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Edmonton Classic Sports Car Club March 2014



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Noggin & Natter

Noggin & Natter Meeting is at Royal Pizza West, 9977-178 Street NW on Thursday, March 13. Meet at 6 PM, order, start the business meeting and then pause when dinner arrives. Finish meeting after dinner and usually out by 8:30 PM. All are welcome to attend.

Wear our LOGO Proudly Nevi's Embroidery Suite 102, 111 Avenue & Groat Road (Westmount Mall by Safeway) Edmonton T5M 3L7. Prices vary.



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North American MGA Register

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Cover Caption: Morgan assembly at the factory in Malvern - photo by Bert van Riel September 2013.



FROM THE DESK OF THE MEGALO-MINIAC

Hello everyone! As I sit here writing this, it is -24.5C in our back yard. Actually, if we think of it in terms of Fahrenheit, it's only -12.1F; doesn't seem to be nearly so bad, does it? It's supposed to stay cold for the next two weeks but all is not lost. With the sun higher, combined with the cold, the roads are nice and dry, perfect for that olde car exercise run! Speaking of winter driving, I have been driving my 1966 Austin Mini as a year-round daily driver since I bought it in 1979 for \$50.00. It's a terrific winter car. You may recall that the Mini won the Monte Carlo winter rally through the Alps four years in a row. My Mini is so warm that I often take off my winter coat and throw it in the back seat. So how do I do this?

The principle is that in order get heat from your heater, you need hot water. The first thing you need is a hot thermostat, preferably 192F, 88C. Next, I remove the front grill, cut out a cardboard to exactly fit, allowing for a cutout for the heater intake and clamp the grill back in place over the cardboard. If it's really cold, under -30C, I slip another cardboard, with a hole in the centre, between the radiator and the fender. My 1966 Mini has a factory rubber grill cover, thanks to eBay. We found a higher capacity heater core with larger diameter pipes. We connect the larger hoses to a Volvo heater valve, which matches the larger diameter. Lastly, high performance, larger

engines produce more heat and heat up faster. High compression particularly helps. So you can tell your spouse that you really need that 8 octillian-dollar high performance engine, in order to keep your spouse warm in winter! Oh yes, don't forget to get a pair of heated seat covers, available at Canadian Tyre.

In the 1980's, Rover Group changed the Mini wheel size from 10" to 12"; modern ice radials are available in 12", so I have four of them. However on my Mini Cooper, I run a set of 10" Dunlop Aquajets, still being manufactured by Dunlop. Their tread design is filled with thousands of tiny sipes, just like modern ice radials, and the rubber compound is soft. They make terrific snow tyres. I also run a limited-slip differential for two-wheel traction. Windscreens, front & rear, for Minis and several other British cars, are now available with tiny filament heating wires that completely solve defrosting problems.

Another warm solution for winter? Buy an \$85,000.00 Austin-Healey. It will keep you warm, even in -40 weather. I drove my Healey in -36 - toasty warm!

Megalo Miniac
(Dennis Coulthard)





**Faith and Beggorah !
Rain, Hail or Snowrah**
the annual St. Paddy's Day BBQ
happens Sunday March 16th from 11 till 3
Emily Murphy Park

*Some chips or so, a desert or two to share would be mighty fine
Bring a tippie, but non alcoholic mind, as we're in a City Park.
Burgers, \$ 5.00 Hot Dogs, \$ 2.00 Dress warm...*



ECSCC EVENTS SCHEDULE 2014

More details under “Events”, the 3rd item down under “Pages” at www.edmontonclassicsportscarclub.com

March:

“**St. Patrick’s Day Barbecue**” Sunday, March 16th. at Emily Murphy Park. Geoff, Frank & Dennis. Noon to 3 PM. Some chips or so, a dessert or two to share would be mighty fine. Bring a tippie, but non alcoholic mind, as we’re in a City Park. Burgers: \$5.00, Hot Dogs: \$2.00

