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JANUARY

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

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Saturday, January 3rd - 11:30
Details on Page 2

1st DRIVE

Saturday, January 17th – 07:30
Watch for Details

BLAT

Thursday, January 22nd – 10:00

2nd DRIVE (Tentative)

Saturday, January 31st – 07:30
For those not attending SCCS in Sahuarita

Sahuarita Classic Car Show

Saturday, January 31st
See page 2

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SPECIAL EVENT

There is a Special event that we attended last year and is a British Party at Fox & Fire. See **OUT OF BOUNDS** for details.

Sahuarita Classic Car Show (SCCS)– January 31, 2026

The next car show on the horizon is January 31, 2026, and it is the Sahuarita Classic Car Show that will be held at Quail Creek Veteran's Municipal Park. Registration is \$35.00 on www.carnuts.org and is open until January 18th. We will organize a drive to the show so please watch for details at the first of next year.

TBCR Swap Meet 2006

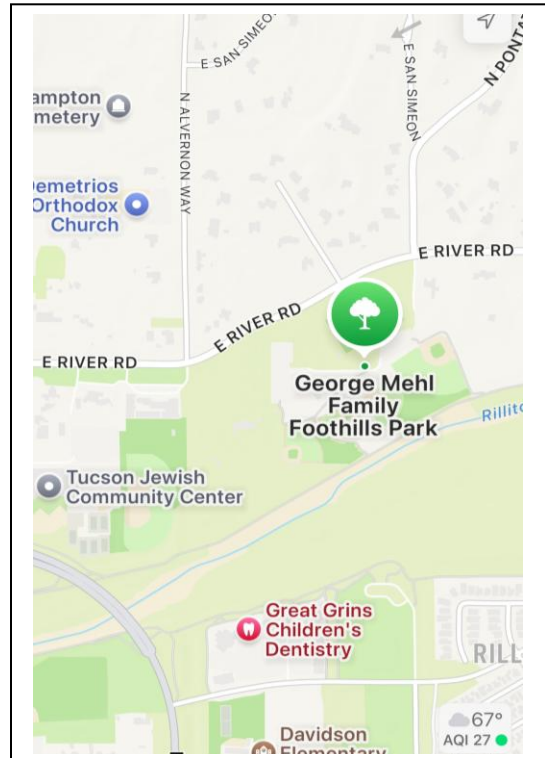
Heads up!! Time to clean out the garage! Our annual swap meet gathering will be held on March 28th at Pete Williams garage from 0900 to Noon. Setup will commence at 0830.

Meeting Notices

Annual Membership Meeting 1/3/2026 – Noon

Our annual TBCR Membership meeting will be at the George Mehls Foothills Park Ramada 3. We suggest gathering at 11:30 AM so members may enjoy their BYO picnic lunches. The meeting should start around Noon and run about 1 to 1.5 hours in length. Each board chair and officer will give brief program remarks. We will conclude the meeting with our annual awards. We welcome members, and family members. Ramada 3 is reserved all day. You may stay at the ramada until the park closes.

Location and park venue for the meeting is Ramada 3. There are three 3 large bench tables, but it is suggested that one bring their own portable chair. The address is 4000 E River Rd, Tucson, AZ. From Fort Lowell Road and the Alvernon / E River Rd stop light turn NORTH. After a short distance and the second traffic light for River Road, turn left into the park. There is a large parking area adjacent to our meeting location. Ramada 3 is just south of the parking area



The Prez Sez

By Peter Williams

This document has been generated by the Board and agreed by all members.

TBCR Dues - What Members Get / Cost of Business

Compared to other Car Clubs, our TBCR dues are very affordable. When we examine the scope of what your dues covers, the list is long. Our goal here is to provide information for our members. As a non-profit organization, we try to keep costs as low as possible.

Some years expenses exceed income. Overall, we are careful to ensure our club is solvent.

Dues

Annual Membership dues are \$35 and include the Member plus their Significant Other when a new member signs up, depending on how they sign up.

Name Tags

For a new member who is single, the price is \$17 for the name tag. For a new member with a Significant Other, the price is \$34 for two name tags.

