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# Rolling News

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## Potluck & Christmas Party

**Date:** Saturday, December 2, 2023

**Time:** 1:00 pm (new time)

**Place:** Masonic Lodge, 601 W. Peckham Lane, Reno, NV

**RSVP:** Please RSVP to Kathy Schuett using the link sent out via email. If you didn't RSVP, you can still join the festivities. Just show up!

We will have our annual General Meeting after lunch along with a gift exchange. Limit your gift to \$25.00 and it should have something to do with cars or the Mother country. (For couples, one gift per couple.)

The club will be supplying ham, coffee, tea, soft drinks, water and wine.

***It's time to pay your 2024 dues. If you plan on paying at the Christmas party, please bring a check. Easier to keep track of who pays.***

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- On Page 8 Pam Schueler wrote an article about this year's Gathering of the Faithful West event.

## President's Message

### Articles of Impeachment #12 By Ray Hiett

Members of our glorious little group gathered on November 12 at the Cantina Los Tres Hombres in the Sparks Marina shopping for our November (what else) luncheon. I didn't get a head count but by the time Nancy and I got there, there was only one seat at the tables. There must have been at least 40 LBC owners present. We sat at a nearby table, and were joined by new members Rick and Mari Upton, owners of a 66 MGB. They recently moved to Reno from Alameda CA. Very nice people, but I can overcome that. Hope to see them at Mimi's. The food and service were great, and my guess is we'll go back. The only problem was the acoustics. Nobody could hear my words of wisdom and I don't think they really cared because they were having a good time, but they did applaud when I finished. I'll just have to learn to live with that kind of praise. **(See page 9 for pictures of the event.)**

Our next gathering (**tomorrow**) will be our annual Christmas party to be held at the Masonic Lodge on Peckham Lane on December 2 at 1:00 p.m.. By the time you get this newsletter it will be on top of us, so I hope everyone signed up using the link Kathy sent out. The club will supply the ham, soda, water, coffee and wine. Members will bring sides and deserts. There will be a gift exchange. Gift costs should be kept automotive or something to do with Great Britain. Gift costs should be kept around \$25.

Mimi's on January 3, 2024, will be our first breakfast meeting of 2024. See future events for December 2023 Mimi dates.

Next up is the first luncheon meeting of 2024 at the Lil Wall on N. Virginia St on January 13, 2024 starting at 11:30. We'll order from the menu and pay our own tabs. It's a good time. Yes, I will be speaking, probably going over what's hopefully happening in 2024. We're looking at some different venues for next year and I hope to have some concrete information at that time.

I was talking to past president Peter Gulash recently and he had some ideas that I listened to for once. He brought up the issue of new car badges. A purchase requires a minimum order and can tie up some of the club monies for a time. We have 2 styles of jacket logos so why not offer a badge with logo that's the other than the one we used for our last order. There may be members that would like both styles. Just something for members to ponder on these cold days when working on our LBCs in a cold garage doesn't seem like the fun it was 40 years ago. I think the last ones I bought were \$30 each. So new ones will be in that range.

I know I haven't made it to 500 words, but you'll just have to get over yourselves.

Wishing you and your families a joyful holiday season,

Ray

## 2024 Membership Dues

It is time to renew your RBCC membership dues for 2024. **Please pay your \$30 dues by 1/31/2024.**

You can now renew your membership dues online: <https://renoallbritish.org/asp-products/club-membership-dues/>

You can point your phone camera on the QRCode to the right, and go directly to the website to pay your dues online.



Or you can send a check for \$30 made payable to Reno British Car Club, P.O. Box 21013  
Reno, NV 89515-1013

Or pay Dale Schuett at the Christmas party on December 2nd or at the Mimi's Café breakfasts. Checks are preferred when you pay in person (easier to keep track of who paid vs cash).

## Do you want to get more involved in the RBCC?

As our club grows (which is exciting!), we are in the need for more volunteers to help with various duties. The RBCC Board is looking to fill our final new Board Members (non-voting). If interested, please contact Ray Hiatt, President.

- **Director of Driving Events**—this position would schedule and route driving events for our members. Ideally four driving events a year.

## Tech Session on November 4th – engine seal

Report and photos by Lawson Fox

A Midget's 1275cc heart was leaking excessive oil. Technical director Steve Brooks led a very motivated team of ten to dig in and uncover the problem.

Hands got dirty and muscles stretched but everyone and everything came out in good shape. Actually replacing the seals will be tackled later, but the engine and tranny pull got done which always goes better when many hands and brains team up.

The midget's main driver Brian Kahler thanked everyone profusely for their help but confessed that he felt some anxiety looking at everything all pulled apart and the reassembly still to come. But I am sure the tech team will be ready to answer the call when the newly sealed engine is ready to jump back under the bonnet.

Thanks again to Steve Brooks, our Director of Tech Sessions and Brian Kahler, Midget owner and host. And volunteers Peter Gulash, Sean and Ciaran Burke, Victor Hounsell, Dale Schuett, Ken Moberly, Lawson Fox and Randy Wright.