April:

“**Edmonton Motor Show**” April 10 to 13th. Hours are from 10 AM to 10 PM Thursday, Friday and Saturday and 10 AM to 6 PM on Sunday. Admission is \$15 for adults and \$13 for seniors. OYO, however, a few ECSCC members will likely attend after our Route 99 lunch on Friday. Howard. www.edmontonmotorshow.com

May:

“**Red Deer Swap Meet**” Friday, May 2nd. and Saturday, May 3rd. in Red Deer. OYO, however a few ECSCC members will likely attend after our Route 99 lunch on Friday. Howard. www.westernerpark.ca

“**780 Tuners Season Opener – United Cycle**” 6 PM Saturday, May 3rd, at United Cycle, 7620 Gateway Blvd. Geoff.

“**English Breakfast at Footloose Caboose**” Sunday, May 4th. Phil. Chris Bamford’s Antique Car Club members to join us if there is sufficient dining room seating. Phil & Chris to confirm. www.footloosecaboose.com

“**Vancouver ABFM in Van Dusen Garden**” Saturday, May 17th. Michael Connolley. Departing at 5 AM on May 16th from Acheson. Stay tuned for more information. www.westernriver.com

“**Knox Mountain Hill Climb**” May 17th. and 18th. in Kelowna. OYO.

“**High Tea At Rutherford House**” Sunday, May 18th. Dennis to investigate & confirm..

“**Autorama**” Saturday, May 25th. in St. Albert. Jonathan to follow-up.

“**Okotoks Car Collector Auction**” May 23rd to 25th. OYO www.okotokscauction.com

June:

“**Garage Tours**” Sunday, June 1st. Michael Connolley & Scott Lawrence. Planning underway.

“**BritsBest Classics**” Saturday, June 6, 7 & 8th. in Radium. Stay tuned. www.calgarymgclub.org

“**Pitt Meadows Jaguar Meet**” OYO. Saturday, June 7th. Hosted by the Pacific Jaguar Enthusiasts Group.

“**Picnic In The Park**” Saturday, June 14th. in Victoria Park. More information forthcoming. Don.

“**History Road**” June 14th. & June 15th. at the Reynolds Alberta Museum. Email melissa.daoust@gov.ab.ca or call 1-800-661-4726 to register by May 23rd. ECSCC attends on Sunday. More info coming . Bob & Howard

“**Summer Solstice Barbecue**” Saturday, June 21st. Jonathan to confirm with Russ Anderson.

“**Sylvan Lake Barbecue**” Saturday, June 28th. Evan Verchomin’s Sylvan Lake Barbecue at his lakefront home on 169 Birchcliff Road on the east side of Sylvan Lake. Michael Hrycyschyn to do the routing. Stay tuned.

“**Vintage Day**” at Ukrainian Cultural Village, Sunday, June 29th. Email Karen.evenden@gov.ab.ca or call 780-662-3640 to register. Forms available at www.ukrainianvillage.ca Stay tuned. Will Keith & Chris Bamford.

July:

“Jonathan’s Magical Mystery Tour” Sunday, July 6th. Tour details will be forthcoming. Jonathan.

“International Collector Car Appreciation Day” Friday, July 11th. (nothing scheduled at this point).

“Lloydminster Car Show and Brits by the Bus” Saturday, July 19th. and Sunday, July 20th. Michael Connolley. www.sbccc.ca More information forthcoming.

“Calgary’s VSCCC European Classic Car Meet” Saturday, July 19th in Stanley Park, Calgary. www.vscccc.ca

“Whitecourt Air Show” July 26th. and 27th. in Whitecourt. Jonathan to follow-up. www.whitecourtairshow.com

“Leduc West Historical Society Exposition” July 26th. and 27th. OYO.

August:

“Tofield Lions Heritage Classic Show & Shine and Phil’s Barbecue” Monday, August 4th. Phil and Sandi

“St. Albert’s Rock ‘n August” August 5 to 9th. in St. Albert. www.rocknaugust.com Art & Howard..

