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OCTOBER

Below is the normal outline of the monthly schedule for events in OCTOBER:

Tuesday Coffee

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

1st DRIVE

Saturday – October 03rd
Watch for Details

2nd DRIVE

Saturday -October 17th at 07:30
South and/or West
Watch for Details

BLAT

Wednesday, Oct 21st 10:00
Drive to Florence, AZ
Watch for Details

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

TUCSON CLASSICS CAR SHOW - TCCS

Registration is closed. Event is on Saturday, 24 October at The Gregory School.

BRITISH WHEELS ON THE GREEN (BWOG) – **JANUARY 30th, 2027** – PEORIA, AZ

This event now conflicts with the Sahuarita Car Show. A survey has been conducted and there is a consensus that the Club will attend the Sahuarita show in lieu of the Peoria show.

THE 6th ANNUAL SAHURITA CLASSIC CAR SHOW - January 30, 2027

Registration opens on October 1, 2026, and closes on January 18, 2027

All registrations received by December 1, 2026, receive a free Tee-Shirt

No Day of Show Registration

Registration info at www.carnuts.org

Click the link below for the Show Flyer

[2027 car show.jpeg](#)

TBCR Holiday Party December 5, 2026

We are excited to host our 2026 Holiday party at the beautiful Tucson Auto Museum which has a private room. The whole museum is reserved for TBCR to use. Our event starts at 1:00 PM and ends at 4:00 PM.

Please sign up **NOW** on our TBCR web page: <https://tucsonbritish.com>. Click on SHOP and then click on "SHOP" and then click on "HOLIDAY LUNCHEON". Signing up ensures you can pay with Pay-Pal and we can get a participant headcount for the food. We will be limiting our attendance to 100 members and their S/O. TBCR will be subsidizing the entrance fee.

Cost: \$40

Food: To Be Determined

Refreshments: Water or soft drinks available

Plates, eating tools, & etc by TBCR

Location: 4825 N Sabino Canyon Rd, Tucson, AZ

This is an excellent venue! You'll not only enjoy the food, but you will also have access to the unique automotive vehicles in their collection.

Our chairman, Ed Smith has worked long and hard to negotiate the best possible deal for us. If we do not get our minimum number of guests by November 20th we will have to cancel the event. (Deadline to sign up is November 23rd).

Travelogue: TBCR BLAT Drive - Thursday 9/17/2026

Seven people and two dogs in six cars depart Starbucks/Park Place Mall for the Cienega Railway Trestle near Vail, AZ. The word 'depart' creates a railroad allusion of us linked like a train, from engine to caboose, rolling east on Broadway. Humans stare into a rising sun while the hounds, nostrils wide sniff hours ahead into a potential Dog Day Afternoon. Neither satisfaction is guaranteed.

A predetermined route guides us through a weekday morning crisscross of construction zones with school zones. Maybe horses are seen near an iron horse crossing, beyond anyone's recall. I marvel at the sight of the Vail Post Office. Finally, my long-suspended curiosity is rewarded, but no need to stop for postage stamps. Interesting how the crow flies roughly 5 miles from the Post Office to the Cienega Trestle, but cars need a more circuitous route. Hmm, just what the BritClub Doctor ordered.

The Cienega Trestle is one of three bridges that cross Cienega Creek. A hundred year chronological and vertical stack of engineering warrants further research, but not from this simple chronicler. Eyes open, I fixate on a puddle of water, a remnant from the previous night's rain. Like an Archean Eon tidal pool, life springs forth from this puddle in the form of a reflection (see accompanying photo). The water mirrors a classic British roadster next to a new Teutonic chariot. Both cars stand stage front framed by the historic background.

The trestle stirs memories of growing up in Northeast Pennsylvania near the town of Lehigh on the Lehigh River where such crossings abound. Franz Kline, one of the town's favorite sons, drew inspiration from the trestles as applied in his famous abstract expressionist paintings *Lehigh V Span* (1959) and *Mahoning* (1956). Our high school English Literature teacher told us arousing tales of her younger days as Franz's muse in his New York City apartment. Bare existence, sleeping on newsprint covered floors, watching Kline sketch on pages torn from a city telephone book, she related her lived experience - the romantic appeal of *Lebenskunst*. Such things are what we take into old age. Forget the formalities of textbooks and quiz questions.

