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## APRIL

*By Ben Cohen*

Below is the schedule of upcoming events for April:

### Tuesday Coffee

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

### 1<sup>st</sup> DRIVE

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 07:30  
Watch for Details

### 52<sup>nd</sup> Jaguar Concours d'Elegance

Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM  
La Encantada Plaza

### DM50 CAR SHOW

Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> - Details on Page 2  
Watch for email on gathering & drive to show.

### 2<sup>nd</sup> DRIVE

Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup> – 07:30

### BLAT

Thursday, April 23<sup>rd</sup> – 10:00

### Forecast for MAY:

1<sup>st</sup> Drive – May 02<sup>nd</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Drive – May 16<sup>th</sup>

BLAT – May 21<sup>st</sup>

The last Saturday in May is Memorial Day Weekend

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TUCSON CLASSICS CAR SHOW



**2026 Tucson Classics Car Show-  
Registration is now open!**

[REGISTER HERE](#)

The 2026 Tucson Classics Car show will be held October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2026. This is the 20<sup>th</sup> year the Rotary Club of Tucson hosted the show, and we're extremely proud to have been able to use the proceeds to donate over \$3 million to local non-profit organizations who work to make Tucson a better place to live and work.

The show will be held at The Gregory School (3231 N Craycroft Rd, Tucson) from 10:00am – 4:00pm. All details are on our website.

**CLICK HERE TO REGISTER:** [www.tucsonclassicscarshow.com](http://www.tucsonclassicscarshow.com)

**Hope to see you October 24<sup>th</sup>**

### **The Prez Sez**

*By Peter Williams*

### Seasonal Change

Each year spring arrives with surprises. At the end of March, we've had record-breaking temperatures which changed what we wear. We went from jackets and indoor coffee gathering to lighter apparel at our preferred outdoor seating and car viewing. It has been nice.

Our driving tours typically start earlier in May due to the normal temperature shift. Look for Ben Cohen's tour directions, but keep in mind we'll be starting a bit earlier.

Snowbirds are rushing to finish projects before they depart for cooler northern climates. Many full year Tucson residents depart for limited times in cooler locations.

Our club Annual Swap Meet was impacted by the heat. The advertised machine shop tool garage across from the swap meet venue didn't materialize as the owner arrived after our members had disbursed. We had called her and she stated she'd be there in an hour, which turned out to be much longer than that. We had fun anyway, enjoyed the hospitality, coffee and buns.

## **The Prez Sez (Continued)**

### **DM50 Car Show - Saturday, April 11, 2026**

This Car Show is scheduled for Saturday, April 11th. We hope you have signed up and can attend. It is usually a nice show and includes a big picnic lunch with refreshments.

We will meet at the Wells Fargo parking lot (Swan and Broadway) as we must caravan to the show. See the note below.

Due to other commitments, I may not be able to send out a timely pre-show gathering notice. So here are the details:

- Gather at Wells Fargo parking lot at 8:40 AM
- Depart promptly at **8:55 AM**
- Enter at the DM Swan Gate at 9:00 AM. There will be a queue at the guard gate for check-in of attendees to ensure all have registered.

The show begins 10:00 AM and ends at around 3:00 PM (no exit until after awards)

#### **NOTE!:**

1. If you do not have regular DM access, you were requested to provide prior security information when you registered to access the Base. (Their rules - not ours.)
2. They usually specify that you must have departed the airbase by a certain time.
3. Apply plentiful sunscreen, wear a big, brimmed hat, bring a folding chair and bring a sunshade that attaches to your chair if you have one.
4. Enjoy the show, the food and the beer that are free.

As always,

***Keep the rubber on the road and the shiny bits up.***

Cheers, Pete Williams

## ON THE ROAD

*By Editor*

### 1<sup>st</sup> Drive – Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> – 0730 AM departure from Starbuck’s at La Cholla and Orange Grove heading up to the Northwest then to the North before returning close to our point of departure for breakfast at Beyond Bread

We departed on time and in a close caravan heading south to River Road until the younger Jags bolted after we turned onto Shannon. But the ride went well and the gathering in Beyond Bread was relaxing with a nice meal.