“2014 All Triumph Drive-In” August 15 to 17th. in Tacoma, Washington. Tyee Triumph Club. OYO.

“Rally In The Valley” OYO. Saturday, August 23rd. in Peachland, B.C. <http://www.obcc.ca/events.htm>

“Econo Run” Sunday, August 24th. Neil is organizing the Econo Run this year.

“Drumheller Run” TBA. Geoff to confirm date and follow-up with travel & lodging plans.

“Cooking Lake Moraine Auto Rally and Brian’s Barbecue” Jonathan to discuss with Brian.

“Portland All British Field Meet” OYO. August 29 - 31st. Portland, Oregon (Triumph Salute). www.abfm-pdx.com

September:

“Hunt for the Chickakoo Loon Rally” Sunday, September 7th. Planning underway. John Crawley.

“2014 Vintage Triumph Register National Convention” Dobson, North Carolina and environs, September 9 to 14th. Neil is the contact person for VTR2014. <http://www.vtr2014.com>

“Crossing/Mountain Run” September 13th. and 14th. Stay tuned for more information. Will Keith.

“Fall Colours Run” September 28th. Bob to confirm date & follow-up with routing.

October:

“Smoky Lake Pumpkin Festival” OYO. Saturday, October 4th.

“Sounds Around Town” Saturday, October 11th. More info coming. Frank.

“Clifford E. Lee Nature Sanctuary” Walk & Picnic. Sunday, October 26th. Stay tuned. Dennis.

November:

“Last Run Of The Season - The Pie Run” Sunday, November 2nd. Planning underway. Alec.

“Guy Fawkes’ Bonfire Night” Wednesday, November 5th. More information forthcoming. OYO.

“ECSCC Christmas Party” Booked for Saturday, November 29 at Bonanza Buffet at 5420 Calgary Trail South, across from Weber Motors. For access, take the west side service road when driving south.



BARRETT JACKSON 2.0

Barrett Jackson started in 1971 and had been in the tent at West World for a long time. No real bathrooms and mud when it rained. Last year Jackson announced that he had finally cut a deal with the city of Scottsdale to construct a new building. A few weeks back it was still under construction but they made it

in time although the bathrooms had a few growing pains. (Backups)

This year there were 1400 cars up for sale and most were unreserved which brings people in looking for bargains. To me the prices seemed a bit soft although there were some cars that seemed to go for stupid money. I guess it only takes two persistent bidders. A 1955 Ford F-100 pickup Lot #817 went for \$200,000.00 to a bidder in the skybox that we have nicknamed "the farmer from Nebraska".

1962 Austin Healey 3000 Mark II BT7



There were lots of Austin Healeys this year and they seemed to be getting high numbers. A 1966 Sunbeam Tiger Lot 803 went for \$60,000 and a one of a kind 1929 FIAT Gipsy Historic Race car also went for 60.

1966 Sunbeam Tiger.



1929 FIAT Gipsy Historic Race Car.

As for the new building it seemed to have less floor space than the old tent that is now used to house more cars. Even with that there were calls every evening before SPEED went on the air to have



1929 FIAT Gipsy Historic Race Car Badge.

general admission attendants fill the empty seats to make it look packed for TV. They didn't seem to need to do that on Saturday night although I can't be sure since I was at Silvers Auction all that day helping my brother in law who listed his 56 Chev Convertible. It was listed to go over the block at 6PM but it didn't cross the block until 8:15. We were worried that all the big bidders might be at Barrett Jackson. Turns out we didn't have anything to worry about since it sold for \$55000. Perhaps I'm collecting the wrong type of cars.

Bob Woodcock

Other Barrett Jackson Scottsdale 2014 Photos.



A white 1961 Morgan 4/4 on the left and a black 1959 Jaguar XK 150 on the right.



A yellow 1967 Sunbeam Tiger on the left and a white 1952 Jaguar XK 120 Coupe on the right.