New name tags are not provided by paying membership renewing dues. If one loses a name tag or their tag is damaged, please contact the Treasurer to pay \$17 to replace name tag. As a convenience, when one name tag is not enough by the member's your choice, they may purchase additional name tags at the same price.

TBCR Costs and Expenses

Below is a brief overview of the cost and expenses that the Club incurs:

- The price of Regalia items, T-shirts, caps and other items are discounted as the club supplements a portion of each article's cost.
- Hospitality - food and supplies, venue entry fees: picnics, and other events
- Tours such as the Le Tour des Garages, Phantom Car Show, Mad Dog Run (Gelato), Hot Dog Run (Election), Swap Meet, Holiday Party, and the Annual Meeting facility rental. (See Savings/Caveats/Guidelines below).
- Club Operation Expenses:
 - Liability Insurance
 - General Admin Expense
 - Web and Internet fees
 - USPS PO Box
- Car show / trophy expenses, engraving fees, certificates
- Charitable expense: *Gospel Rescue Mission*

Savings / Caveats / Guidelines

- When a member attends an event that includes a meal or any event that the Event Coordinator requests an RSVP, they are allowed Member and Significant Other. If they have more guests, additional food / drink costs are the responsibility of the member. If additional servings are

requested over the Venue's base offer for the event, those costs of such is the responsibility of the member. Note that the member guests are always invited to be seated with the club members if there is sufficient available seating. Our normal practice is to establish the maximum number of attendees prior to advertising the event and only accept reservations up to the maximum capacity of the specific venue.

- Member requests for reservations for certain parties or special events must include the number of attendees and payment must be made according to the advertised method of payment and TBCR web page sign-up requirements. Depending upon the rental agreement with the Venue for the event, refunds may not be allowed for non-shows.
- If a specific RSVP request has been made by an Event Coordinator, it is necessary to respond as requested so that food and area capacities are not exceeded.

As always,

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

Cheers, Pete Williams

ON THE ROAD

By Editor

First, the **November Hot Dog Run** missed the deadline for publishing the December newsletter.

HOT DOG RUN – Saturday, November 29th departing at Mission San Xavier at 11:00am southwest to Sahuarita then east to Corona Tucson and final up the east side to the SE corner of Alvernon Way and Lee St.



ON THE ROAD (Continued)

By Editor

Holiday Party – Saturday, December 06 – 1:00pm to 4:00pm at Tucson Auto Museum

It was a great venue, a relaxing afternoon touring the museum, an outstanding attendance of 66 members, a good filling meal with plenty for seconds or thirds or....., and all due to a lot of hard work by Ed Smith - Thank you!

Also, plenty of opportunities to adopt (someone else's) vintage auto!



ON THE ROAD (Continued)
Holiday Party



BLAT – Thursday, December 18th. Departing from Starbucks from Orange Grove & La Cholla Blvd first heading north to North Ranch then veering West with a short tangle with I-10 then west into the wilderness, then wondering southeast for a choice of three restaurants at Casino del Sol.

The BLAT tour weather was perfect for our drive. The Arizona scenery with mountains, twisty roads with dips and hills was fun. At the end of the tour, we had lunch at the Casino del Sol. Most of us chose the buffet. While a bit pricey, the service was good and the food was excellent.



ON THE ROAD (Continued)

BLAT



1st Drive – December 20 – 0730 am. Departure from Park Place Mall Starbucks heading southeast down Rincon Valley into Vail turning west to Corona De Tucson and finally northwest to Omar's Triple T Truck Stop Hi-way Café.

A little chilly at the start followed by blinding sun for the next half hour until we turned onto Pistol Road. Omar's was not at its best as the wait for food was likely longer than the drive. I think Mr. Koenig was finally served his breakfast as most of us were leaving. Poor Ed Smith, when asked by the waitress for his order he told her the same as the person next to him just ordered. Then the entire meal was wrung up as one that created a major queue at departure. But it gave Koenig time to catch up. Either it was not the A-Team, or they spent Boxing Day at the eggnog trough.



ON THE ROAD (Continued)

1st Drive



POTPOURRI

By the Editor

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

There are no new members this month.

