



# THE STEERING WHEEL



February/March 2023

*Celebrating our 45<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!*

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**Volunteer Board and All Member Meetings default location**

**will be held at:**

**150 East Meda Avenue  
Suite 100  
Glendora, CA 91741**

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## President's Member Message



Welcome to 2023, our 45th anniversary year. Before I talk about the great year ahead, I want to thank the outgoing Volunteer Board for serving our members during the unrepresented times of the pandemic and the years following Covid.

Our 2023 All MG Car Show will be spectacular. We will have an onsite food vendor, music, events, raffles, and, most importantly, YOU! This is a great opportunity to share time with fellow members and welcome the new members of the Club.

The Car Show will be at the Zimmerman Driving Museum in El Segundo on October 15, 2023, so please save the date. We also need member volunteers to help in the planning of our Car Show by contacting me.

Our area Meet and Greet Events are very popular and a great way to meet and connect with others in your community. San Fernando Valley Coordinator, Adam Lombard, has been building a consistency for the members located in the San Fernando Valley.

The San Gabriel Valley Meet and Greet will begin this year with a Meet and Greet February 4, 2023 for members that share the San Gabriel Valley community.

All members are welcomed at any of the Meet and Greets, regardless of where you live.

We will continue to have *All Member Meetings* throughout the year, and you are always welcomed and encouraged to attend any of the Board Meetings.

Thank you for allowing me to be your volunteer Club President.

Michael Lee



## MEMBERSHIP REPORT

As of 12/31/2022

### MEMBERSHIPS – 2022

TOTAL NEW MEMBERSHIPS	30
TOTAL RENEWED MEMBERSHIPS	107
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS</b>	<b>137</b>

### MEMBERSHIPS BY AREA

AREA 1-SFV	37
AREA 2-SGV	35
AREA 3-LA	34
AREA 4-OC	25
AREA 5-OOA	6
<b>TOTAL MEMBERSHIPS BY AREA</b>	<b>137</b>

### MG CARS BY MODEL

MG YA	1
MG YB	2
MG YT	1
MG Mquette	1
MG TC	3
MG TD	16
MG TF	8
MGA	25
MGB	82
MGBGT	21
MGC	1
MGCGT	0
MG Midget	5
<b>TOTAL CARS</b>	<b>166</b>

### Volunteer Board and All Member Meetings default time and location:

**11:00 am**  
**150 East Meda Avenue**  
**Suite 100**  
**Glendora, CA 91741**



## TREASURER'S REPORT - 2022

Total assets on December 31, 2022, were \$7,058. This consisted of cash of \$4,412 and regalia inventory of \$2,646. This was an increase of \$1,038 from the total assets balance on December 31, 2021, of \$6,020.

The financial activity for 2022 consisted of cash income of \$6,827 and expenditures of \$5,789. Member dues and name tag sales totaled \$4,009. Boots & Bonnets Car Show revenues were \$1,078. Other items totaled \$940.

Expenditures were Boots & Bonnets Car Show expenses of \$2,098. Regalia products sold and inventory items purchased totaled \$1,445. Website costs were \$1,364. Newsletter costs, bank and other fees and other items were \$882.

