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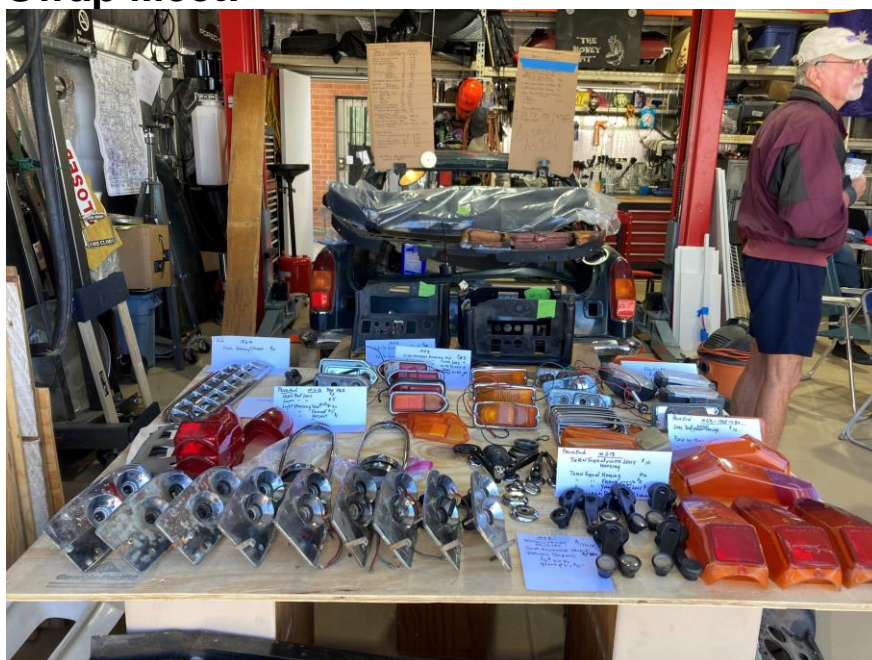
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Swap Meet!



On the Road

To Colossal Cave and Back



The TBCR parts swap meet was good fun on a brilliant March sunny day. There was plenty of car talk and problem solving, along with the fun of finding treasure.

Many thanks go to Pete Williams for hatching the plan and providing an excellent location (his yard and new garage). Pete also set up a great breakfast bar. Let's do this again!



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Calendar

Saturday April 1 1st Saturday Drive. 7:30am

Saturday April 15 2nd Saturday Drive.

Thursday April 20 BLAT. This will be a drive to Patagonia. Ben will email details.

April 15 DM50 Car Show. See flier in last month's *Register*.

Saturday May 6 1st Saturday Drive.

Saturday June 3 TBCR Phantom Car Show 7:30am. This will be on southeast side of Park place Mall parking lot, if available. Watch for updates.

Saturday October 21 Tucson Classics Car Show. See note below.

Every Tuesday—Brit Coffee 7am to 9am, Starbucks at NW corner of Swan and Ft Lowell. Join in and enjoy the car talk and car walk.

A note from the Tucson Classics Car show:

.....Much to our surprise, our registrations are coming in very quickly this year and over half the field is already reserved. It may be because Dennis Gage from My Classic Car will be there to interview owners and film one of his shows. If you want more information about him, it is on our website TucsonClassicsCarShow.com.

I urge you to get with your owners and ask them to register as soon as possible. If they have to change their vehicle before the show or cancel for some reason, if they contact me within a month before the show, we can change the vehicle or refund money. Thank you for taking care of this right away. If you have any questions, please contact me directly.

We at the Rotary Club of Tucson sincerely appreciate what good partners you have been for many years. I just wanted to let you know that time seems to be of the essence this year! Once it is full, we will go to wait list, but there are no guarantees.

On the Road

March BLAT



Meeting at the Palo Verde Circle K, the Wednesday BLAT drivers took off for a drive south and back to the historic Karichimaka restaurant on Mission Road.

More pictures on Page 6.

The Prez

I am pleased to report the TBCR Swap Meet was a success. 20 plus members participated, some setting up tables of goodies, others stopping by to hangout, buy and talk cars. I spent a couple of days organizing and selecting items to sell. I am pleased parts found new homes! It's not the value of these parts that is important, it's finding a new home for parts which may no longer be available and the reasonable prices that will help move things along. Not surprisingly my parts stash is heavily weighted toward MGB. Some of the parts are for early MGBs rather than the later iteration. The largest sale (in weight and size) was my MGB engine/gearbox.

