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More Holiday



The annual holiday dinner was well attended and featured very short speeches and much good cheer. The quiz this year was holiday themed and was won by a team with amazing recall of popular Christmas carols from recent and not so recent decades – or centuries. Prizes were excellent and featured some great regalia selections.

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Club News and Notes

TBCR Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Tucson British Car Register will be on Saturday, January 12 at 10:15 am in the big meeting room of the Dusenberry-River Library at the NE corner of River and Craycroft.

The meeting will review the status of various club activities. You will also hear about car events planned for the coming year.

If you have agenda items to be brought before the membership at the meeting you need to submit (or have submitted) those to the Board by December 28.

There will be a 'call to the audience' section after any new business wherein members may voice opinions, ask questions or present ideas.

Ben is planning a breakfast option followed by an interesting group drive that will get you to the meeting on time. Details of both those activities are in the calendar (page 4).

Wearing your TBCR name badge is suggested, donning some club regalia is also welcomed (and new regalia items will be available for ordering or purchase at the meeting). --Geo

Dues Renewal

2019 dues can be paid online: go to www.tucsonbritish.com and click "shop". Checks should be mailed to the PO Box. Please note the new PO Box address. Dues are \$35, unless you want the newsletter delivered by US Mail. Dues with that option are \$45.

Regalia

You can view the items we have for sale on our web page at www.tucsonbritish.com Click on the Regalia menu item. This will take you to the items we have for sale. We have a new ordering form for you to use. Please print the form, carefully read it, fill it out with your desired items and mail it along with a check to TBCR. Note new PO Box address! --Pete

New Post Office Box Address

Our new address is: PO Box 30997, Tucson, AZ 85751-0997.

Events Calendar

- Saturday Dec 29 **Pop-up breakfast run to the Triple T Truck Stop** and Omar's Highway Café – similar to past New Year's Day event, but now on a new date. Watch email for map.
- Wednesday Jan 2 **BLAT** - 10:30 AM departure for lunch. Watch email.
- Saturday Jan 12 **Second Saturday Breakfast Drive.** START with a breakfast and then have an hour+ drive to the **annual meeting.** We will gather at the SW corner of Kolb Rd and Broadway Blvd. There are 3 choices for breakfast for you: Little Anthony's Diner, Baja Café and Biscuits. All you need to do is arrive when you want, eat where you want but be ready to depart at 8:45 AM.
- Saturday Jan 12 **TBCR Annual Meeting** 10:15am at the Dusenberry-River Library (River & Craycroft). See article page 3.
- Saturday Jan 26 **Tubac Car Show** January 26 if you have not already signed up, please do so at the Santa Cruz Car Nuts web site NOW! **We will offer a group drive,** as we have in past years. The drive begins at 7:30am from the Mega-Circle K at 4650 S. Palo Verde Rd. We will make a stop in Amado off I-19 to regroup and meet with those from Green Valley and others that arrive via I-19 from Vail and NW side. We will depart from Amado together for the last 10 min. drive to Tubac and the show.
- Wednesday Feb 6 **BLAT**
- Saturday Feb 9 **Second Saturday Breakfast Run**
- Saturday Feb 23 **Little Anthony's Car Show** TBCR is again hosting the Little Anthony's Car Show. Registration starts at 8:00 a.m. the show begins at 9:00 a.m. we will hold up to 30 spaces for our cars until 8:30a.m. The club is adding a \$10.00 breakfast rebate for each TBCR member's car that arrives **and is registered for the show** before 8:30.
- And every Tuesday:* **BritCar Cafe**
7:30 – 9:30AM
Starbucks NE corner of Grant & Swan



You never know what you might find at the BritCar cafe. Join us Tuesdays
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On the Road

Feliz Navidad



Saturday Breakfast



Little British Car Company Adventure Part 2 *Brooklands*

By Dave Germain

To continue our series on the Little British Car Company Adventure in England, we journeyed to Brooklands, near Weybridge in Surrey. This is a must see motoring attraction in the UK. It is the first purpose built motor racing circuit in the world and one of Britain's first airfields (the track being a major aviation site beginning in 1908). It became Britain's largest aircraft manufacturing center by 1918, later producing military aircraft such as the Wellington bomber and civil airliners like the Viscount and VC-10. There are a number of significant aircraft on display and manufacturing facilities. Racing was suspended during WWI and resumed on a limited basis until August 1939. The first flight of the Hawker Hurricane, a famous fighter aircraft in the Battle of Britain, was here in 1935. Today the track and factory are Brooklands Museum, a major aviation and motoring museum, as well as a venue for vintage car, motorcycle and other transport-related events.

