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SEPTEMBER

Below is the normal outline of the monthly schedule for events in each upcoming month:

Tuesday Coffee

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

1st DRIVE

1st Saturday of the Month
Watch for Details on Actual Date and times.

2nd DRIVE

3rd Saturday of the Month
Watch for Details on Actual Date and times

BLAT

Wednesday or Thursday 3rd Week of the Month
Watch for Details on Actual Date and times

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUCSON CLASSICS CAR SHOW - TCCS

Registration is closed. Event is on Saturday, 24 October.at the Gregory School

TRIUMPHEST – 2026 – FLAGSTAFF, AZ

This event is on September 17th thru the 19th and is in Flagstaff

BRITISH WHEELS ON THE GREEN (BWOG) – 2027 – PEORIA, AZ

Save the Date!

British Wheels on the Green
Saturday, January 30, 2027, 10:00 am - 3:00 pm
(Rain Date: Sunday, March 7, 2027)

The **British Wheels on the Green** is an all-British classic car and vintage cycle show organized by the Arizona MG Club and free to the general public. **Registration will open in October. Watch your email for details!**

They do have another event on October 17th which they have extended an invitation:

ANNOUNCEMENTS (Continued)

HOLIDAY PARTY

The date is set for our 2026 Holiday Party. It will be held at the Tucson Auto Museum on Saturday, **December 5th starting at 1:00 pm and ends at 4:00 pm**. We will keep you posted on the details as they are finalized. Please save the date.

The Prez Sez

By David Hoffman, VP

Perched at one of my many downtown coffeehouse hangouts, I'm searching for a fascinating subject for the readers of the TBCR Newsletter. Shortly, you will be delighted to read Steve Hosmer's view of Monterey and the Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance, which he and three other BritClub members attended recently. So, in contrast, I'm compelled to spin a humble yarn set right here in The Ol' Pueblo. A concise travelogue seems mundane; however, it may blossom into a sober but spunky epic, nonetheless. Let's give it a whirl.

Shakespeare's unavoidable "cuz" this is BritClub. Earlier this month (August), although steering clear of Hamlet's slings and arrows of outrageous fortune, eventually I found myself somewhere on King Lear's wheel of fortune. With a US mailed vehicle registration document in hand requiring an emission test on my finely tuned and polished 2017 Cooper S Clubman. Dutifully, I reported to the Arizona Motor Vehicle Division's Emission Center only to be summarily rejected.

Smitten by insult, a soliloquy laden with epithets swirled in my head; however, better judgment led me to share a modest monologue with my perceived emissions control adversary. Honorably, the AZ MVD employee stood there tattooed from fingertips to jaw line trying his best to explain in Spanglish that the On-Board Diagnostics Readiness Monitor Status Catalyst O2 Sensor proved to be "Not Ready". Well, whataya know! That is sure a mouth full. His suggestion was that I had not driven the car enough since the new warranty battery replacement five weeks earlier. Only 205 miles, good point.

So there I stood at the emissions center, a forlorn Shakespearean character of misfortune, now transitioning into Melville's Ishmael aboard the Pequod encouraging my new friend Queequeq to point that emission test harpoon at the next unsuspecting driver's menacing Moby Dick and away from my Cooper S Club-Man-Hood.

A friendly call to my friends at the Mini Service Center on 22nd Street who installed the battery enlightened me with the same solution. The answer led to two weeks of driving 300 hundred more miles including two BritClub drives, one through Star Pass – see accompanying photo below. Supposedly, the process would offer more data when emission tested the second time around. Well, nope, now insufficient data. Mind you, this whole adventure is the state's idea of reducing emissions.

The final solution was an overnight stay at the Mini Service Center for a reboot of the computer software, which was improperly installed during the free warranty battery replacement two months earlier. Mini Service ended up taking the Clubman through inspection for me, and viola, the vehicle passed emissions and registered successfully. Moral of this Shakespearean – Melville epic is "*Watch out for that free warranty replacement battery installation in the age of computer assisted driving*.

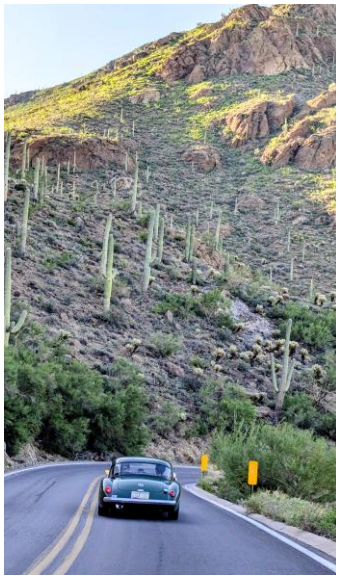
The Prez Sez (Continued)

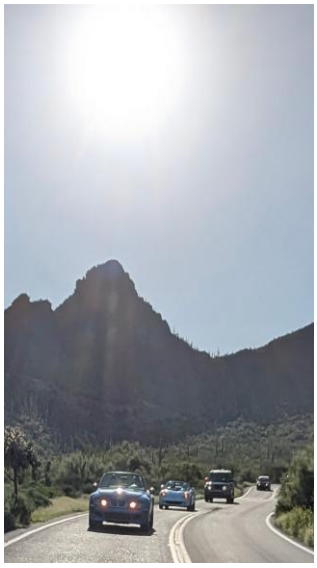
By David Hoffman, VP

As President Pete always says, "***May the rubber meet the road, and the shiny bits remain up!***

Dave Hoffman, VP

More pictures of this drive which have been provided by Sheryl Ruggles





ON THE ROAD

By the Editor

Monterey Car Show and Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance

Seven TBCR Club members attended this event that commenced on August 9th and finished on August 16th with the Concours d' Elegance at Pebble Beach. Due to the volume of pictures and the number of events attended, it was not possible to give due justice to all the events that were held.

Considering this it is likely better to do a series of articles over two or three issues. We will start with the October issue and see how things go.

Gelato - Palooza!

The annual meeting at FROST Gelato was held on Sunday, August 30th in the afternoon from 3:00pm until 4:30pm (for most of the attendees while many stayed behind to continue discussions.)

POTPOURRI

By the Editor

NEW MEMBERS

We have three new member parties who have joined over the summer months:

- Lance and Keri Plezia from the Catalina Foothills and driving a red 1974 MGB Roadster with a black interior.
- Eric and Madelline O'Harra from the northern part of the Tanque Verde area.
- Rachel Schlanger and her companion Lilith are also from the Tanque Verde Loop area and driving a yellow 1961 TR3 Roadster.

Names have been added to the directory and badges are ordered. If you see them, please welcome them to the Club.

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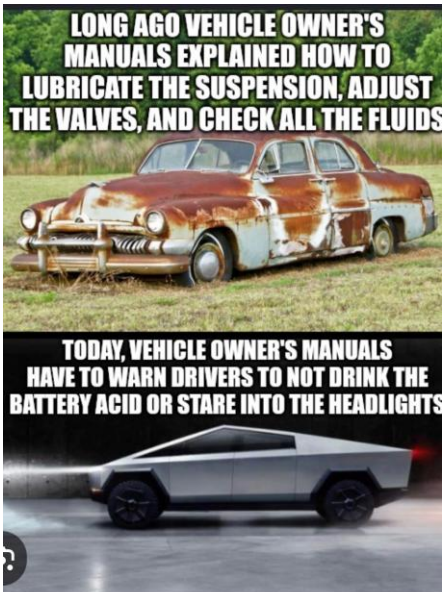
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