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FEBRUARY

By Ben Cohen

Below is the schedule of upcoming events for January:

Tuesday Coffee

Every Tuesday – 0700 to 0900+
Starbucks – Corner of Swan Rd & Fort Lowell Road

1st DRIVE

Saturday, February 07th – 07:30
Watch for Details

2nd DRIVE

Saturday, February 21st – 07:30

BLAT

Thursday, February 26th – 10:00

Forecast for March:

1st Drive – March 07th
Swap Meet 2026 – March 21st
BLAT – March 26th
Tour des Garages – March 28th

[We are still working on the March schedule, so there may be changes due to the number of events]

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TBCR Swap Meet 2026

Heads up!! Time to clean out the garage! Our annual swap meet gathering will be held on Saturday, **March 21st** [Tentatively] at Pete Williams garage from 0900 to Noon. Setup will commence at 0830. Please bring any assets you need to be comfortable and display your wares.

TUCSON CLASSICS CAR SHOW



**2026 Tucson Classics Car Show-
Registration is now open!**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The 2026 Tucson Classics Car show will be held October 24th, 2026. This is the 20th year the Rotary Club of Tucson hosted the show, and we're extremely proud to have been able to use the proceeds to donate over \$3 million to local non-profit organizations who work to make Tucson a better place to live and work.

The show will be held at The Gregory School (3231 N Craycroft Rd, Tucson) from 10:00am – 4:00pm. All details are on our website.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER: www.tucsonclassicscarshow.com

Hope to see you October 24th

Annual Club Dues

Please remember that the 2026 TBCR dues need to be paid **on or before 31 March**. If not paid by then your details are removed from the TBCR Member Directory as well as the MailChimp mailing list.

The Prez Sez

By Peter Williams

As British Car aficionados, we have ideas how to classify British Car Sizes. A recent article in *Hagerty Drivers Club magazine* article by Jay Leno (1) was very amusing and got me thinking how we classify British Car Sizes. For example, we are familiar with LBC, and BBC sizes. However, there are additional sizes to consider. Thinking about British Vehicle production, the two sizes mentioned above are not the only ones.

The Prez Sez (Continued)

Here are some defined sizes we might consider with some examples (2):

- **MBC = Micro British Cars** - Isetta three-wheel, Peel, Reliant Robin, Bond (Bug) Minicar, Scoot Acar, Meadows Frisky, and Mini.
- **LBC = Little British Cars** - Small Lotus, Midget, Sprite, MGB, Triumph, Jaguar: XK 120-150, E-Types, F-Types, Austin Healey, Austin 1100, Morris Minor, Cortina (and more).
- **BBC = Big British Cars** - Rolls Royce, Bentley, Land Rover, Jaguar Saloons, Sport Brakes, SUVs, and Wolseley Saloons.
- **RBBL = Really Big British Lorries** - Trucks and commercial vehicles: Leland, Morris Commercial, Bedford, Foden (some powered by: steam, coal, diesel, gasoline).
- **RBMV = Really Big British Military Vehicles** - Ferret, Scorpion, Challenger, Ajax, Warrior, Bulldog, AEC, Daimler, Humber, Guy, WMIK, Snatch, and Alvis Saracen.

As Jay Leno's article notes, "*Well, when a king gives you a tank or two, you probably shouldn't refuse it.*" At the end of his article, he finishes up with, "*I don't even need to leave LA - I can just go down to the Beverly Center, in the Ferret. It'll be easier to do some shopping. And I won't have to worry about anyone giving me a door ding.*" (3)

Notes: (1) Issue # 95, Jan-Feb 2026. (2) If we listed all examples, we could fill several pages. (3) In the article Leno noted that he had installed a side access door in the Ferret which made it easier to enter / leave the vehicle.

As always,

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

Cheers, Pete Williams

ON THE ROAD

By Editor

Annual Members Meeting – Saturday, January 3rd at 11:30. The venue was George Mehl Family Foothills Park, 4200 River Road. The meeting commenced on time and was finished within 90 minutes.

The details of the meeting are located at the end of this newsletter. This is due to the size of the article for this event even though it has been edited to make it brief. The full version is on the TBCR website.

Pictures of the event are on the pages following this page.