### Future Calendar Events ... Continued from page 1

#### AUGUST 2023

Pool Party at Diane Wertheim – Tentative

**Aug 6** - San Gabriel Valley Breakfast Meet & Greet

**Aug 20** - San Fernando Valley Breakfast Meet & Greet

**Aug 19** - Volunteer Board & All Member Meeting

#### SEPTEMBER 2023

**Sept 3** - San Gabriel Valley Breakfast Meet & Greet

**Sept 16** - Volunteer Board & All Member Meeting

**Sept 17** - San Fernando Valley Breakfast Meet & Greet

#### OCTOBER 2023

**Oct 1** - San Gabriel Valley Breakfast Meet & Greet

**Oct 1** - Central Coast British Car Show

**Oct 15** - Boots and Bonnets Car Show

**Oct 16-20** - GoF – West at Carlsbad, CA.....11

**Oct 21** - Volunteer Board & All Member Meeting

#### NOVEMBER 2023

**Nov 5** - San Gabriel Valley Breakfast Meet & Greet

**Nov 18** - Volunteer Board & All Member Meeting

**Nov 19** - San Fernando Valley Meet & Greet

#### DECEMBER 2023

Annual Holiday Party with Toy Drive



**Southern California MG Club**

*Safety Fast.*



## Tech Inspection at Checkerqued Flag

**DATE:** March 4, 2023

**TIME:** 8:00 am to 11:00 am

**PLACE:** 9833 Deering Avenue, Unit I  
Chatsworth, CA 91311

**COST:** \$15 per MG

**RSVP:** Zelda Wochna 213 308-7277 or [74.5.mgb@gmail.com](mailto:74.5.mgb@gmail.com)



Race car driver, MG mechanic and shop owner, Joe Siam, will meticulously perform an inspection of your vehicle from front to back. At this Highway Readiness Tech Session, your MG is placed on a lift and hoisted up exposing the underbody. He then lowers the hoist and inspects under the bonnet and in the cab. This inspection will cost you \$15 per vehicle while having lots of tire kicking opportunities. Come and join in on the fun! As an additional option, we will go to a local restaurant after the Tech Session for a meal.



**RSVP to Zelda by Thursday, March 2 by 8:00 p.m.**



# VALLEY BRITISH AUTO CLUB

IS PROUD TO PRESENT

## CLOVIS BRITISH AUTO ROUNDUP 2023

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26 • 9AM-3PM** No exits Before 3pm

valleybritish.org  
 ValleyBritishAutoClub  
 valley\_british\_auto\_club

# ENTRY FORM

PLEASE RETURN COMPLETED ENTRY FORM W/ CHECK PAYABLE TO "VALLEY BRITISH AUTO CLUB 2023 ROUNDUP" TO PO BOX 26594, FRESNO CA 93729-6594 OR REGISTER BY EMAIL WITH TAMMY WEBER AT RTWEBER@HOTMAIL.COM OR REGISTER ONLINE WWW.MOTORSPORTREG.COM

DRIVER FULL NAME		1ST ENTRY - YEAR, MARQUE, MODEL, COLOR							
CO-DRIVER FULL NAME		2ND ENTRY - YEAR, MARQUE, MODEL, COLOR							
STREET ADDRESS		<b>REGISTRATION FOR SUNDAY SHOW</b> \$30.00 FIRST CAR \$ _____ \$15.00 SECOND CAR \$ _____ \$20.00 MOTORCYCLE \$ _____ \$20.00 T SHIRT \$ _____ <b>TOTAL ENCLOSED= \$ _____</b> <small>SORRY, WE CANNOT REFUND REGISTRATION FEES</small>				<b>Release &amp; Waiver</b> By signing below, I/we fully release the Valley British Auto Club, its officers, members, and all other event sponsors from any and all liability for any loss, damage, or other claim on account of injury to persons or property resulting from my/our travel to & from the event. My registered car(s) are covered by suitable liability insurance. <i>Signature(s) required below.</i>			
CITY, STATE, ZIP									
EMAIL									
PHONE									
CELL		DRIVER'S SIGNATURE			DATE				
CLUB AFFILIATIONS		CO- DRIVER'S SIGNATURE			DATE				
T Shirt Order		S	M	L	XL	2XL	3XL	Other	Total:
\$20 A Shirt									
ORDER BEFORE 02/20/2023									
Male									
Female									

**Day of Show Registrations \$35.00**

Registration cannot be guaranteed after March 24th deadline. Please visit [www.valleybritish.org](http://www.valleybritish.org) for more information and verify receipt of your entry form.

# CLOVIS BRITISH AUTO ROUNDUP

**2023 Schedule of Activities**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 25**

10:00am..... Meet at Best Western Clovis Cole Hotel  
415 N.Clovis Ave. & 4th St  
for group rally through the Sierra Foothills.

10:00am..... "No Host" Rally Lunch at Bobby Salazar's  
434 Clovis Ave. & 4th St.  
across the street from Best Western Clovis is Cole Hotel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 26**

9:00am - 10:00am..... Please arrive for registration & parking assignments at Bullard Ave. & Woodworth Ave.

10:00am -2:00pm..... Car viewing, Antiques Fair & Old Town Clovis exploring. Hand crank contest.