Our weather has been interesting with pulses of rain and wind. It has been getting warmer and more seasonable. Our March BLAT was moved two days later to allow Wednesday's wet weather to pass on. If the rain has been heavy, there will be sand from washes on the road.

April brings 5 Saturdays. When this happens our tour director sometimes adds another tour. Come on out and join our tours. Gosh, it might even be nice enough to put that top down and enjoy the breezes as we drive. It's not yet hot enough to keep the top up as a sunshade. (Wear sunscreen!) Future events this summer will include the favorite Phantom Car Show and there will be more. Since I'm a snowbird, I'll miss those events. I'm sure our VP, Marc Koenig, will be touring in his "new" car.

Speaking of the summer season, May will bring a slight changing of the guard. Marc, as per our arrangement, will assume the President's chair while I'm away. I look forward to returning in October... maybe earlier.

New member, Ed Smith, agreed to put together a holiday party. Our last one was in 2019. It was a luncheon event. We survived Covid and our membership has grown since then. Since our last venue was maxed out, we will need a larger venue for our event. Typically, the club subsidizes some of the meal cost. However, like everything else lately, your price will be higher than it was almost 3 years ago. The venue and cost will be a combination of available space for about 75 to 100 members and the type of food for a reasonable cost. It might be a tad more casual than the past events. We'll keep you in the loop as things develop. If you have some venue suggestions, email them to Ed at EdSmith24@yahoo.com. If you would like to help Ed, I'm sure he will be willing to add you to his team. Ed also attends our Tuesday morning Starbucks gatherings.

Eclectic cars and relaxed car code... In some clubs there are strict rules how cars are evaluated and what cars are acceptable to bring to events. Some of those clubs refer to thick judging standard books to award or deduct points from a car's presentation. Thankfully, we don't do that! It's not that absolutely "correct" cars are not appreciated... because they really are! Our club's scope is wider than a specific manufacturer. We drive our cars and there is a certain amount of wear that comes from those events. It's always interesting to see what kind of cars show up at coffee and our tours. Our flavor is international with a thick slice of UK. At coffee unique non UK cars sometimes collect more views than every day UK cars we often see. Well... that's different!

Keep the shiny side up and the round black things on the road!



What's A Midget Ashley Conversion?

The following unusual car was spotted in one of the 2023 Barrett-Jackson Scottsdale Auction tents.

According to the BJ sale placard, this car was a 1972 Midget with an Ashley GT conversion package. It was purpose built in England to compete in the New England 1000 and was successfully campaigned. It was powered by a built 1600 engine with Weber Carbs and was mated to a 4-speed transmission. It sold for \$25,000. The car was very interesting and in great looking condition.



-Sent by Pete Williams. See an interesting British car? Tell us about it by submitting to the Editor.

For Sale

Quick Jack Set Manufactured by BendPak \$1,000 firm (Cash)

3/12/23 - Amazon pricing: List \$1,675, Sale price \$1475. Not including shipping or tax
Used a few times before I built my new garage. This is not needed and needs to be moved on.

Package Contains:

2 Lift Channels, 2 handles, 2 sets of small wheels for portability on each channel, 4 tall blocks, 4 shorter blocks, 2 wall hanging hooks with stout lag bolts. Assembled hydraulic pump assembly with 4 hoses to / from the pump (operated on 120 Volts). Hydraulic oil installed. Original instruction / user manual. Collapsed dimensions: Each Channel - 70" long, 3.25" high, 11" wide.

Max Capacity 5,000 lbs. Each lift section fits under the sills / frame of a car. (Fits perfectly between the wheels of an MGB with the tires in place.) Each channel has safety locks which hold the channels in the up position.

Notes: Orange straps were used in place of the metal handles (easier) to position each channel when moved from the prior building. Cannot be driven over. Easily slid under the side of the car. Each channel is heavy. Can easily be stored under a car. In the up or storage positions the hydraulic hoses can be disconnected and stored - the fluid is retained by the couplings.

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