TECHNICAL MATTERS

USED PARTS SOURCE

By Peter Ruggles

I got TR6 Seats from here and a horn for my TR4. Potential source for used parts.

Matthews Foreign Car Parts
MG ~ TRIUMPH ~ JAGUAR ~ VOLVO ~ FIAT
SAAB ~ ALFA ~ LANCIA ~ LAND ROVER
1221 2nd Avenue, North • Birmingham, AL 35203
205-251-5800
TIM ♦ DAVID ♦ RICHARD

POTPOURRI (Continued)

Tech Matters

The “Wols” (aka, Wolseley) Head Repair

By David George

Problem: Minor leak between #2 cylinder and water jacket in my 1960 Austin C-series Wolseley 6/99 engine.

Last May, I decided to do a major tune up which included points, plugs, adjust valves, and tune carbs. During this process I figured that I might as well check compression. First attempt was 142 to 150 psi across the board. As I have two compression gauges, why not see if they agree? A little knowledge is a good thing. Right?

But with the second gauge, now #2 cylinder showed 120 and the other 5 cylinders were 142 to 148. Back to the first gauge and cylinder #2 still showed 120 psi. I borrowed another gauge from fellow TBCR member, Paul Couche. That gauge confirmed #2 cylinder again at 120 psi and the other cylinders 140 to 150. I started the car, let it warm, removed the radiator cap and saw tiny bubbles dancing across in the fluid. In a few days we were scheduled to leave the Southern Arizona summer heat for cooler Idaho Falls weather. That precluded ordering a new head gasket to repair the leak. So, the Wols went in the garage for the summer.

Returning to Tucson in October, I borrowed an engine hoist from Pete Williams and with Paul and TBCR member Tony Butler, we lifted the head off the engine. There did not appear to be any erosion on the metal surfaces and the gasket looked good. Off to Highway Drive Repair in Tucson (well recommended) for boiling and giving the head a clean 0.010" shave to give a flat surface. This was all done for a mere \$100 and a “next-day service. Gotta love the Old Pueblo.”

Block surface cleaning, more adult refreshments and the head was again in place using the engine hoist. Torqued the head down, refit the manifolds, carbs, etc. Finally adjusted the valves and back on the road to the Saturday car show at the *Caterpillar Proving Grounds* where the Wols fit in well with the other British cars including a Mini pickup, a 1948 Bentley, a Morgan +8, and XK-140.

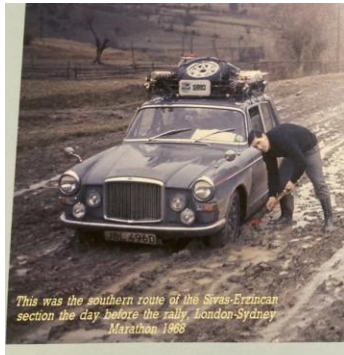
Editor’s Note: The address for Highway Drive Repair Service is 4401 N. Highway Drive. Phone number is (520) 888 6089.



A Rallying Wolseley

POTPOURRI (Continued)

Tech Matters



Rallye Support Car



This is the end of the Line for many a Wolseley
6/99 – Demolition Derby Fodder

OUT OF BOUNDS

By Peter Williams

SPECIAL EVENT – BRITISH PARTY – SATURDAY, JANUARY 10TH

We recently received a promotional email for the event below. This will be the 2nd year we have participated in and we arrived at 3:30pm. The music is great and the food is delicious. This is not a TBCR organized event.

FORK & FIRE

Location: Fork & Fire

Located at 11835 W Oracle Road just south of Tangerine Rd on the west side (southbound side) of Oracle Road

Fork and Fire Promotional Information:

I want to inform the British Club that we will be holding our annual British Party on Saturday, January 10th. We will have live music from the Beatle Brothers starting at 2:30. We will be featuring Boddingtons, Shepherd's Pie, Bangers and Mash, and Fish & Chips as well as house made dessert favorites.

We do hope you can help us spread the word about this very fun event.
Cheers!

Josh Bishop - event coordinator



Smokehouse + Taproom - Oro Valley, AZ
Catalina Grill Catalina, AZ

OUT OF BOUNDS (Continued)

No Explanation

By the Editor



Your US tax dollars at work!



What now, Ben?