2:00pm -3:00pm..... Oil Spot Contest and awards presentations

3:00pm ..... Close of Show for 2023. See you next year!



## What Makes My Wheels Go?

**You are rolling down the street.....WHAT IS THAT LEAK . . .**



**Drip                  Drip                  Drip**



**Come and hear Russ Thompson’s lecture on Keeping Your Car Rolling and Preventing a Break-down with question and answer periods.**

**You may submit your questions in advance.**

**Date:** April 15, 2023  
**Time:** 9:00 am - 11:00 am  
**Place:** Thompson British Car  
 8756 Amigo Avenue, #B  
 Northridge, CA 91324

**Coffee and Donuts will be provided.**  
**Must RSVP to: 74.5.mgb@gmail.com**  
**Space is limited - Park in the Back of his shop or on the street.**



**ALL BRITISH CAR MEET AND AUTO JUMBLE  
WOODLEY PARK, VAN NUYS**

***Sunday, April 23, 2023 - 9am to 4pm***

**One car \$20 – Two cars for \$35**

**Contact Queen's English at [info@queens-english.org](mailto:info@queens-english.org) or by voice, (626) 797-4221.**

**GATES OPEN AT 8:00 AM FOR PARTICIPANTS**

This premiere British Car Meet and Auto Jumble is where you park your car on the grass and enjoy other enthusiasts "ideas" on the upgrading of their car or the fact that the car is original. You will see all makes and models of British cars. It could take all day to visit each car that is parked on the field. Come early so that we can park our cars next to each other. The Club will set up a tent for all to congregate.





*Come*  
**ROCK N' ROLL** with us at

The Host Hotel will be the Hilton, in Memphis, TN

**NAMGAR GT-48**  
**June 12-16, 2023**  
Memphis, Tennessee  
Home of Blues, BBQ and Graceland!




## Southern California MG Club Breakfast Meetings

**San Fernando Valley**  
Breakfast Meet & Greet  
**Greystoke Grill**  
18395 Ventura Boulevard  
Tarzana  
Parking in front.  
The restaurant serves  
American food.

8:30 Visit & Kick Tires  
9:00 Breakfast

**January 29**



**San Gabriel Valley**  
Breakfast Meet & Greet  
**Lucky Baldwin's Trappiste Pub**  
1770 East Colorado Boulevard,  
Pasadena  
Parking in the rear.  
The restaurant serves a  
Traditional English Breakfast

8:30 Visit & Kick Tires  
9:00 am Breakfast

**February 4**



# MG2023 CALGARY, ALBERTA



<https://mg2023.regfox.com/calgary>

The Calgary MG Car Club is proud to have been chosen to host the North American MGB Register's annual convention in 2023. The event will take place in the City of Calgary, Alberta, Canada from July 17-20th inclusive.

Our host hotel is The Deerfoot Inn and Casino in the city's southeast. We are planning on site and off-site activities for the duration of the convention and urge participants to plan early arrivals and/or late departures, to avail themselves of the many varied activities and attractions this vibrant city has to offer.

Within the city, the world-famous Calgary Exhibition and Stampede ends its 10-day run immediately before the convention, we have penguins, and periodic "penguin walks" as well as a dinosaur park and the garden conservatory with its amazing variety of butterflies at the Calgary Zoo and many on site attractions and activities at Heritage Park with its steam train, sternwheeler, and static attractions where you can spend hours or

days gazing back into Alberta's Pioneer history.

Outside the city there are many sights and attractions to enjoy, including the Bomber Command Museum of Canada at Nanton, Tyrell Museum of Paleontology at Drumheller, and world-famous National Park destinations, Banff, Lake Louise and Columbia Ice Fields, not to mention hundreds of miles of roads and trails, with their breathtaking vistas, coursing through the foothills of the Rocky Mountains virtually at the city limits.

Please mark your calendars, pack your passports and bags, and plan the vacation of a lifetime to this spectacular part of the world, while enjoying the camaraderie of like-minded MG enthusiasts.

Come early, stay late and take advantage of our legendary western hospitality, and the amazing reduced hotel rates offered by our host facility.

