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MAY

By Ben Cohen

Below is the schedule of upcoming events for May:

Tuesday Coffee

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

1st DRIVE

Saturday, May 2nd – 07:30
Watch for Details

2nd DRIVE

Saturday, May 16th – 07:30
Watch for Details

BLAT

Thursday, May 21st – 10:00
Watch for Details

Forecast for JUNE:

1st Drive – June 06th

Phantom Car Show – May 30th or June 09th

2nd Drive – June 20th

BLAT – June 25th

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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 24th, 2026. This is the 20th year the Rotary Club of Tucson hosted the show, and we're extremely proud to have been able to use its 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

Hope to see you October 24th

TRIUMPHEST – 2026 – FLAGSTAFF, AZ

Little America Flagstaff will again be hosting our gathering. For those of you that joined us in 2017 and/or 2021, you know that the amazing scenery and high mountain air adds to the fun of a Triumphest gathering.

An added bonus this year is that we are celebrating the 100th anniversary of Route 66, the most famous stretch of highway in the U.S. While registering, make sure to click on our regalia link where you can purchase Triumphest merchandise that includes Route 66 logos.

You'll also see the link to reserve your room at Little America. We have a room block however please make your reservation right away as from experience we know we'll have a sell out.

Please join your fellow Triumph enthusiasts for what will be a most enjoyable time.



Go to: www.triumphestaz.com

Register now for
Triumphest 2026
September 17th thru 19th

FLAGSTAFF, AZ

Questions:

- Call or email **Karl Rettenmaier**
- Organized TBCR Drive by TBCR members?
- Lots more details about this event if you log-on the website above.
- Accommodations – in-town and/or close by?

The Prez Sez

By David Hoffman, VP

Pete has departed for the North Country, so here I am tasked with filling the shoes, tires, and words of a BritClub icon. Pete owns genuine British Cars, and I'm but a humble "turn-up" Vice-President who drives a Cooper Clubman (BMW) and a Porsche. Yes, blasphemy showcased here in the Tucson British Car Register Newsletter.

Things aren't really that bad. Employing a dramatic introductory statement as a gimmick just might work. A confession of sorts offered with humility.

Tuesday morning BritClub gatherings at "Starbuck's Senior Center" on Fort Lowell & Swan remain an essential date on my calendar, and that's the place to find me for conversation. Quite a collection of enlightened humanity assembles there each week. Mostly, I just try to listen, because I'm not one to work on cars. That necessary activity disappeared fifty years ago when as a college student I was driving a 1971 VW Type III. I've never owned a car with a carburetor.

Observation may be my strongest skill, developing early as the youngest of four siblings in Northeast Pennsylvania where my brothers rode herd nine years my senior. They were gallant young knights, one owning a 1962 MGA, and the other a 1967 Triumph TR-4. They provided me with a keen understanding of British cars – "...like maybe don't own any at all."

The MGA Bro was God's gift to women, a 17 year-old heartthrob playing sax for a hot music combo named "The Citations" touring warm-up for the Beach Boys. He kept a St James Bible in the driver's door stashed full of speeding tickets. Our Mom would refer to him as "Catty Man Yay". That's what a British roadster will do for you.

A few years later, his twin brother bought a '67 TR-4 new for \$2700 his senior year at the USAF Academy. He drove it for ten months until he rolled it on a sheet of ice right off I-25 south of Colorado Springs. Needing to be at Reese Air Force Base/Lubbock, TX, he left the aftermath for his girlfriend. How cool was that, Man!

With all that explained, I proved the sensible one in the family starting out with a VW and never really getting into sports cars until retiring to Tucson. I bought a 2018 Miata RF that somehow qualified me to associate with the TBCR. Remarkably, I haven't been removed from the ranks yet, but perhaps after submitting this document, who knows?

