

Northstate Ramblings

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Here comes another newsletter! Since the last issue, we've only had one event, and a meeting I regrettably missed. I've been spending some time on the yellow '72 B GT I'm restoring for a friend. The initial start should happen in the next week or so, if I can get the parts together. Just this morning I was forced to take my relatively new Jeep into the shop to have a leaky axle fixed; just hoping it is a simple seal problem. But onto club news...

This past month saw the first of what I hope will become an annual event: the Heidel Burgers. The Heidels (Harry, Andy, and Monica) graciously welcomed us at their home in Shingletown. Harry was busy grilling away, while the rest of us sat and told stories, mostly true, some otherwise. We got a look at Ryan Laughy's V6 powered Sunbeam Alpine. Ryan is to be congratulated on a very professional looking installation. It really does look like it is supposed to be there. The headers were pretty sweet as well!



Those in attendance were Harry, Andi & Monica Heidel, Ryan & Cathy Laughy, Eric & Dianne Wahlman, Kevin & Carol Burkholder, Paul & Barbara Young, Dave Barnes, Gary Hartley & Molly, Matt Hartley, and Mitchell and Scott McIntyre. Three MG Bs (if you count Harry's), and a Sunbeam Alpine were the only British cars to be found out front. Harry's burgers easily lived up to their reputation (in a good way); I think the Hartley gang alone put away 10 of them! The green Ketchup provided by Monica was also a big hit with the younger BritCar fans. I had to leave a bit early for work, so I do not know if a tour took place afterwards. I had heard rumors of a run in the making. Thank you again to the Heidels for inviting us. Hope we can do it again!

One last thing from your editor. As some of you know, I work at Logan's Roadhouse. My work schedule has recently changed, and I will now be working on Monday nights. Obviously, this means I will not be able to make the meetings. Now, I am more than happy to continue writing the newsletter and reporting on events. I will still be able to make out other events, just not the meetings. However, if this is a problem for anyone, I will understand if people think this responsibility should be handed over to someone who doesn't work nights. I shall have Gary bring this up at the meeting. Feel free to share any thoughts you might have on the subject then. Now, to the news...

Matt Hartley
Newsletter Editor RBCC



Calendar

September

- 7th & 8th ~ Palo Alto British Car Meet. Rally on 7th, show on 8th
- 9th ~ Meeting, Convention Center, 7pm
- 21st ~ Ladies' Event. See below.
- 22nd ~ Chico Concours d' Elegance. See below.

October

- 14th ~ Meeting, 7pm, Convention Center. Followed by a short night tour.

November

- 11th ~ Meeting, 7pm, Good Times Pizza in Anderson
- 17th ~ Polar Bear run

Special Notes:

RBCC Ladies' Event, Sunday, September 21st (by Eileen Hartley).

A few months ago, Gary made a trip to the Mendocino Coast for work and stopped in a quaint little shop (yes, he does like to shop on occasion). With the MG/Jag and me in mind, he bought

a backpack type carrier filled with everything needed for a romantic repast. He thought it would be great fun to take long drives, stopping along the way for a picnic (wine included!). Well, guys, now is the time to put together a special care package for you and the woman in your life and treat her to a Ladies' Day Out. You pack the lunch, drive the car (check the car out thoroughly ... no breakdowns on this trip!!) and provide a memorable day of relaxation for her. We are planning this event on September 21, 2002 beginning at 11 am (we'll meet at the Convention Center lawn). We'll be heading up the winding hills to Hat Creek. Just imagine a warm September day, a nice breeze blowing through your hair, your favorite woman next to you, some classical music blasting on the radio, and a special lunch packed away for the two of you ... well, OK, back to reality ... We are hoping you'll join us for a nice, relaxing mountain cruise. If you don't have a significant other to bring along, please don't let that stop you from enjoying a nice autumn drive. We'd love to have you join us too! Personally, I'm looking forward to trying out our new backpack. Can't wait to see what Gary packs for us to eat ... I think!!

Chico Concours d' Elegance, Sunday, Sept. 22nd: This day is the actual Concours event. Come out and view the wide array of vintage vehicles. This show held on the grounds of Chico State University is a must see. This is the 24th annual event, and it just keeps getting better with age, just like the vehicles. Our goal is to have a fun event, but more importantly...we want to donate funds to the PREVENTION OF CHILD ABUSE. **From Brian Mt. Joy, Chico Exchange Club, via e-mail. No info on cost or registration, but you can e-mail Brian at work for more information. bmtjoy@missionlinen.com**



The Classic-Fieds

- My husband Steve Bischoff and I have a 1974 MGB that we wish to sell. It had been newly painted in Dove Grey, and is in very good running condition. You can call us at 347-9747 or e-mail at gaytalmey@msn.com. We live in Cottonwood. Thank you, Gay Talmey.
- 1985 Jaguar XJ-6. \$1200. Call Dean @ 275-9532. Located in Redding, CA.

Treasurer's Report

Zero activity! Again ! - here is the financial status of the Redding British Car Club, as of August 31, 2002:

Beginning balance:	\$540.26
<u>Inflows</u>	
	<u>0.00</u>
	0.00
<u>Outflows</u>	
	<u>0.00</u>
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Ending Balance	\$540.26

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From the President:

As we pass from the summer into the fall months, RBCC goes inside (our October meeting will be at Good Times Pizza in Anderson). With that move, we will be introducing a modicum of formality into the meetings, just for the heck of it. Well, not really...

We have some business to do at each meeting, including reports, announcements, and proposals for the membership to consider. I think it is important to keep track of things as the club grows, since most of the ideas are good ones and deserve some follow up. We also need to make sure that correct information is circulating so that no one is left behind or shows up for an event on the wrong day. Or with the wrong shoes (ladies event is in September!).

Also, we need better decorum in the meetings. We all do our best to be there on time, and yet it is realistic to spend the first 15 minutes ordering food and getting drinks. At 7:15 the formal meeting starts, complete with agenda (to be published in that month's newsletter, which you receive just a few days before the meeting). We will need about 30 minutes for this portion of the meeting, and everyone should make an effort to listen rather than talk during this time, unless you happen to have the floor. Some of us old codgers have difficulty hearing the person speaking when others are having side conversations (partly because we want to hear the side conversations, too!).

After the formal part of the meeting, discussion, stories, questions and telling of lies are all fair game. For most of us, this is a great part of the meeting since we learn so much from other members (especially their mistakes). Hopefully, this "new order" will help us all enjoy and appreciate the meetings more, and make us an even greater force for social change in the Redding area. Well, not really...

Gary D. Hartley, 66 E-Type, 69 MGB, 67 MGC-GT



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