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MGB 60th Birthday – A Great Party

The Arizona MG Club organized celebrations of the MG on May 22 (see the May *Register* for background). Simultaneous events were held in Phoenix, Prescott, and Tucson. Libbie Gabriel coordinated our Tucson event, which attracted a good group of MGBs, along with other British cars. According to the MG Club, we had 16 cars, with 9 cars at Phoenix and 9 at Prescott. Awards were presented for the oldest MGB at each site. Rex Henderson took the prize with his 1964 B. In fact, Rex's car was the oldest of all the locations!

A highlight was cupcakes provided by the MG Club. They were decorated with the Octagon created by Beth Pekala, from the MG Club. There are a some of these decorations left, along with a few iron-on commemorative patches. See our Regalia Coordinator if you'd like one.



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From the Cockpit of the Vice PREZ



The recent 60th year MGB celebration got me thinking about the MG enameled octagon badge we know today. I have found that the exact date of the 1st “badged” MG built seems to have been lost to time. Best I



can tell, is that between the first Morris car being modified and somewhere in the production of the MG Super Sports models starting in 1924 they became badged with a **round insignia** that stated it was an MG. When the flatnose radiator came in it generally carried a Morris badge or a Morris Garages variant of it. By the end of 1927 during full production at Edmond Road the final octagonal MG badge seems to have appeared and cars were badged with the MG octagon, as things were very fluid and evolving in the early days, many cars that already had the round badge would then be converted to the octagon badge when brought in for maintenance, so...exactly when was that date, ummm.....? If any of our members have an idea when the 1st MG was correctly badged, please lend your pen to an article for the TBCR Register, as I for one would like to know the answer!

The **forum survey** sent out in May is in process with hopefully all our members notified to send back either a yes or no. Having a forum available for discussion, recommendations, help from other members, etc. will encourage those of us (me included!) to reach out for assistance/discussion when needed. I find that attempting to get our LBC's worked on in the local shops seems to take forever to get an appointment, much less having the work performed.

Don't Forget about the **Phantom Car Show** that will be held Saturday, June 4th starting at 7:30 am. and ending around 9:30 am. This is a great way to meet fellow TBCR members who may not come to the Tuesday coffee get togethers at Starbucks. All British cars are welcome as well as others who would like to join in the fun. The location is the large parking lot behind LA Fitness and O'Reilly Chevrolet east of Park Mall.

Another mention for this summer is to take early sign-up advantage 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 the every 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

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Calendar

Saturday, June 4, 2022, The Phantom Car Show. We will celebrate British Car Week and HRH's Jubilee with our Phantom Car Show. The location is in the over-flow parking lot at the SE corner of Park Place Mall on Broadway Blvd. The parking lot is behind O'Reilly Chevrolet on Broadway or LA Fitness on [Wilmot](#) Rd. We'll be set up and ready by 7:30 AM with breakfast snacks and some ice water. You bring your coffee, etc and if you like any foods to share. Hope to see ALL of you there.

Saturday June 11, TBCR Drive 7:30 start. Watch for details by email from Ben.

Saturday June 25, TBCR Drive 7:30 start. Watch for details by email from Ben.

Tucson Classics Car Show. Saturday October 15. We are again in Row J: British Made Cars thru 1999. There are also rows for Bentley-Rolls and super cars. See Marc's Column in this newsletter. Don't wait, this show will sell out.

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.



Welcome
New TBCR Members

Welcome to our new members: Mark and Wendy Cook who drive a Green MGB and live in Marana. They will have name badges. Please welcome them to our coffees and drives. Be on the lookout for our new friends, say hello.



More from the MGB 60th Birthday



*Top right:
Rex's '64.*



And More from the MGB



Every MGB at the party is pictured in these pages, plus at bottom right, a pic that was sent in by TBCR members Pete and Carla DenBoer. It is a '79 barn find that sat for 29 years. Have a MGB that has not appeared in the Register? Send a picture and it will be included during the 2022 recognition of the MGB.



This tour featured a swing South to the mission, then over Gates Pass from West to East.



On the Road

May 28 Tour



Nice turnout for a tour of the East side. While it was a very hot day, with an 8am start, temps stayed pleasant.



From the Bonnet to the Boot

The Paint Match Dilemma by Dave Germain

When I bought my MGA, I knew the paint was not a standard MG Color. The red attracts a lot of attention, except from many drivers on the road who still ignore the little car. I see a lot of law enforcement looking so I call it "Write Me Red". That is not a paint code. When I got the car 7 years ago, I was given a can of paint, codes and 2 small touch-up paints. A few years ago, Earnie touched up a little using "Ferrari Red". Of course, when I wanted the paint to paint some trim and a new 3rd brake light it was nowhere to be found.

After some checking, I found that **KC Auto/WESCO (201 E 27th St 520-624-8858)** can do a camera shot and match the paint, and not expensive for a pint. When I got home with the newly matched paint, of course I found the original paint. Unlike *Karnac the Great's* answers in a mayonnaise jar, my old paint was sealed in a used plastic peanut butter container and left in an obscure area of my garage, not looking like paint at all. We must have looked at it a lot during the great paint searches.



The lost item is always found after it is replaced. At least we have a good Tucson source for matching paint for cars.