Back in the cars and onto the roadway. We drive with an eye on the gauges as we dash off to breakfast. Through the windshield flash more scenes of the road as we measure our distance. Forming new thoughts of goodness knows what, we move through time.

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

Dave Hoffman, VP



ON THE ROAD

By the Editor

BLAT – Thursday, September 17th.

This trip was well covered above by David Hoffman, VP in the *Prez Sez* Article, except we do have some departure photos from Libby Gabriel.



TRIUMPHEST – FLAGSTAFF, AZ – September 17th thru the 19th.

Apparently, we had a small group of attendees at this event.



POTPOURRI

By the Editor

NEW MEMBERS

No new members to be reported this month.

OUT OF BOUNDS

Editor's Notes:

1. To do some justice to those attempting to sell vehicles or other merchandise, I have decided to make the individual ads exclusive from the Newsletter text and now will be one or two separated pages (or whatever it takes) at the end of the newsletters. In the past they have been integrated into the text which truly creates a hodge-podge with oformatting. Now one can easily print the individual pages and make the call with checkbook in hand.
2. I want to apologize to all for the tardiness in issuing this newsletter and offer a little story as an excuse. A year ago we received a wedding invitation and finally made the trip on Sept 22nd. Rather than a long winded discussion:



The first row is our rental car. Dangerous shift lever!

The second row is the wedding entourage – one a commercial vehicle and the other man-made-up. Then there is the Morgan. And lastly, a confusing element in one's life.

There were a lot of old MGBs on the road. I spent an hour at a garage with a lad discussing his restoration of a beautiful '61 silver with red trim Jag MK2 and sharing pics of Nan's 62 MK2.

Then on the morning of the 29th, I attempted to jump up and take a shower only to fall back onto poor Nan. We mad it to Heathrow for a daunting trip created by the BA and AA Code sharing team that scored a "F" in the cluster these two form. Urgent care on Oct 1st with a positive COVID test so now in a 10-day hibernation until 08 Oct.

FOR SALE

1979 MGB ROADSTER

A TBCR member since 1995 has made the decision to sell their 1979 MGB Roadster. They would be more than incredibly happy if another TBCR member were to purchase this vehicle. It has been a fun ride for 44 years to this owner who has would prefer to sell it to a TBCR member.

Here is the description:

- It is Carmine Red with a tan interior.
- Alloy wheels
- Luggage rack
- AM/FM radio
- Includes good condition black vinyl top, a tonneau cover and “boot” cover when top is folded down.
- I have been the second owner for the last 44 years.
- Restored in 2002 included:
 - Dupont paint in MG Carmine Red
 - Original tan vinyl seats
 - New carpets, plinths, chrome strips, and wheel badges
 - Rubber bumpers repainted.
- All documents and service records dating back to first owner in Atlanta, GA are available.
- No accidents, no rust, and always garaged.
- Five new tires, recent oil change, and service check.
- 96,740 original miles
- Very Good Condition

Asking \$12,500 or OBO.

Contact: Christine Erkman at: Mobile: (520) 390-7108

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FOR SALE

1979 MGB ROADSTER (Continued)



FOR SALE

TWO - TR3's FOR SALE IN OXNARD, CA

Urgent email from Peter:

Hi Steve,

Jeff Simpson sent me these photos which we could include in our newsletter.
Here is the info from his original email:

- “These have been sitting for some time at son’s marina. I wonder if any TBCR members might be interested?”
- I asked Jeff to provide a city name in CA. It is Oxnard. Jeff’s son is Wes Simpson.
- Zooming in on the placard (Pict 2) reveals more info.
- Green car: TR3B, 1958, phone: 310-916-6698
- Update: The marina is in Oxnard, Ca. See below.
- The Area Code 310 (googled) is on the oceanside of LA which would be Oxnard. The Grey car placard is too fuzzy (non-focused) to read... but probably the same owner. No idea about condition of each car other than what is reflected in the picture.