ON THE ROAD (Continued)
Annual Members Meeting



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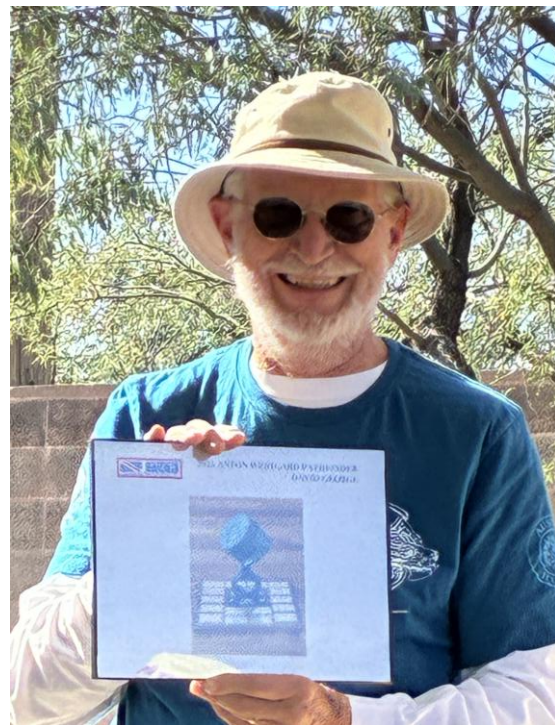


ON THE ROAD (Continued)
Annual Members Meeting

FOUNDERS TROPHY



**ANTON WESTGUARD
 PATHFINDER AWARD**



ON THE ROAD (Continued)

By Editor

British Day at Fork-N-Fire – Saturday, January 10th starting at 2:30 pm. As detailed in the January Newsletter, this establishment invited us to attend their event. It is a nice venue, far from the atmosphere of a normal British pub. The owners were present and were very welcoming to all, but we did not have the opportunity to sit together as a group and were spread around the restaurant. The Maître d' or d' facsimile was astounded that we wanted to sit together as a club and would not have any part of it.

I had a French traditional meal of pan-seared Tuna in honor of the Maître d'.

1st Drive – Saturday, January 17th – 0730 am. Departing from Starbucks at 1st Ave and Wetmore Road on a favorite Northeast run through Gates Pass, McCain Loop Road, then through Twin Peak's area and finally stopping at Denny's for breakfast or at least that was the intention. Google Maps tells one where the restaurant is located but no info on whether it is torn down, burned down or under renovation as was the case. No problem. We fired up the attending fleet and headed to Bread & Beyond at Ina and Oracle, another favorite. There were lots of comments from the attendance on what a great ride it was and how good the food was. Weather was a little chilly at first but warmed as we cleared the Tucson's.



ON THE ROAD (Continued)

BLAT – Thursday, January 22nd. Two locations to depart from, one at McDonald's on Oracle and the other was Basha's in Catalina's Oracle Road and Golder Ranch Road. Then it was off to the races! The young Jags bolted like wild horses into the wilderness. I had the XK140 at 80 miles an hour at one time along Route 79 but said to heck with it and decided to cruise with the tail of the pack. When we arrived at the restaurant there were a few young bucks (the Jags and certainly not the drivers) were there. Then there were two separate groups arriving shortly after we did. There were obviously strays or ones that had wondered in the wrong direction. We were seated in an outside covered patio, beautiful warm day and a great meal. Great Choice!



ON THE ROAD (Continued)

Bonus Drive, aka, 2nd Drive – Saturday, January 31st Started from Park Place Mall heading east, then turning to the South to Old Spanish Trail to Pistol Hill then back to the Northwest and Valencia Road and up Kolb eventually arriving behind Gas Light Theater where the three alternative restaurants. We had already decided on Little Anthony's. Pulling into the parking lot the leaders went long and close to the backside two restaurants. I erred and turned left at the back of Gas Light and Anthony's only to find no parking space and facing a blockade consisting of cones and a sign saying, "CAR SHOW". Whoops! Wrong place. Then people came running to the cones and sign to get them out of the way and beckon us in. So, we entered the show. Didn't have to go all the way to Patagonia! I think they managed to move most of our cars into the cordoned show area. Then we went in for breakfast. Asked if there was a chance to seat nine or ten people. Sure! Three small tables scrunched together.