A white 1957 MGA on the left and a red 1961 Jaguar Mark II 3.4 Saloon on the right.



A blue 1967 Austin Healy 3000 Mark III BJ8 on the left and a white 1951 MG TD on the right.



HISTORY ROAD THE ULTIMATE CAR SHOW



HISTORY ROAD takes place at the Reynolds Alberta Museum on June 14th and June 15th. ECSCC attends on Sunday. Register by contacting melissa.daust@gov.ab.ca or call 1-800-661-4726.

Ukrainian Cultural Heritage Village



VINTAGE DAY

Free admission for registered driver plus one guest and free meal for the driver.

Sunday, June 29th. To register email Karen.evenden@gov.ab.ca or call 780-662-3640. Registration forms at www.ukrainianvillage.ca

Whitecourt Air Show



Hometown Heroes Air Show, July 26th & 27th. More information at www.whitecourtairshow.com



Edmonton Motor Show Thursday, April 10th to Sunday, April 13th. Info, hours & admission at www.edmontonmotorshow.com

Tofield Lions Heritage Classic



Tofield Lions Heritage Classic 12 Noon to 3 PM on Monday, August 4th on Main Street, Tofield. Registration is at NAPA on Main Street between 10:30 AM and Noon. Fee is \$20. Join us at Phil's Bardo BBQ after 3 PM.



In support of the Alberta Diabetes Foundation
August 5th - 9th

Rock 'n August events start on Tuesday, August 5th and culminate with Saturday's 10 AM to 3 PM Shown & Shine in the Sturgeon River Valley. For more information and to register, log onto www.rocknaugust.com



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The Alberta All British Motoring Society invites you to **Picnic In The Park** on Saturday, June 14th in Victoria Park in the heart of Edmonton's beautiful River Valley. Bring a picnic and join us as we celebrate the arrival of summer. More info will be forthcoming.



BritsBest Classics, hosted by the Calgary MG Club, will be held on June 6, 7 and 8th, at the Best Western Plus Prestige Inn at Radium Hot Springs. Register on line at <http://www.calgarymgclub.org/register.html>



The Vintage Sports Car Club of Calgary's European Classic Car Meet is on July 19th in Stanley Park. Check out www.vsgcc.ca



Brits By The Bus, hosted by the Saskatchewan British Car Club, will be held in Saskatoon on Sunday, July 20th. More info on www.sbccc.ca

Frank's Filler

A Shelfie

The other week I went out to do some work on the MGA; I know, surprising eh! But when I opened the door to the garage I found chaos. The shelf that had been on the wall above my work bench for close to twenty five years decided to fall off the wall and deposit all the stuff that was there onto the floor. No work on the car that day.

It looked like two of the three brackets let go and the third pulled out of the wall. But it almost seemed like a gentle deposit rather than a crash bang. The only things that were damaged were the two speakers. One does need tunes when working in the garage after all. It helps cover the foul language and constant muttering that goes on when trying to remove a recalcitrant part.

Didn't take too long to remove the back plates for the two brackets and then the screws still in the third. Re-glue the brackets and replace the spiral nails with long screws. The next day we got the shelf up with an extra bracket that I had in the house. They came from Access TV when they moved shop so were about forty years old and I guess that and the weight of what was on the shelf just got to be too much. That has been pretty constant since painting the MGA the first time.