*Come horse around in Calgary with us this summer.*

## July 17-20, 2023

<https://mg2023.regfox.com/calgary>

E-mail: [info@mg2023.org](mailto:info@mg2023.org)



1990 a group of British car enthusiasts formed the North American MGB Register as a Non-Profit Organization dedicated to maintaining and expanding interest in Britain's most popular sports car, the MGB. This group encourages national meetings of British car owners to travel the north American Continent to meet once a year. This year, 2023, the Calgary MG Club will host the annual gathering. The Calgary MG Car Club was organized in 1979 for the purpose of enhancing the MG British style of motoring, and the preservation of the MG marque. On the next page is the Events Diary for planning drives and other activities for the convention.

# MG2023 EVENTS DIARY

NOTE: PLEASE CONFIRM EVENT TIMES AND LOCATIONS IN REGISTRATION

MON - 17th July	TUE - 18th July	WED - 19th July	THR - 20th July	
<b>Morning</b>				
<b>ONLY A FEW MORE HOURS</b>	REGISTRATION - 8:30-5:00 TECH - YAGER 9:00-10:00	REGISTRATION - 8:30-5:00 TECH - ZBARSKY 9:00-10:00 JOHN TWIST ROLLING TECH SESSION 9:30-2:30	<b>9:00am – 2:00pm</b>  <b>MG2023 CAR SHOW</b>  <b>Rocker Cover Races at Show (Don't forget your racer)</b>	
	TECH - TOWLER 10:30-11:30			
	<b>GUIDED TOURS</b>			<b>BUS TOUR - BANFF (ALL DAY)</b>
	Phillips Automobile Collection (am) (24 cars)			
	Highwood Pass (24 cars)			
	Royal Tyrrell Museum / Dinosaur Valley (24 cars)			
	<b>SELF-GUIDED TOURS</b>			<b>SELF-GUIDED TOURS</b>
	Nanton Air Museum	Nanton Air Museum		
Eau Claire Distillery	Eau Claire Distillery			
Additional Local Drives	Additional Local Drives			
<b>Afternoon</b>				
1:00pm REGISTRATION OPENS  REGISTRATION CLOSES 5:00PM	REGISTRATION - Until 5:00 TECH - STEVENSON 1:00-2:00	REGISTRATION - Until 5:00 TECH - MILLER 1:00-2:00 TECH - CONNOLLEY 2:30-3:30	<b>9:00am – 2:00pm</b>  <b>MG2023 CAR SHOW</b>	
	<b>GUIDED TOURS</b>			<b>BUS TOUR - BANFF (ALL DAY)</b>
	Phillips Automobile Collection (pm) (24 cars)			
		SILENT AUCTION ENDS 4:00pm		
<b>Evening</b>				
7:00pm Welcome and First Timers Reception (Cash Bar)	5:30pm Meet-n-Greet (Cash Bar)  6:30-8:30 MG2023 Tuesday Night Dinner at Ranchman's	On Your Own Explore many of the fine restaurants in the Calgary area	6:00 Pre-Banquet  7:00pm Closing Banquet One Last Bash Before You Head Home Food - Fun - Awards - Prizes and Surprises	
<p><small>These times are correct to the best of our knowledge at the time of printing, but are subject to change. Final times will be posted at MG2023 Registration in the hotel. Events will be held at the hotel unless otherwise noted.</small></p>			20221202	

Doug and Zelda have registered for this event, and they hope that you will join us. The plan is to drive six (6) hours a day leaving from Los Angeles on July 13 taking the 101 north. Please do give them a call if you plan on driving to Calgary! Zelda 213 308 7277 – Doug 818 442 1047. Also remember, this will be a trip across the border with all that goes with an international border crossing.



## Old Tech Lecture Notes -- WHAT IS THAT NOISE?



**Marvel Mystery Oil** is a handy product to add to your garage oil section. This oil can be placed in oil and gasoline and can be used to solve many oil problems.



# Gathering of the Faithful - West

The Gathering of the Faithful (GoF) is not just for The T Series and Y Series MG. All Classes of MGs are welcomed to participate. It is a car show to meet car enthusiasts who love those first MGs. It is a fantastic group of folks ranging in age from 12 to those who can still legally drive.