### 2<sup>nd</sup> Drive – Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> – 8:00 am departing Park Place Mall heading out with two maps in hand. One for a ride to Poco & Mom’s and the other to the Swap Meet or both.



Waiting for the crowd

**ON THE ROAD (Continued)**



**The Annual Swap Meet – Saturday, March 21<sup>st</sup> 0830AM.**



At the start



TBCR Team swings into action to get the ol' buggy running smoothly.

## ON THE ROAD (Continued)

### The 2026 Le Tour des Garages – Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> starting at 9:00 AM until 2:00 PM+

This year it was a five-stop event. The starting location was the gathering at the garage of Carolyn Arnquist to visit her Jaguars, Jeff Simpson's cars (Jaguar and Aston Martin) and visit with Tom Russ of Classic Jaguar Repair, LLC. It was standing room only due to the huge number of members who found the garage and were rewarded with breakfast refreshments.

From there the tour progressed to the Franklin Auto Museum. I do not believe that I have heard so many "WOW" expressions along with other expressions of awe due to the absolutely beautiful and such well built vehicles. It was difficult to leave!

Next, the tour was split into two groups due to the size of attendance and to the number of vehicles requiring parking at the individual home locations. So, one group went to the home of Karl and Penny Rettenmaier, and the other group went to the home of John Mead. After close to an hour, the two groups switched locations.

The final stop was at Ben and Megan Cohen's home to visit many, many vehicles and enjoy a slice or two or many pizzas along with refreshing water and spring water. And there was a cookie table to cap off the meal.

The summary sequence along with photos follow:

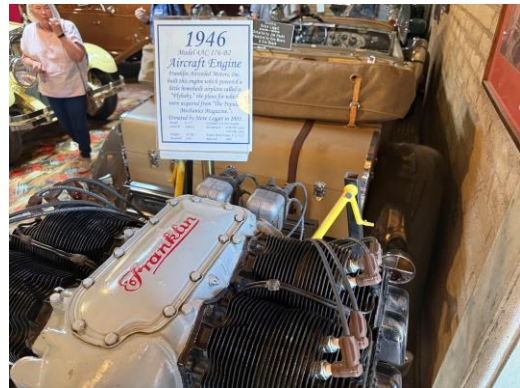
#### STOP 1 – The starting point at



## ON THE ROAD (Continued)

### STOP 2 – The Franklin Auto Museum

There are enough pictures to do entire newsletter for many months!



## ON THE ROAD (Continued)

Then our President *went - a -wandering*:

The hunt for parts often haunts collectors... especially of car makers whose production ceased 90+ years ago. It is a common practice to seed the ground with parts in hopes they will grow and mature into grown-up cars and parts. One can't have enough of these rare seeds.



It's always fun to search cars for "Easter eggs". In this case, it was an aircraft emblem attached to the rear bumper. Franklin also produced aero engines.



**ON THE ROAD (Continued)**

**STOP 3 (or 4) – The Home of the Rettenmaier's**



## ON THE ROAD (Continued)

### STOP 4 (or 3) – The Home of John Mead

Guess which vehicle stole the show at this location?



### STOP 5 – The Home of the Cohen's and Lunch



## ON THE ROAD (Continued)



**BLAT** – This was cancelled due to the complexity in scheduling the Le Tour des Garages.

## POTPOURRI

*By the Editor*

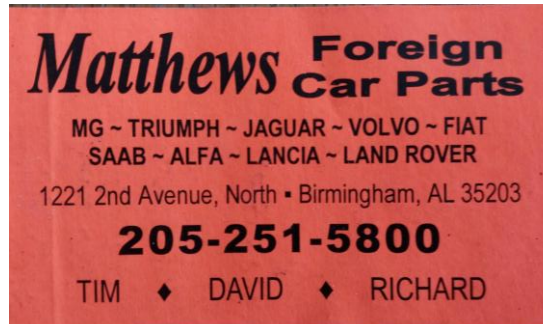
## TECHNICAL MATTERS

Not so much a technical matter but a means for commencing resolution of a technical matter to follow.