We did get some work done; the thermostat housing had been cleaned up in Art's Sandblast cabinet and painted. While it was drying I fixed my homemade sandblast cabinet



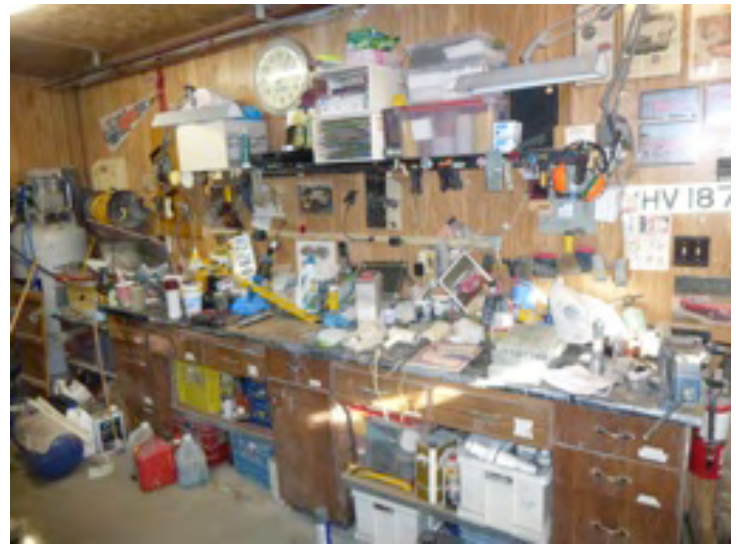
so it works now. Probably have a few bits to sandblast in the next little while.

It's been a good investment; the original bits came from a plan

that a sandblast company advertised in Hemming's Motor News before the internet. Some plywood, an old dot matrix printer cover, the gun from a Princess Auto bucket sandblaster and a pick up tube made by one of my fellow club members; a stainless tube that I presume was leftover from a refinery project. The company still exists and are on the web now. www.tptools.com. They sell a whole kit too and it works.



Shelf Down... it was up on the wall above the electrical box



Shelf up, extra bracket.. bit longer to clean off the work bench top.

We did get some work down on the MG though not much. I find I'm still recovering too and it takes a bit longer to get things done.

The thermostat housing got installed and I installed the water pump that I had painted as well. Then, just to see if it worked, I tried to fit the radiator. No, not going to fit. Off for a replacement water pump, short nosed one from a later MGB and though it's installed with the plastic fan, I don't think I have enough room to fit the radiator so we may have to go back to the old steel beast which doesn't cool as well.

A Shelfie (Continued)

One item I did find handy was the Loctite stick. Most of us are familiar with their thread locking products; well they've come out with the more common one in a stick like a glue stick. Much easier to apply and doesn't drip off.

Work is continuing and I hope to be ready for some major electrical and door adjustment work if I can just pull Mike Hrycyszyn over for a bit of assistance. Okay, a lot of assistance.

We had a good turn out at the planning meeting and some people actually stepped forward to do some events. Looks like a busy year with some local events and some longer away shows. There's also some interest in doing events with the Antique Car Club here in town. They do travel a little slower than most of us but that shouldn't be a problem, taking a different route was a suggestion.

I put my hand up to help with the St. Patrick's day BBQ. It's a great get together and sometimes it's actually not freezing cold; okay, once it wasn't freezing cold. But we get over twenty people out to stand around in the cold and munch crispy burgers. Did I mention we could use some help with the cooking? Should be fun; come out, dress warm and see you there.

I've picked a few runs on my schedule to not miss. The Vancouver All British is quite the show and though getting there can be fraught with weather and breakdowns, once there it's a really big show. Tigers and Jensen are the marques of the meet. Looking forward to that.

If the MGA is running and vetted there are still thoughts of joining the caravan and going east to Ottawa for the NAMGAR GT but that's pretty far in an untested restoration. Still the thought is there.

If I don't do that then I'll be in for the Lloydminster and Saskatoon shows.



We stop in Lloyd for the show and then continue on to the "toon" for the show on Sunday and come back that Monday, though we have had people head out Sunday night and get home around nine p.m.

The Portland All British show is calling too. It's a fairly big show though the swap meet at the end was a bit of a let down. Still, the route back via Yakima and Mel's Diner might make up for that.

Those are the major ones; of course we have more local events and some are still in discussion. I do like the idea of lunch runs as I bought a book called the Food Lovers Trail Guide to Alberta and I'm toying with runs during the week to check out some of the restaurants not too far away.