## GoF West 2023 October 16-20, 2023 Carlsbad, CA

*Come to the Beach!*

### GoF West 2023 Registration

#### Cost of Registration

\$60 use before March 31, 2023  
\$75 use Apr 1-Aug 31, 2023  
\$100 use as of Sept 1, 2023  
In-Spirit\* \$30 use

*\*In-Spirit registrants will receive a patch, pin, dash plaque and event guide.*

Cancellations will revert to "In-Spirit." If received by May 31, 2022 the remainder less fees incurred will be refunded. If received after May 31, 2023, no refunds will be given.



### GoF West 2023 Hotel Information

#### Holiday Inn Carlsbad

2725 Palomar Airport Road, Carlsbad,  
California US 92009

Group Rates: \$159.00\* King/\$189.00\* Queen-Queen \*plus  
tax and current fees are 12.195%

**Group Name: GoF West 2023**

**Book early to ensure that you get a room at the host hotel  
as the cut off date is September 15, 2023.**

**Cancellation Policy:** Group cancellation policy applies to all reservations  
in the group block. Reservations must be e-guaranteed by credit card at  
time of booking. Cancellations within 7 days of arrival will be charged  
one night's room and tax, and no-shows will be charged entire length of  
stay.

#### Carlsbad Area Attractions

#### Carlsbad-area Beaches

- So. Carlsbad State Beach
- Carlsbad State Beach
- Encinitas Moonlight Beach
- Oceanside Beach & Pier

Carlsbad Premium Outlets  
5620 Paseo Del Norte, Carlsbad, CA

The Miniature Engineering  
Craftsmanship Museum  
3190 Lionshead Ave, Carlsbad, CA

LEGOLAND California  
1 Legoland Dr, Carlsbad, CA

K-1 Indoor Go-Karting  
6212 Corte Del Abeto, Carlsbad, CA  
Museum of Making Music  
5790 Armada Dr, Carlsbad, CA



Samantha Lee (10 years old) & Zelda at 2015 GoF



## GoF WEST 2023 Registration Form Carlsbad, California Oct 16-20, 2023

Registr. #

*staff use*

**\$60 USD before March 31, 2023**  
**\$75 USD Apr 1-Aug 31, 2023**  
**\$100 USD as of Sept 1, 2023**  
**In-Spirit \$30 USD**

In-Spirit registrants will receive a patch,  
pin, dash plaque and event guide

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Names — as you want them on your name tag and the event guide

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Co-driver \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Children, under 12, (or dependents) who will be attending with you: \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Country \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Phone #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Note: Registration confirmation will be sent by email

Primary Club Affiliation (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Other Club Affiliations (if any) \_\_\_\_\_

Have attended \_\_\_\_\_ GoF Wests or this is my First GoF West

MG to display\*: Year \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Color \_\_\_\_\_  If your MG has major mods from stock, please check here and list on the back. (such as non MG engine or exterior resembling a different model)

want my MG listed but will not display

\* Please notify us ASAP if you later plan to display a different MG so we can plan out the car display and have adequate class awards

Will you be bringing a trailer? Yes  No

Will you participate in the rally? Yes  No

Will you stay at the Holiday Inn? Yes  No

Participate in the funkhana? Yes  No

Method of Payment: PayPal   
send to  
GoFWestInc@gmail.com

Zelle   
send to  
GoFWestInc@gmail.com

Check   
Make checks  
payable to GoF West

### Hotel Information:

**Holiday Inn Carlsbad**  
**2725 Palomar Airport Road**  
**Carlsbad, CA 92009**  
**Phone - 760-438-2725**

\*GoF West 2023\* rate of King-\$159\* or Two-Queens-\$189\*  
To get group rate, reserve by Sept 15, 2023.