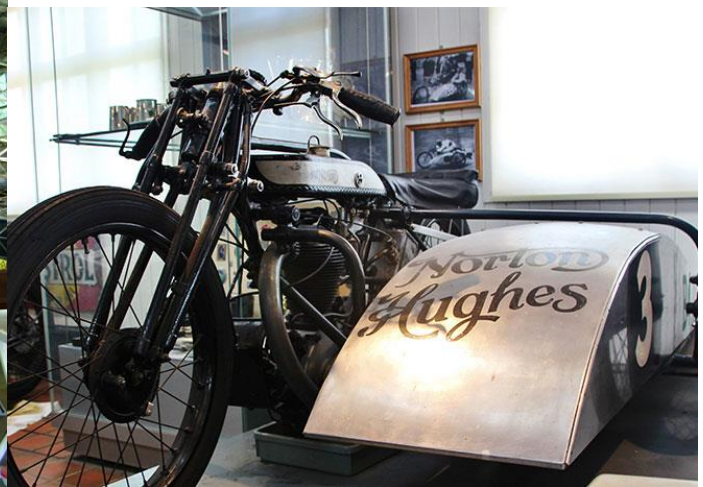
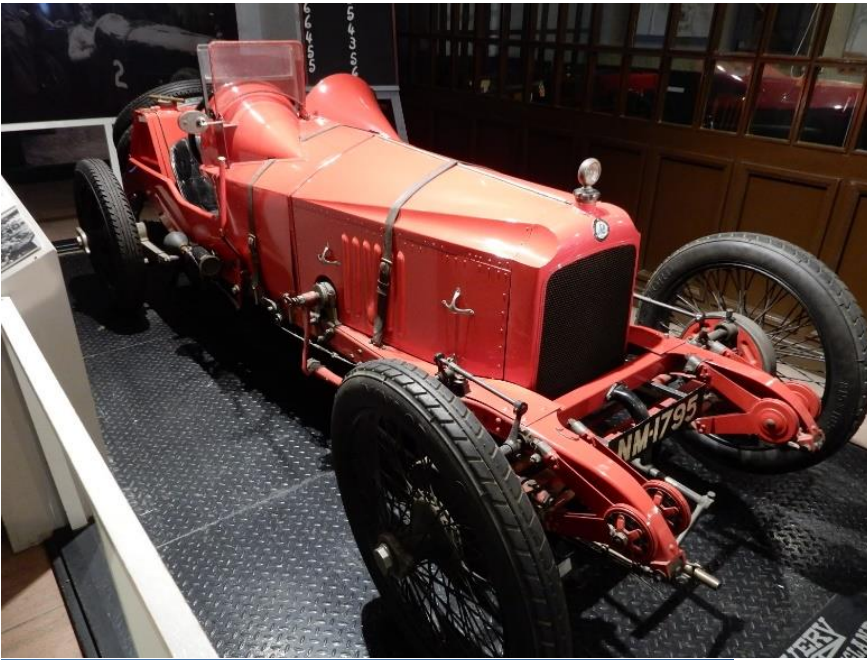
The motor circuit (or race track) is the site of many notable records in early racing. This included the 1st 24 hour race and the first time a motor car achieved 100 MPH. In July and August 1929, Violette Cordery and her younger sister Evelyn drove her 4.5 liter four-seater Invicta for 30,000 miles in less than 30,000 minutes (approximately 20 days, 20 hours), averaging 61.57 mph and earning her second Dewar Trophy from the Royal Automobile Club.

Along the center of the track ran a dotted black line, known as the Fifty Foot Line. By driving over the line, a driver could theoretically take the banked corners without having to use the steering wheel.

There is a lot to see at Brooklands: cars, bicycles, motorcycles and planes. Also *Mercedes-Benz World* with test tracks (including part of the original Campbell Circuit), an off-road circuit, and extensive Mercedes-Benz showrooms. Plan on staying a whole day, you won't be disappointed.

Upper left: 1930 Supercharged Austin 7 Ulster; lower: Aston-Martin Halford Special.





Top: 1922 TT Vauxhall; middle: Concorde; lower: Wellington, Norton-Hughes racer.

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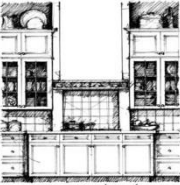
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