The chat group would be the start, if you wish to join and have internet access drop me an email. ecscmembersh@p@gmail.com.

Open to members only and you won't get swamped with stuff though some of the jokes are pretty bad.

Frank

Frank's Calendar

Sunday March 16th 2014

St. Patrick's Day BBQ 11- 3
Emily Murphy Park

Friday April 11th 2014

Edmonton Motor Show
Departure after lunch at Rt. 99 Diner.
2 - 6 or 7 p.m. drive back to Rt. 99 to pick up vehicles.

Friday May 2nd 2014

Red Deer Swap Meet
Departure after lunch at Rt. 99 Diner.
We've been going for dinner at the Toad n' Turtle and then heading back to Edmonton.

Friday May 3rd 2014

English Breakfast at Footloose Caboose
Antique Car Club may join us.
I'm of two minds on this one, enjoy the run but I don't eat eggs nor drink coffee so it's no foodganza for me.

Thursday May 15th 2014

Vancouver All British Car Show
Trying to convince Mike that three MGF's at Van Dusen would be good though the 6 a.m. departure from Acheson and 12 hour drive are causing tremors. Guess we'll see.

Friday June 5th 2014

BritsBest Classics in Radium B.C.
We're aiming for this one, staying at the Cedar Inn with any luck. The shows hotel is the Best Western but we like the slope of the Cedar Inn and they have a BBQ on the deck. Staying over till Monday with Hot Springs on the menu

Did I mention we could use some help with the cooking?

Ice Cream Runs will start soon.

Timmies is pulling the Cold Stone Creamery from it's Canadian Stores so we may need to do some pre ice cream drives to find more locals for ice cream runs. Just sayin'.

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“Cruise to the Capital” is a NAMGAR Regional Event, organized by the Canadian Classic MG Club, and associated with GT-39. The Cruise (C2C) is a drive for MGAs, Magnettes, MGBs, and other British cars from Victoria, British Columbia to GT-39 in Ottawa, Ontario. You can join the group anywhere along the route.

Route Schedule:

Start:	Victoria, BC	July 9:	Grand Forks, ND
July 4:	Surrey, BC	July 10:	Duluth, MN
July 5:	Sicamous, BC	July 11:	Munising, MI
July 6:	Calgary, AB	July 12:	Sudbury, ON
July 7:	Swift Current, SK	July 13:	Renfrew, ON
July 8:	Estevan, SK	July 14:	Ottawa, ON

Total Distance approximately 2,800 miles (4,480 kms), approximately 280 miles per day.

Participants will receive a C2C car plaque, a completion certificate (C2CCC), and the opportunity to wear a unique limited edition shirt identifying their love of cross-country driving.

We will be picking up participants along the route from both Canada and USA. We will assist any car owners who wish to truck their vehicle to the West Coast to join the drive at the start.

More information, including a route map, is available on the NAMGAR and GT-39 websites, and you should check these sites regularly for updates. An estimate of fuel and hotel costs for this drive from Victoria to Ottawa is available on request from the organizers.

Please make your hotel reservations for GT-39 in Ottawa directly with the host hotel - information is available at www.gt39.namgar.com/?page_id=48

Please indicate your interest in participating by sending an email to C2C@namgar.com, or calling Peter & Anne Tilbury at 604.535.0648.



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http://www.namgar.com/events/category/regional/2014_cruise_to_the_capital/

Cruise to the Capital is a NAMGAR Regional event with British cars driving from Victoria, BC to Ottawa, ON for GT39 in July 2014. We would like to invite members of the Edmonton Classic Sports Car Club to join us. We will be passing through Calgary on July 6th.

Route details and more information can be found on the web site www.namgar.com. A registration form will be in the January/February issue of MGA! magazine.

All the best for 2014.