\* Plus tax and fees (currently a total of 12.195%)

### Mail registration to:

GOF WEST 2023  
 1454 CHASE TER  
 El Cajon, CA 92020-8368

or email to:

[GoFWestInc@gmail.com](mailto:GoFWestInc@gmail.com)

More information will be posted on the [www.GoFWest.org](http://www.GoFWest.org) website as available (can use QR code above)

or contact David & Joyce Edgar (Co-Chairs) at [GoFWestInc@gmail.com](mailto:GoFWestInc@gmail.com) or 619-593-8255

Form date  
12/18/22

## PAST EVENTS

### Heaton and Wochnas Drive with Robert Tyler on New Year's Day with Southern California Triumph Club

#### Jim Heaton.



I was graciously invited by Doug Wochna, a member of the Southern California Triumph Club, to join them on a New Year's Day Drive through Angeles National Forest. We gathered in Sun Valley early on a crisp, clear day. There were 10 triumphs a Miata and me in my lone MGB. I was welcomed from the very friendly group. We traveled approximately 67 miles and about two hours, through the beautiful scenery of the "Forest". We had clear skies, cloudy skies, drizzle rain and some short downpours. Many had their top down. You can stay dry if you are moving over 35 mph. Great fun! We had brunch at Otto's in Santa Clarita and enjoyed good conversation. I reconnected with a member who I had not seen since the mid-1990's. I hope to be able to join them again, soon.



So Cal. Triumph Club members on the January 1 Run with So Cal MG Club members joining in on their first run of the year.

**Doug Wochna.** Zelda and I had been absorbed with Holiday events for what seemed like forever and were both itching to get back out on the road again. The recent, and very heavy, Southern California rainstorms did not help. The Central Coast club had a nice New Year's Day drive planned. But the threatening storms forecast that afternoon convinced us to join the Triumph Club of Southern California's New Year's Day Run instead. Not only was their drive a little shorter (About 70 miles total), but it started a lot closer to home. This also seemed a good opportunity to get our 1979 Triumph Spitfire out on a drive, as it is usually sitting at home while the MG's have all the fun!

I contacted Robert Tyler, the nice gentleman who organized this Drive for SCTC, and asked him if Jim Heaton and the two of us could participate. "The more the merrier" or something like that, was Robert's cheerful response.

New Year's Day morning was cool, with a partly cloudy sky. The roads were dry despite the heavy rains of yesterday.

We pulled out the Spitfire and started her up after putting on the new Bimini top. With the heater on and Zelda tucked under a blanket, we headed to the meeting spot. (Continued on next page)



## Zelda Davis Wochna.

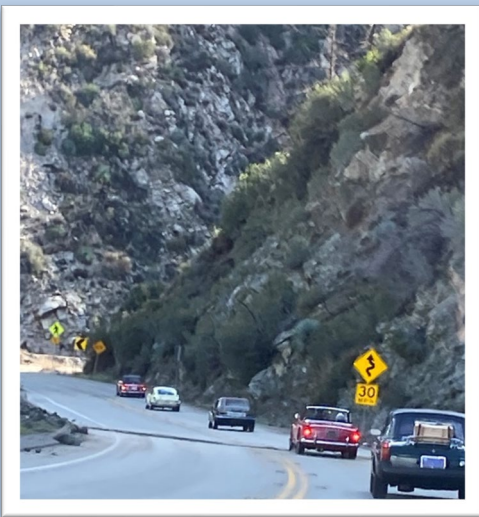
Doug arose early in the morning and set up the Spitfire with the specially made, prototype, Bimini Top from Ed Kirkland for the Triumph. The day was sunny and a bit cool with rain forecasted later in the afternoon. We traveled the canyons of Angeles Forest Highway. It was so beautiful with the high hills as we drove through the valleys near Tujunga. The Spitfire seemed to enjoy the curves and swerves of the road. Doug expertly handled the Spitfire. I enjoyed looking at the views from the passenger seat. Our fellow participants were ready to start the drive when we arrived 15 minutes before the scheduled start time. Once on the drive, it started to sprinkle. I was enjoying the briskness of the day and not getting wet. We drove out of a shower and into another. We were still dry in the main cab of the little British car. The driving pace Tyler set was enjoyable; fast enough to feel the challenge of the road; and slow enough so that in the event of a mud slide we were not bunched up.