## POTPOURRI (Continued)

This one has escaped from being published several times! It was provided by Mr. Ruggles used in his endeavors to find parts for his new ride.



## NEW MEMBERS

It appears that we have eleven (11) new members that have joined during the months of February and March and are as follows:

- **Chris & Lynne Remy** are from the Bel Air Ranch area and drive a Blue 1962 Austin Healey 3000 Mk II BJ7, a work in restoration.
- **David & Becky Eppihimer** are from River Bend Ranch area and drive a red 1963 MGB Roadster in average condition.
- **Bill & Vicky Morcom** are from the Catalina Foothills and drive a red 1963 MGB Roadster in average condition.
- **George and Selene** are from Green Valley and drive a red 1963 MGB Roadster Average
- **Martha Elliott** is from Oro Valley and drives a burgundy 1948 MGTC
- **Carl & Kristy Miklas** are from south of Sabino Canyon and drive a yellow 1979 MGB
- **Bill Wells** is from Oracle and drives a white 2014 Aston Martin DB9.
- **Chris Rockmore & Rebecca Patsch** are just northwest of Saguaro National Park East and drive a red 1963 MGB.
- **Patrick Mulcahy** is from Oracle and drives a red 1955 MG TF1500
- **Bill & Linda Hanson** are from Green Valley and drive a 1966 MGB.
- **Mark Provost** is from Green Valley and drives a blue 2006 XKR Jaguar and a blue 1974 XJ6/V8 Jaguar.

Name badges have been ordered, and contact details are in the Directory. Keep a look out and welcome them to the club if you get a chance.

## POTPOURRI (Continued)

### FOR SALE

#### WANTED – DEAD OR ALIVE

Looking for a high port head for a late model TR4 or TR4a. Does anyone have an operational head or a head that can be machined that they are willing to sell?

Also looking for MGB parts.

Please contact Bill Morcom at:

EMAIL: [billmorc@gmail.com](mailto:billmorc@gmail.com)

Cell: (520) 405-8464

#### MGB Hard Top

A hardtop that came with a 1963 MGB Roadster. In Good condition and ready to snap in place before the monsoons. Asking \$300.00 OBO.



#### CONTACT:

David Eppihimer

(520) 661 – 4068

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**POTPOURRI (Continued)**  
**FOR SALE (Continued)**

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**Chuck Huber's TR6 Parts**

**520.225.8692      [chuck@chuckhuber.com](mailto:chuck@chuckhuber.com)**

**(Suggested Pricing – Feel Free to Make Offers)**

**1971 TR6 4 Speed Transmission (No Overdrive) – Ran Great when removed in Feb 2026 - \$200**



**1971 TR6 Clutch Assy (New Pressure Plate & Throw-out Bearing) - Removed in Feb 2026 - \$25**



**1971 Girling Calipers for Rebuild – With Pistons - \$30**



**TR6 Tie Rod Ends – NEW - Painted and Modified with Grease Fittings – \$30**



**POTPOURRI (Continued)**  
**FOR SALE (Continued)**

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**(Suggested Pricing – Feel Free to Make Offers)**

**TR3-4-6 Front Wheel Bearings - NEW – \$20**



**Misc. Parts - \$5 each**



**Ford Ranger Rear Jump Seat Lap Belts –Great Condition - \$30 / pair**



**Jensen Interceptor / Jensen Healy Wheel Badges - Free to a good Home!**



## POTPOURRI (Continued)

### OUT OF BOUNDS

States and municipalities are slowly figuring out the price of gas for their cars. As far as California, they are either not driving or non-beer drinkers for some time. The word takes a little time to get around to the hard working Nebraskan farmers. Nothing from the East Coast.



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