Little Anthony's Diner CLASSIC CAR SHOWS

TUCSON'S FUN, FAMILY, 50'S RESTAURANT

JOIN US FOR OUR
2026 CLASSIC CAR SHOWS
Hosted by DJ SCOTT

DAY SHOWS 10AM - 2PM
REGISTRATION 9AM - 10AM

DAY SHOW JAN 31	DAY SHOW FEB 14	DAY SHOW FEB 28
DAY SHOW MAR 14	DAY SHOW MAR 28	

NIGHT SHOWS • 5PM - 9PM
REGISTRATION: 4:00PM - 5:00PM

APRIL 4	APRIL 18	MAY 2
MAY 16	MAY 30	JUNE 13
JUNE 27	JULY 11	JULY 25
AUG 8	AUG 22	SEPT 5
SEPT 19	OCT 3	OCT 17

OCT 31 - TRUNK OR TREAT

• Food is Available in Little Anthony's Diner and on the Grill Outside.
• Featured Charities will be accepting donations at each Car Show!
• Trophies, Prizes, Give Aways, Free Jumping Air Castle!
Bring the Entire Family!

7010 E. Broadway • 296-0456
IF YOUR CLUB WOULD LIKE TO HOST A CAR SHOW
CALL SCOTT AT 520-850-6668

So, if anyone is interested, here is the Schedule

ON THE ROAD (Continued)

Santa Cruz Valley Car Nuts Car Show – Saturday, January 31st.

It was a chilly, bright start to the show at Quail Creek Park in Sahuarita. The show was lightly attended by TBCR members. There were two for the tour from Tucson to the show, while the other nine British Cars in the two classes came from either Green Valley or Sierra Vista. The pictures show a complete open row behind the very modest British car turnout. At the end of the show, temperatures warmed up for the awards ceremony. The Mayor's Choice was a 100-year-old beautifully restored Pierce Arrow sedan. This year the organizers only presented first place awards to all classes. British Class 5 (1954-1965) award winner was Mike Badgett's beautiful 1956 green and white Austin Healey 100-4. British Class 6 (1966-present) award winner was Paul LaBeck's 1971 green Morgan 4/4. Paul was also presented with The Best Foreign Award.



POTPOURRI

By the Editor

NEW MEMBERS

There are three new members this month:

Robert Wardy from the Blenman-Elm area driving a black 2017 Jaguar F-Type

Charles & Linda Huber from the Tanque Verde area driving a 1972 Silver/Black Jensen Interceptor.

Tom & Nancy Carrol also from Tanque Verde area driving a Wedgewood Blue 1966 TR4

POTPOURRI (Continued)

By Editor and Blair Miller

FOR SALE

The vehicle is owned by TBCR member Blair Miller. This ad was originally in the August 21025 Register. Since then, Blair has continued with some work on the car. He did take it to Scott Fricks Automotive and asked Scott to go from bumper to bumper and fix anything that he found not to be correct or that could become an issue. Also, you will see that he has reduced the asking price.

From Blair:

1964 Triumph TR4



I've restored many British cars, starting with my first car in the early 70's. It was a '59 TR3. Then there were many MG's, a Healey Bug Eye, and even the quasi-British Jensen Interceptor. Recently, I had back surgery which left me unable to do any serious work on the car, let alone even get in and out of it. I'm 6'2" so not such a perfect fit.

I purchased the car in 2023 from the owner in CA who I know. So, I know some history about this LBC. I am in the process of finishing the complete restoration.

POTPOURRI (Continued)
FOR SALE

Particulars of the car are as follows:

Status of the car:

- 33500 miles indicated
- New 72 spoke wire wheels including spare
- New Soft top and tonneau

Full Engine Rebuild in 2020, including:

- Performance street cam
- Weber 40 DCOE carbs
- 87mm pistons
- S.S. Headers
- Elec. fan and fuel pump

Other major items:

- New fuel tank and lines
- New master cylinders for both the clutch and brakes.
- New steering rack
- Alternator conversion

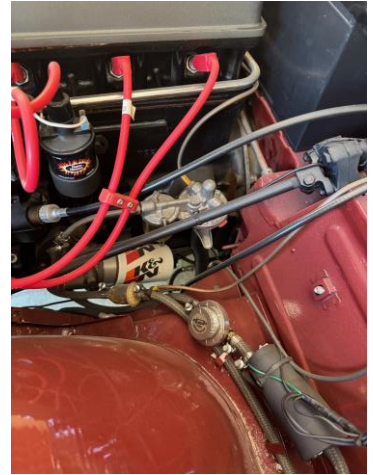
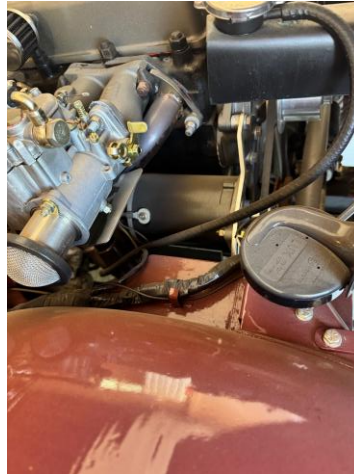
Interior Restoration:

- Moto-Lita steering wheel
- Retro Sound radio
- New wood dash
- Hella Halogen driving lights
- New carpet and upholstery throughout

I have many invoices from Moss Motors listing hundreds of parts.