## Doug's Article Continued...



The Drive was to start at the Coco's dinner in Sunland-Tujunga. About 18 miles from our home. It was a good meeting spot. Lots of parking and close to the mountains. Since this was our first trip with the Triumph club, we had to introduce ourselves to our new friends. There were a few old friends from the Central Coast club, or from other car shows there as well. Of course, Zelda had to indoctrinate the group to her photography methods. In particular the mandatory "group photo" before we rolled out, which included the protracted positioning of the participants (you can't hurry art!) And the somewhat successful call for "Smiles everyone!!"

At 10 am, a dozen cars rolled out. Ten Triumphs including TR-3's, TR-4's, TR-6's, GT-6's and Spitfires, Jim Heaton's British Racing Green MGB and a white



Miata headed out of the Coco's parking lot and towards Big Tujunga Canyon road. The group was able to stay together for the entire trip. We drove up the twisting canyon roads, past the pine trees

and campgrounds, heading up and over the mountains

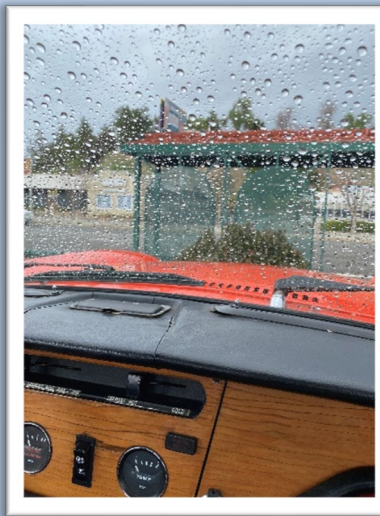
of the Angeles Forest towards Acton. Robert Tyler led the drive, and he is a skilled leader. The drive was perfect. Just fast enough to keep your interest, but not so fast as to break up the group. It was a fun and very pleasant trip. The scenery was outstanding and the weather crisp. Between curves, I looked over at Zelda who was snuggled under a blanket, a big smile on her face. The heater kept us warm.

Robert took us on a little under two-hour drive through the mountains, finishing at Oggi's Rest-aurant in Santa Clarita. There, we all enjoyed a great lunch and discussed the trip, and all things automotive.



On the way back to the San Fernando valley, Zelda and I encountered a downpour. The Bimini top did an acceptable job of keeping us from getting completely soaked. With a smile still on her face Zelda

told me that she had faced much worse storms during her trips cross country in her MGB. "That was nothing!" She said.



The little orange Spitfire performed admirably, running great throughout the trip. The only hiccup was the taillights, which acted up during the trip, probably because of the rain (Note: Later, a ground connection was found to be at fault).

Thank you, Robert Tyler and the SC Triumph club; it was a wonderful outing. We felt very welcome by this friendly group of British Sports Car enthusiasts and look forward to future drives together.



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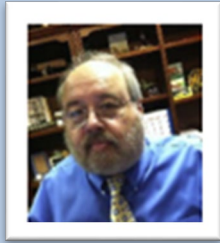
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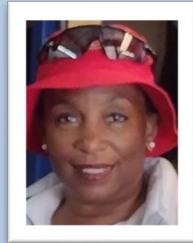




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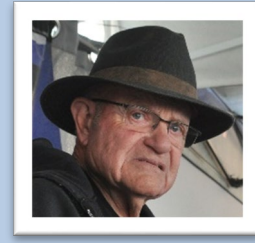
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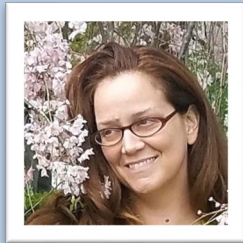
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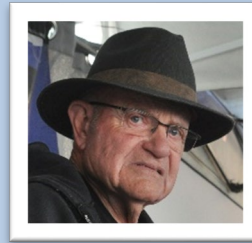
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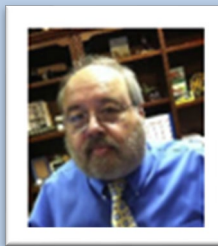
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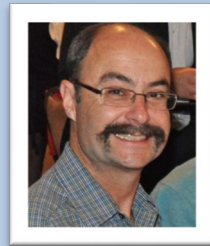
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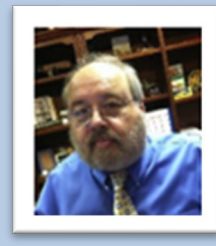
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