Peter & Anne Tilbury

Tel: 604-535-0648



Regular Feature

THE MAGIC FORMULA

- DENNIS COULTHARD

- February 1, 1990

Have you ever thought about what a great club we have? On looking **back** over the years, I have noticed that our success is not by **accident**. I think we have developed from experience something that I call the "Magic Formula". Observe how we do **things**:

1. Our club meetings are events in themselves. In addition to informing members, our meetings are a time of fun and entertainment centering around members and their cars.
2. Club business is handled at business - publishing meetings and any interested members may attend and take **part**. Even these meetings are fun times, starting with supper, and ending with good fellowship at a nearby pub. Meetings are our times to have fun and play - we do enough work and **serious-stuff** during the day.
3. **We** never use "rules-of-order", **except** to recognize the Chairman as a sort of benevolent referee when necessary. Informality and co-operation are a refreshing change **from** the more serious times that we have during the day.
4. Have you noticed that we do not need **much** money to run our very successful club? **Events** are **inexpensive** and usually require only a "passing of the hat" or a pro-rata charge **for expenses**. **What** a relief to be able to avoid the problems of **fund-raising**.
5. The club doesn't own much of **anything**. The only notable exception is our club trailer which is really worthwhile. But otherwise we do not have the burden of having to keep track of club material and supplies. Less work and trouble for all of **us**. After **all**, we are here to have fun - we do enough work during the day.
6. Did you ever think about why our events are so successful? We keep them simple, inexpensive, oriented towards our cars, and last but not **least**, we feed our members at our events. It is **simple**, and it sure works well.
7. We are high on member participation. **Our** members run club events and organize them themselves. (If you want to see your Club **Executive** burn out in a hurry, try to make them do **everything**).



Regular Feature

8. Did you notice that our club newsletter is **mercifully** devoid of reprints of magazine articles that we have all read anyway? Our newsletter is full of articles written by members about ourselves and our cars. Isn't that the way it should be? **Entertaining** and **informative**, and about us - our club.
9. **We** don't hold membership drives. We don't have to. We distribute our newsletters around and we occasionally place a small advertisement under "Sports Cars" in the paper. But mostly we are our own best **advertisement**. Other people observe what a great time we are having and they **find us**, they **join**, and they become friends. **Quality** and not **quantity**, of members gives us a solid base to carry-on our **activities**.
10. Fellowship, **friendship** and tolerance: In spite of the wide diversity of people in our club, we **still** all get along because of our common interest in our odd little sports cars. We make fun of each other's makes of cars, but it is good-natured fun. After all, think of how dull things would be if we didn't have Triumph owners to make fun of!

Well, on thinking about the above, I have decided that I am getting too **mushy**! We can't be this good, CAN WE? Can we? We are so successful that we keep electing Chairmen with illusions of grandeur! First we had the Grande **Poobah** (Don **Spence**), then we had the Mikado (**Rob McDonald**), and **now**, My God! What have we done? (See John Crawley elsewhere in **this** issue) Maybe he gets his "Royal" inclinations from **owning** a Tiger? Doesn't he know that a Tiger is just a cushy boulevard convertible with an over-sized V-8 stuffed in it?

Dennis Cuthard



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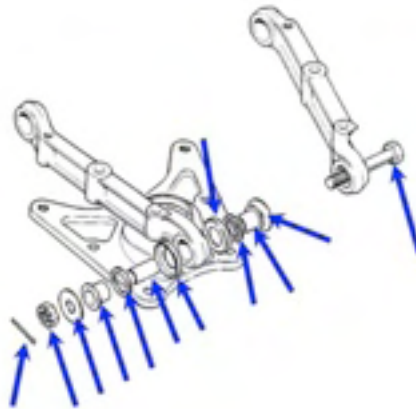
March Specials

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SU HD Spindle Seal Kit:

Due to the effect of ethanol on cork, the SU manufacturer has come up with a devised method of sealing the throttle shaft on the HD type carburetors.

This type of carburetor is common on Austin Healeys, Jaguar and Aston Martin, to name a few.