POTPOURRI (Continued)
FOR SALE



POTPOURRI (Continued)
FOR SALE



My asking price is **\$16,000 OBO**. Please contact me with any questions about the car via my email:

blairm222@gmail.com

ANNUAL TBCR MEMBERSHIP MEETING

We have three mandatory business meetings a year. The meetings are as follows:

1. Election Meeting - following the Hot Dog Run Tour. (Saturday after Thanksgiving) Nov 29th, 2025.
2. TBCR Annual Meeting Preparation meeting. (Usually as soon as possible after Item 1 above.) This year it was Dec. 2nd, 2025.
3. Annual Membership Meeting. (Usually the beginning of January) This year it was held on Jan, 3 2026.

ANNUAL TBCR MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Continued)

2026 Annual TBCR Membership Meeting Report

The meeting took place on January 3, 2026, at the George Mehl Pima County Park. Members gathered for a picnic lunch before the meeting. The meeting started shortly after lunch and was concluded less than an hour later.

We had reports from the TBCR Board of Directors and the Activities Chairs. (Shortened report below). This is an abbreviated version. Please check the TBCR website for complete meeting minutes.

Officer Reports:

President - Pete Williams

Club is healthy and we are enjoying and embracing our British car culture with more marques joining us. While we have many events, we realize our diverse membership cannot join us for our activities. Our events and gatherings are popular and well attended.

- Our recent three events - Hot Dog Run, Election and Holiday Party at the Tucson Auto Museum were especially popular.
- Election Recap (see newsletter) VP & Tres new.
- Mail Chimp: Redirect master user & update active members email addresses. Certain email addresses are an ongoing issue by Mail Chimp. This has not been resolved yet. We are attempting to forward blanket emails to non-conforming email addresses via my alternate Gmail account. If you need to send a message via Mail Chimp to the membership, please text Pete to get the 6-digit code when ready to send.
- In the President's absence during the summer months, VP Dave Hoffman takes over the Presidents role and duties.
- The Club Gmail account is not monitored. Please use the email addresses found on page 1 of the newsletter.

Vice President - Dave Hoffman

No report as he has just filled this position.

Treasurer - Peter Ruggles

Out of town at the time of the meeting and the President reported:

- Updated signature cards - (removed old and added new officers): VP, Tres
- Checking balance: \$3,544
- Pay Pal pending costs- catching up on a backlog of receipts due to Treasurer change.
- Dues still \$35 - Check, Pay Pal, Credit / Debit Card payments

Secretary - Marc Koenig

- Membership numbers now at 162
- Roster updates
- Meeting minutes - Posted on Web page
- New member welcome email.

ANNUAL TBCR MEMBERSHIP MEETING (Continued)

Chair Reports: (absent)

Tour Director: Ben Cohen

- 3 tours monthly; 1st / 3rd Saturday, BLAT on Wednesdays or Thursdays.
- **(Note: other tours / shows are not his responsibility.)**

Newsletter: Steve Hosmer

- Looking for a successor, contact Steve or Pete, Need articles and pictures

Regalia: Libbie Gabriel

- Holiday party raffle prizes and new orders. The Holiday party wiped out our stock of items. We are now purchasing new stock.

Web / Internet: Harold Beekhuizen

- Annual Plug In \$84.73. Annual SSL Certificate (web security) \$15.00. Total \$94.73

Awards

The VP is responsible for this activity and getting the plaques updated and certificates presented. This year's recognitions are:

- Founders Trophy awarded to the TBCR Member who is honored with this trophy is the one who exemplifies the spirit of the club, provides helpful support to other club members, is enthusiastic, promotes the club, contributes and is a positive person. The awardee is Pete Williams.
- Anton Westgard Pathfinder Award is presented by a prior year's awardee for an individual who exemplifies extreme "pluck" during a tour outing. The awardee this year is David George who ascended the road up the backside of Mt. Lemmon in his 1960 Wolseley Saloon. The ascent on this road is a challenge for a normal 4WD SUV. David met the challenge of the ascent and improved the road while scrambling up the mountain. Well Done! This award is not always presented annually.

OUT OF BOUNDS

**had a great time
horseback riding
today but then I ran
out of quarters**