marc Koenig for his excellent work as our Vice President. He was a tremendous help while I was away in the summer.

We are collecting renewal dues for the first time in three years. Please visit our web page and select the "SHOP" and the MEMBER RENEWAL button. Unlike most things around us, we haven't raised our dues for a very long time. The club pays the merchant fee when you use your credit card to pay for dues. Here's the direct link: <https://www.tucsonbritish.com/shop/>.

By the way, if you find someone who is not a member, and they either have or aspire to have a British car there is a New Member button to join the club at the same price. We remind you that non-payment of dues will remove you from our roster. If you don't hear from us, maybe you need to renew your dues... eh?

At the end of this month the Santa Cruz Car Nuts are hosting their annual car show in Sahuarita on January 27th. They have a BRITISH class - just for us! Here's the link: <https://www.carnuts.org/Car-Show> Registration is \$35 until 12/31/2023. Registration increases to \$40 afterwards (until 1/22/24). There is no day of show car registration. It's a fun show and kicks off the season too. We'll put together a tour to the show and let you know about the starting point and time.

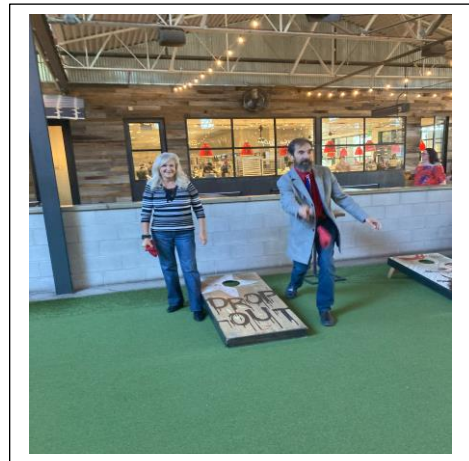
We are welcoming our new TBCR Newsletter Team this month. Steve and Nancy Hosmer are succeeding John Mead. A huge "Thank You!" to John for all your work on the Register over the years.

Always the Best! Keep the shiny side up and the rubber side down!

## ON THE ROAD

### DECEMBER 02 – HOLIDAY PARTY

As the Pres Sez, “We had an excellent holiday party at the Culinary Dropout restaurant. A big thanks to chairman Ed Smith!”:





## ON THE ROAD

### DECEMBER 16 – DRIVE

By Pete Williams

We had the opportunity to check out our headlights on the way to our late year, December, TBCR tour. Fifteen cars started out with us. A couple more were with us at Beyond Bread, at the end of the tour. It was a bit chilly at the start. It warmed up and the skies were crisply clear by our midpoint. At the end of our western and northern Tucson tour, jackets were being set aside. Gosh that was fun!



## ON THE ROAD

DECEMBER 21 – BLAT

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## ON THE ROAD

### DECEMBER 30 – DRIVE

The high cloud deck provided a spectacular set of pastel colors during sunrise. While some members joined us on the way to our destination, in all, about 15 cars were on the tour. TTT service was quick, the food was good, and the stories were fun too. After breakfast the clouds dissipated for a nice end to our “End-of-the-Year 2023 tours.



## “POTPOURRI”

### WELCOME New Members

We have new members since the last newsletter. All new members now have name tags. Be on the lookout for our new friends and please take time to welcome them to our club and our events.

- **Albert Jackman** is with us in a blue 2013 Jaguar XKR-S.
- **Priscilla Draper** brings her silver 2010 Jaguar XK. They are both on the Northeast side of Tucson.
- **Bob and Gail Kundert** have joined driving a 1952 MG TD Fiberfab Replica. They are in North Central Tucson.
- **Amy Russ** has joined us along with her parents as a new driver and member. She has a red 2013 Mini Cooper S.

## **“POTPOURRI” (Continued)**

### **For Sale**

1. As noted in the Upcoming Events on Saturday, January 13th - 9:00 - 11:30 AM - SALE of British Automobilia, one of our members, Barry Blackwell, recently passed and his wife, Gina, is going to sell his collectables related to our hobby. There is British car memorabilia - about 50% MG related and 50% general items consisting of other "garage art," automobilia and petro-abilia including a Texaco gas pump. There are also a few British car parts in this mix, as well as some beer and pub art. Ben has arranged for an open house there the on the morning prior to our noontime annual meeting. If you are interested, just show up during the 9:00 to 11:30 timeframe prior to the annual meeting to see if there is something you like, so that we can help Gina reduce her inventory. Thanks again to those that can make it.
2. A former member has two TR3 rear axles that are free for the taking. They are in Eloy. Please email Ben ([rct2bnc@aol.com](mailto:rct2bnc@aol.com)) who will put you in touch with the owner. There is no time mandate.
3. A prospective member is restoring a TR4A and is selling a set of five wire wheels (4.5" x 15") that were recently bead blasted clean, 4 hubs and 4 new knockoffs. If you're interested, please email Ben ([rct2bnc@aol.com](mailto:rct2bnc@aol.com)).

### **Editor of the Register**

#### **Passing of the Blue Pencil**

I remember my introduction to the *Register*. It was at a TBCR holiday party Harold and Geo converged on me (all smiles) and mentioned how Geo was giving up the editor job and how easy it was and so forth. Well, I guess I'd had a few, and the rest is history. I believe my first newsletter was January 2015. Jim Abbott was President, and he wrote the first of many delightful presidential columns. With contributors like Jim, that edition, and the scores that followed, were a joy to edit and publish.

As the *Register* passes to new hands, I want to thank the many club members who kindly submitted pictures, stories, want ads, and suggestions to the newsletter. I also want to recognize all who participate in events and in the life of the club. Afterall, without an active club there would not be much to report!

You are going to like what Steve and Nancy bring to the Register. Please give them your support by sharing a story, taking some pictures, expressing an interest.

*By John Mead*

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### Carrying on

Steve and Nancy, both Maniac's, met in Bangor in 1970 when Steve moved from Kittery to Bangor while attended UMO for a civil engineering degree. Steve became the boy next door with a shiny blue Jag. After graduating, he was hired by Bechtel for work on WMATA in the DC area. Nan remained behind to complete her education. After a five-year long-distance relationship, they were married in 1978. Nan graduated as a Special Education teacher and relocated to Arlington and immediately hired by the National Children's Center where she was recognized as Teacher of the Year for her first two years.

Then in 1986, the nomadic era started. Five states and numerous countries. This eventually ended in 2004, when Steve decided on retirement (it did not stick) and repatriation was in order. The move to Tucson was complex and not without event. Included in this operation were two children, a cat, a Black Lab, two horses and a massive quantity of luggage. Nothing really went as planned.

Since arriving in Tucson, Steve's time has been spent on intermittent work, renovating/rebuilding the home, renovating Nan's MK II sedan and now son Colby's MGB. Nan enjoys her horse and riding with barn friends.

As it stands now, Steve is on the cusp of retirement after a 50-year career on major transportation programs and still attending to the chores. Nan continues teaching at Ventana Vista Elementary in the inclusion program and autistic students along with enjoying her horse.