For now, that will do it. Perhaps next month I'll come up with something more substantial like interviews with knowledgeable club members, talking about carburetors, fuel pumps and such. Until then, I'm proud to be associated with such an august group of individuals at the TCBR. Thank you so much, and I'll conclude with Pete's well-honed memorable closing statement: "Keep the rubber on the road and the shiny bits up."

Dave Hoffman

ON THE ROAD

By Editor

1st Drive – Saturday, April 4th – 0730 AM departure from Starbuck's at 1st Ave and Wetmore Rd heading west out to the end of El Camino del Cerro and the start it's trailhead into the mountains. Then a return on the route to Silverbell Road and then turning right on Sweetwater Rd for a wander south on the east slope of the Tucson Mountains eventually ending on I-10 slip road and the Kettle Restaurant.



52nd Jaguar Concours d'Elegance – Saturday, April 4th – 0900 AM at La Encantada.

By The Editor

A few of us missed the 2nd drive to attend our JCSA Judging duties for this event. After the drive there were a number of members who turned up for the event. Interestingly, we had new member Blair Miller bring his new Jaguar. I have known Blair for some time trying to sell his TR4 last year with ads in the Register. Then I got a call from him saying that he was now the proud owner of a 2016 Jaguar F-Type. It took me some time to convince him to enter the Concours and with a little help from Mr. Simpson and others he begrudgingly agreed to enter. **Then he won!** Congratulations my Friend!



ON THE ROAD (Continued)

2nd Drive – Saturday, April 18th – 7:30 AM departing Circle K on Palo Verde Road heading to The Rattler at del Lago in a round-about way. The route shadowed I-10 to Wilmont, then turned south going to Sahuarita Road and turning east until Rt 83 then wandering north to Colossal Cave Road then for a wander in that area until eventually finding The Rattler for lunch.



BLAT – Thursday, April 23rd – 10:00 AM departing Park Place Mall for Summer Haven on top of Mount Lemmon. At the pre-briefing prior to start up the hill there was some discussion on not going to the top due to guardrail repair operations significantly delaying traffic so there was a decision to go to the “Bad-Dog” (aka – Babat Duag) scenic turnout, then turn around heading to another restaurant. Well, there were few renegades amongst the party who decided to push on for the summit. We did and there were no guard rail operations other than a two-man crew studying some guardrail on the downhill side at mile marker 6.

There was an incident after lunch where one green TR3 died along side of the road. There was a cluster of vehicles and drivers attending to the somewhat distraught driver of this vehicle. Service trucks arrived to help. It was not long before the driver (not to mention names, but he just became a trophy collector at DM 50.) realized that he fiddled with the security kill switch on the vehicle. He flashed a huge smile, and off we all went down the mountain.

As one can see, it was a beautiful day but a little chilly.



POTPOURRI

By the Editor

TECHNICAL MATTERS

GOT OLD AND STALE GASOLINE NEEDING DISPOSAL?

There is a facility at the Los Reales Sustainability Campus (aka, “dump”, “landfill”, or “Manmade Hazardous Waste Monument”). There is a Household Hazardous facility which is open Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 07:00 am until – 2:00 pm facility, except for the 2nd Saturday of every month. They don’t take it any other day or times. The service is free to all City of Tucson residents and there is a \$10 fee for all others. When you arrive at the “campus” and turn right onto the queue lanes area, keep to the far right and stay in that far-right lane. Do not go through any of the Weight and Pay lanes but proceed to the far-right side of them. At the stop sign after the Weigh and Pay complex turn right and the facility is immediately on your right. Do not take the first entrance. Go to the second entrance to enter the compound. There will be a number of employees inside the building with carts to collect your hazardous waste. They will need a City Tucson address before they accept anything and will record it. For non-City residents there is a \$10 fee.

From the City of Tucson Web Page

The City of Tucson provides free disposal of hazardous chemicals and household products including old gasoline, batteries, electronics, and paints for Tucson residents through its Household Hazardous Waste (HHW) program. This service is available at a permanent facility and through monthly community collection events. It is not open during the summer months. The contact number for general information is (520) 791-4183 and it might be wise to call if the service is needed in the very near future.