The kit contains two rubber seals, two spacers and the seal is fitted on the throttle shaft with the lip towards the carburetor body, and the spacer is pressed into the housing until flush with the body.

This type of seal will give an air tight fit and will not degrade in ethanol mixed fuels.

Kits are available at Sports Car Centre: **1 Kit will service 1 carburetor. Only \$7.50 per kit.**

Desert Finds & Other Oddities

My beloved and I fled to Southern California last month in search of sun and warmth — and while we weren't actually looking for old iron (honest, Sweetie!) it found us anyway.

Photos - Top to Bottom:

Doing a very fetching Pretty-Girl-At-The-Auto-Show routine, Lady Michelle is highlighting the features of this 1929-ish Lincoln Model L truck conversion parked in the desert near an abandoned mine site in Joshua Tree National Park. Although now a protected Federal asset, it's remarkable this car did not get salvaged into the hobby decades ago.

The Model L featured a 136" wheelbase and this 385in3 flathead V8 rated at 90 BHP.

Near Bombay Beach on the east coast of the Salton Sea (http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salton_Sea) the lake sands are gradually reclaiming abandoned seaside structures and trailers like this one in front of our Ford Fusion rental. I was able to salvage a length of rusty chain from this scrapheap that now secures the spare tires atop my '47 Dodge.

Further down the Salton Coast is Slab City, an abandoned military base now home to a variety of squatters, snowbirds, and the artist colony of "East Jesus" at which found objects and cast-offs are fashioned into creations like these mating VW Beetles ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slab City](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Slab_City)).

Lest readers think it was only old stuff, here is your reporter at the controls of the East Jesus Time Machine. Watch out Marty McFly!

Near Slab City is the folk art installation of Salvation Mountain, a desert hillside upon which local eccentric Leonard Knight lavished decades of labour, thousands of gallons of discarded paint and several tons of adobe and straw to create a numerous murals and areas covered with Christian sayings and bible verses ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salvation Mountain](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Salvation_Mountain)). The old car connection is this early '50s Chevrolet-powered house car, also heavily decorated by Knight, in which he lived, on site, for 28 years until 2011. Sadly, he passed away at a San Diego nursing home the day we visited Salvation Mountain.

Last but not least—and finally an actual running automobile—this '65 Cadillac low-rider coupe caught my eye at the 06:00-every-Saturday-morning car show at Donut Derelicts in Huntington Beach, CA.



Michelle highlighting the features of this 1929-ish Lincoln Model L Truck Conversion.



385 Cubic Inch Flathead 90 BHP V8.



Abandoned Trailer - East Coast of Salton Sea.



Mating VW Beetles in Slab City.



Chris seated in the "East Jesus Time Machine".



1965 Cadillac Low-Rider at "Donut Derelicts".



Leonard Knight's '50s Chevy Powered House Car.



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Chandler Car Show 2014

Last winter I wrote an article about a Jaguar concourse event in Chandler. Chandler holds its winter car show there as well. The event was \$35 pre-

registered and included a T shirt, a bag of advertising and a draw ticket. The event is designed to give back to multiple Chandler non-profits such as: My Sister's Place, ICAN, The Detherage Foundation, Well-Founded Hope and Dogs-4-Vets.



Most of the cars were American iron but there was a small group of cars that caught my eye. Two sprint cars, a Jag E Type coupe, a Tiger, a Singer and a fine group of Rolls and Bentleys as well as the Bat-Mobile.



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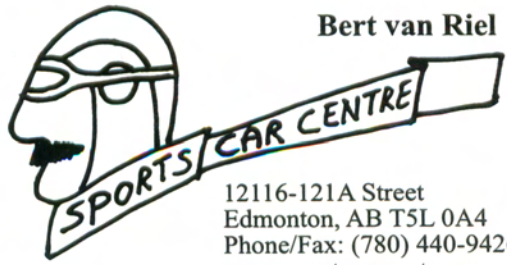
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