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Phantom Car Show – The biggest ever.



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From the Cockpit of the Vice PREZ



So.....I have been looking to get new tires for my Sunbeam Alpine. Presently I have "Falken" tires, 185/70R13 made in Thailand (I didn't know Thailand even made tires). The car made in 1965 would have had 6.00-13 cross-ply tires installed at the factory.....which of course you can't get any more except for very expensive places like Coker Tire. Although I am trying to keep some semblance of originality, I don't want cross-ply tires on the car. One, they are skinny and two, they are somewhat unpredictable. On a smooth surface you can get good handling with cross plies, but they are VERY sensitive to irregularities in the road and prone to following them. What I am looking toward is a set of radials that are slightly wider, but not so wide as to hit the inner wheel wells when a make a turn. The 185/70R13s do hit my inside wheel well when making a sharp turn, so something less wide. The radial equivalent of a 6.00-13 tire is 155/80-13. If choose the 155/80-13, the new tires would be narrower (-1.18") and not quite as tall (-0.44") so the tire circumference would be smaller by (-1.38"). A narrower width = not hitting the inner wheel well! So, I think I will go with the 165/80-13's which has a width increase over the 155/80-13's by 0.39", should be OK! Now I have to go find them.....

As a point of interest, for those that want a smaller or larger tire for their car, a great site to look at is Tacomaworld.com. This is a tire size calculator that you can enter tire sizes and get the figures including speedometer differences as well as rotations per mile.

The forum survey sent out in May has been completed and we are now moving forward to getting the forum on-line for all member use. My expectation after a few trial runs, is that by mid-July all our members will receive instructions on use with approval.

The **Phantom Car Show** held on Saturday, June 4th was a great success with 40+ cars showing up. Although it started early (7:30am), most of the cars were in place. Thanks to Ben, cold water and goodies were available, making it a pleasant experience to meet members that would normally not be at the Tuesday morning get-togethers at Starbucks as well as our weekly Tuesday Starbuck members group.

Don't forget to sign-up for the **16th Annual Tucson Classics Car Show** on Saturday October 15, 2022. It will be held at the Gregory School, 3231 N. Craycroft Rd., Tucson, AZ 85712. Most of the TBCR members that are going will sign up for Class J - British Made Cars through 1999.

Enter online at

<http://www.RotaryTCCS.com>

And as a final note, I continue to encourage all our club members to join us at Tuesday morning get-together to meet new members and chat with old ones. The location is the Starbucks on the corner of Swan and Ft. Lowell, 3001 North Swan Road. Members start showing up due to the summer heat around 7 a.m., so come on out!

Have a Great Summer of Driving,
Marc

Calendar

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Saturday July 16, TBCR Drive 7:00 start. Watch for details by email from Ben.

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Every Tuesday—Brit Coffee 7am to 9am, Starbucks at NW corner of Swan and Ft Lowell. You don't need to be British, bring a British car, or even own a British car. Just join in and enjoy the car talk and car walk.

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Welcome to our new members: Yvette Bredice (1978 Midget) and Adrian Belinne (1980 MGB). Please welcome them to our coffees and drives. Be on the lookout for our new friends, say hello.

For Sale

Georgia Conroy is selling Richard's many shop tools, paints and other items that may be of interest to TBCR members.

For more information, please call Georgia: 520-882-4747.



The 2022 TBCR Phantom Car Show, held on British Car Week was big, really big! The official count was 44 cars. Everyone arriving and departing under its own power (the cars that is). The While most drivers lined up in the morning shade, a good number of cars also parked out in the parking lot.

Megan provided an excellent layout of breakfast-type eats and the table was a gathering place. Thanks also to Ben, without whom the phantom Car Show would not be a highlight event for TBCR. Look forward to doing this again next June!

And More Phantom Car Show



And Even More Phantom Car Show



On the Road

June 25 Tour



This drive turned out to be very comfortable, with an early start and mostly cloudy skies. There were many bikes on the roads toward Vail, but we watched the road and stayed safe.

Which of these cars was not on the drive? Hint: we didn't pass anyone.



On the Road – Emergency!

Stuff Happens! - Who Are Your Relatives? - Notification In Case of a Problem

By Pete Williams

I have been thinking about what we really know about each other in our club. I don't want to spoil our positive, light atmosphere. I personally don't want to know all of your info until...

In my case I have no family members in Tucson or anywhere close by. I also drive across the country when I migrate as a snowbird and make other long-distance trips. If something were to happen to me, how would family members be contacted or notified? I do carry that information on my phone, but no one has access to it other than me. My driver's license has information that would not facilitate contacting anyone and the issuing state does not have this info either.

As an organized car club, we know you have an interest in British cars. Some members we know well. Other members we may only know a part of your name when we have outings and tours. We also know your name and address through our roster, but who carries one of those around? The TBCR roster does not have family / emergency contact information.

We each need to be responsible and have some means of identifying our emergency contacts not only in our cars, but also in our wallets. If something happens on a tour those responding to an emergency need contact info **NOW!**

I suggest simple information cards. At a minimum, here's what should go on the card:

- Your name (spouse name and contact number), responsible family member name and contact number,
- Optional: known major medical conditions.

Make sure you use a ball point pen that doesn't smear. If you have trembling hands, get someone with steady hands to clearly print the information on the card. I suggest emergency contact info on both of the following:

- A 4 x 6 / 3 x 5 card in a small Ziplock in each car's glove box.
- A business card placed in your wallet.
- If you are at a campground / motel include one of their business cards in your wallet.

I really hope nothing ever happens that requires the use of this information. I am going to start putting these cards in my cars and in my wallet. I hope you do too. After all, it would be a shame if something happened to you (we hope it doesn't) and your family can't be found.

While it may seem to be inappropriate, your passengers should also have their information with them. Ask them and tell them why.

Peter Williams