Primary Disposal Location

The main drop-off point for automotive products, including gasoline and other flammable liquids, is the Los Reales Sustainability Campus.

- Address: 5300 E. Los Reales Rd.
- Facility Hours: Thursday, Friday, and Saturday from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Closure Note: The HHW facility at Los Reales is closed on the 2nd Saturday of every month because staff are diverted to community collection events.

Editor’s Note: We did a test run on Friday, April 24th. We loaded my dually with two five-gallon containers each from Peter and Jeff and my seven-gallon can along with eight cans of old paint. I managed to navigate the tight travel lane into the building. I was immediately surrounded by at least five personnel working at the facility who grabbed all the containers and placed them on carts to move them to specific disposal areas. I was approached by an individual with an iPad who asked me for a Tucson address. I explained that this load was from TBCR members, and I showed him Peter’s contact details on my phone. I told him he was a partial contributor and started to show him Jeff’s contact details, but he said one would do. I admitted I was a Pima county resident, and he said that was no issue. He was a nice guy, but he has “Fritz Fever” – he just bought a new 928. One day I will make a run to the dump and stop by with a copy of the Register and an application for joining the club.

POTPOURRI (Continued)

BUSINESS CARDS

By The Editor

triple-c.com

Not sure where I got this one. I think it was at a Coffee or a restaurant on a drive. Not familiar with them so it is not possible to or not to recommend.



AUTO-NU

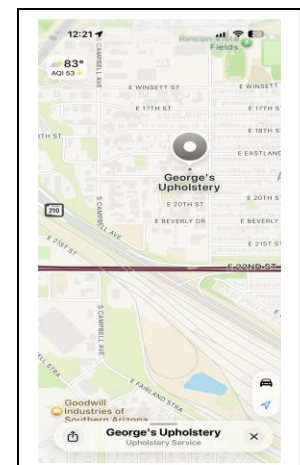
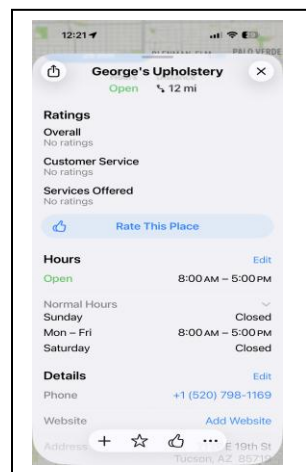
I highly recommend Tony who is the owner. I have been using him for years detailing our autos. He also has done collision work for me, and it is truly exceptional. You cannot see where any repair work was done. My RAM dually is there now after being brutally attacked by Fritz's trailer.



George's Upholstery

This individual was recommended by Tony above. I used him to re-skin leather front seats in our Tahoe. Absolute beautiful work and the price was great. You will not be impressed with the appearance of his shop, but you will be so with his work. And his pricing is good.

Address is 2125 E 19th St



POTPOURRI (Continued)

NEW MEMBERS

It appears that we have some new members that joined during April and they are as follows:

- **John & Nancy Kidwell** from somewhere close driving a Maroon 1956 XK-140 Jaguar in good condition.
- **Russ & Sandy Van Time** from somewhere else close driving a Black 1953 MGB-TD which is not a restoration.

Name badges have been ordered, and contact details are in the directory. Please keep an eye out for them and welcome them to the club if you get a chance.

OUT OF BOUNDS

A MISSED PHOTO

By Ms. Gabriel

It was super cool Range Rover 1 Series from 1955. I think his name was JD and he restored it all himself. It's really gorgeous inside too. I think he's going to join the club, so you may be able to get better details from him.



Editor's Note: This is a photo that Libby shot and sent to me from one Tuesday Coffee last month, I forgot to put it in the Newsletter. My apologies.