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## JULY

By Ben Cohen

Below is the schedule of upcoming events for JULY:

### Tuesday Coffee

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

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

CANCELLED Due to 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday

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

Saturday, July 18<sup>th</sup> – 06:30  
Watch for Details

### BLAT

Thursday, July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 06:30

**NOTE:** All drive events are subject to change or cancelation due to inclement weather, heat or precipitation.

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### TUCSON CLASSICS CAR SHOW

Registration is **still** open!



**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.

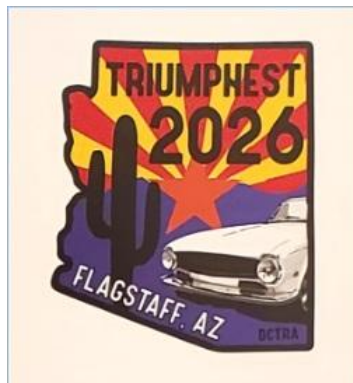
The show will be held at The Gregory School (3231 N Craycroft Rd, Tucson) from 10:00am – 4:00pm. All details are on our website.

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

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

**NOTICE OF CHANGE:** We have been informed by the organizer that they will no longer allow clubs to make substitutions for their members who cancel. Late registrations will go on the wait list.

### TRIUMPHEST – 2026 – FLAGSTAFF, AZ



**Go to:** [www.triumphestaz.com](http://www.triumphestaz.com)

Register now for  
**Triumphest 2026**  
September 17<sup>th</sup> thru 19<sup>th</sup>

**FLAGSTAFF, AZ**

- Please contact **Karl Rettenmaier** for more information or questions.

## The Prez Sez

By David Hoffman, VP

On Saturday, June 6<sup>th</sup>, the *BritClub* drive consisted of 5 cars motoring from Starbucks at Wetmore & 1<sup>st</sup> Ave and proceeded through the Picture Rocks & Twin Peaks and concluded at Beyond Bread at Oracle & Ina Roads. The accompanying photo shows that the lead car driven and navigated by Ralph & Ingrid Klestadt in their Cooper S has already made the turn, followed by Kim Acorn's '61 MGA, Hans Tannenberger's BMW roadster, and Bill VerDuin's Porsche Cayenne. I was the caboose in my Cooper S Clubman. Yes, kudos to Kim and his MGA being the lone and valiantly genuine British roadster among the gang.



As I snapped the photo, two sentiments emerged. I could see Bill in front of me enjoying the comfort of his Cayenne, and simultaneously, a similar occurrence from a drive on Catalina Highway heading up Mt Lemmon in September 2024 when he was in front of me driving his '52 Bentley Mk6.



A sense of irony struck tempered by relief in that we were able to muster a group drive on this occasion, having failed to make a quorum several weeks earlier in May. On that occasion, Bill showed up with his Bentley. I felt somewhat embarrassed that the drive did not launch.

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

*By David Hoffman, VP*

The second time around, persistence rang true and there he was with a Cayenne replacing the Bentley. In comparing the photos, we are in somewhat similar landscapes with just the varied human touch of deciding upon which car to drive that day.

So, at the instant of driving through Picture Rocks and conflating its real time experience with the Catalina Highway memory, a sense of déjà vu spawned completely unrelated memories from a different time in my life over thirty years earlier. Within my stream of consciousness, I was seated having lunch in Pete's Tavern in Gramercy Park, a stone's throw from the Con Edison Headquarters in Manhattan. Con Ed was a "fav" client of mine, and I was working on the Annual Report at the time. What I enjoyed about Pete's Tavern was its historic presence including frequent visits by O Henry where he supposedly wrote "The Gift of the Magi".

In the story, O Henry's main characters, Della & Jim, intend to buy gifts for each other. Della purchased a gold watch chain for Jim's watch, and Jim purchased hair combs for Della's beautiful long hair. Shy of money, Jim sells his watch to buy the combs while Della cuts and sells her hair to buy the watch chain. An ironic cancelation, but still their altruistic love endures. Of course, O Henry's skill integrates such an irony with the Biblical legend of the Magi's gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh as written in the Book of Matthew.

I'm not sure if I've ever experienced such selflessness in the purchasing of any of my cars, but there's still time. With that said, maybe we *BritClubbers* can say "Amen".

As President Pete always says, **"May the rubber meet the road, and the shiny bits remain up!"**

Dave Hoffman, VP

## **POTPOURRI**

*By the Editor*

## **NEW MEMBERS**

We have some renewals but no new members during June.

# POTPOURRI OUT OF BOUNDS

## Far Away But Close in Heart

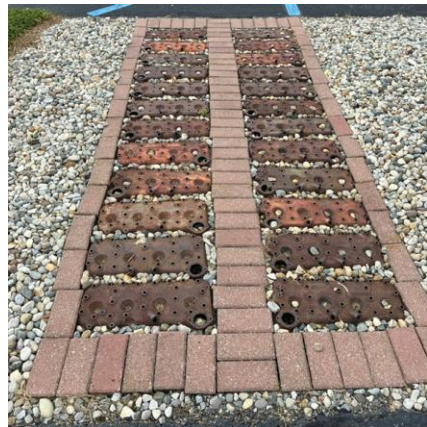
By Pete Williams

Editor's **NOTE**: I received an email from Pete Williams:

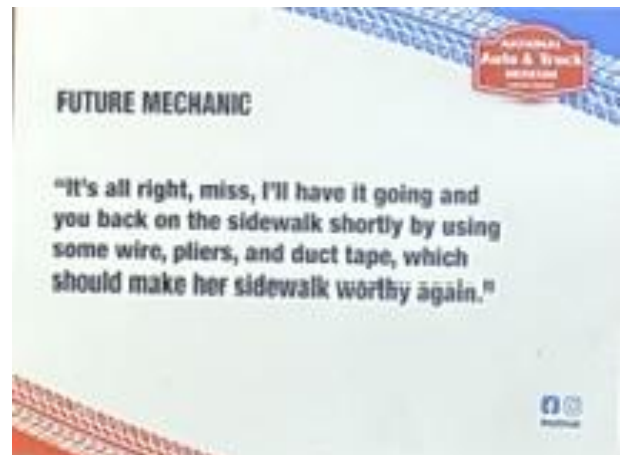
Hi Steve:

Here are some filler pictures for the newsletter.

When I saw this path filler, I had to take a second look. Old flathead engine heads. Seen at the **Early Ford Flathead V8 Museum** in Auburn, IN.



This is in Auburn, IN at the **NATMUS (National Automotive and Truck Museum)**. The picture was taken at a location behind the ACD Museum. Zoom in on the explanation card.



## OUT OF BOUNDS (Continued)

### Far Away But Close in Heart

By Pete Williams

**Auburn Cord Dusenberg (ACD) Museum** in Auburn IN. Comparing two Jaguars – a XK120 OTS and an early E Type. They have lots of interesting cars and a couple of airplanes in the museum with cars surrounding the planes.



Next adventures:

- Studebaker Museum by Saturday.
- In South Bend for the AMO (AMC) annual convention. I hear tell the AMO is going to have their convention in the Phoenix area in the spring in 2028.

Cheers, Pete

## Humor



The Leading Cause Of  
Injury In Old Men Is



Them Thinking They  
Are Still Young Men