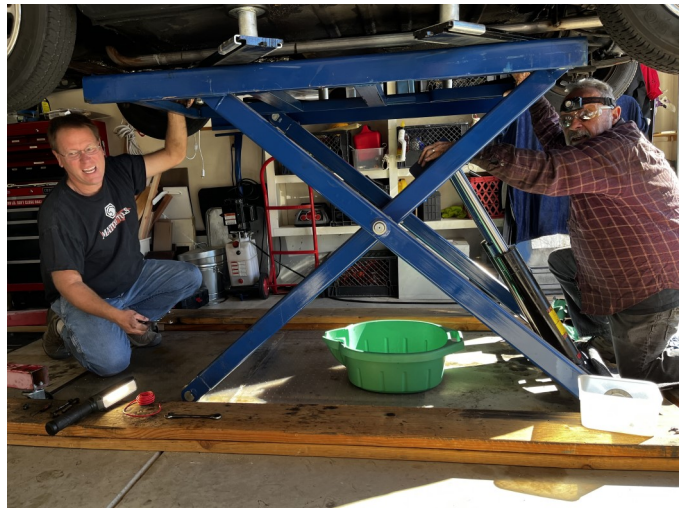


Brian Kahler posted a video of the RBCC Tech Session on our website. Go to: The RBCC Tech Session to the Newsletter/Events page.

<https://renoallbritish.org/newsletters-events/>

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New generation RBCC member.



## Drive Your Dream

### Ginger, a 1966 AH Sprite Mark III Covid 19 car

By Ken Moberly

In early 2020 the governor of Nevada announced that my wife, Terry, and I were to be separated from our families and friends due to Covid-19. I decided then that Terry and I needed a project to keep us busy as we would be spending a lot of time together and at home. Steve, a friend of a friend living in the Los Angeles, CA area had a 1966 Austin Healey Sprite Mark III in dire need of restoration, rust-free, and for sale.

In May of 2020, Terry and I hooked up our car trailer and drove from Reno, NV to Glendora, CA to pick up the Sprite. Steve had a long history with the car, had done a lot of mechanical work on it, and had replaced the 1098cc engine with a 1275cc and a ribbed transmission. Steve ended up owning the Sprite in a 'Mechanics Lien' deal so there was no clear California title which was a real problem for Nevada DMV. The Sprite was also missing a lot of pieces, but Steve found them in his garage.



Over the course of several months, Terry and I spent our time together working on the Sprite. We tore the car apart and had the metal soda blasted, primed, and painted. The Sprite was originally green and our daughter, Kristy, picked "our" green for us from a Canada Dry Ginger Ale can. That's why we call her "Ginger Ale".



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Due to the worldwide Covid related work stoppage parts became difficult to find and even longer to get delivered. Reordering backordered parts also became common. We tried to order a replacement wiring harness for the Sprite but wiring harnesses were backordered for months. So, we laid the harness out on our patio, tore it apart, and rebuilt it replacing stiff and wrong color wires and bad end connectors. We wrapped the “new” harness with harness wrap, taped it up and it worked as advertised.

The wheels, roll bar, and most of the cockpit metal work, including the dash were powder-coated black. We cleaned and polished each chrome part and were able to reuse almost all the original pieces.



We had the seats upholstered but found the frames to be out of a bigger car and the finished seats turned out too large for the Sprite. We replaced the seats using seats from our Bugeye Sprite and gave the expensive, newly upholstered, leather seats to our grandsons to use as game room chairs and they love them.

The tach and gas gauge had to be sent to Nisonger Instruments in New York for conversion to negative ground. A new speedometer was installed along with a new radiator, new master cylinder, new K&N air filters, new starter, new steering wheel, new tonneau cover,

new tires, new carpet kit, new horns, new leaf springs and rebuilt shocks in the back, new “lowered” coil springs and all new steering components in the front, new bushings, seals and grommets through-out the car and a new front anti-sway bar rounded out the restoration.

Terry and I spent the better part of a year working on the Sprite. We had a lot of just-the-two-of-us time, and this little car gave us a goal that kept us busy.

Two and a half years after the restoration we were finally able to complete the job by adding a brand new, but then unobtainable, winged Austin Healey logo bonnet badge. “Ginger” recently took second place in the Spridget Class at the Reno British Motor Show 2023. She looks and drives great and gave Terry and me a project that will not be forgotten.



# Gathering of the Faithful West

By Pam Schueler

Bill and I traveled to Carlsbad, CA for the 2023 Gathering of the Faithful West [Home \(gofwest.org\)](https://gofwest.org) to celebrate MGs 100 years.



“Millie” followed us all the way and back without incident! 135 cars were registered. 43 were first timers to the event. I was one of six in the Premier class, since there was a small number only first place was given and it wasn’t me.

They did a great job with the Rally and the Funkhana. We came in first at the Funkhana in the 1956 & Later MG’s. We wandered the hills east of Carlsbad for the Rally. The early morning fog made it interesting to look for the items to be found. Almost didn’t see the Dam!

The car display was at a nearby winery. Food, wine, and bathrooms were available! The day was amazingly warm considering the next morning we were driving the hills through the fog.



Next year’s Gathering of the Faithful will be close by, Lake Natoma Inn, Folsom, CA, Oct 14-18, 2024. I have also been elected to the Steering Committee and look forward to representing RBCC. Lesson learned do not show up at a planning meeting if you are the only one from your car club!

Looking forward to a new experience and hope the MG owners will share with me what they would like to see at next year’s GoF event! Follow the link to see highlights of the 2023 gathering. <https://youtube.com/watch?v=nJoOghGkazI>



## Cantina Los Tres Hombres Lunch on November 11, 2024

Photos submitted by Dennis Tholen

As Ray mentioned in his President's message there was a good turn out for the November 11th luncheon at Cantina Los Tres Hombres in Sparks. Here are a some photos from the event.



## Mimi's Breakfasts

We continue to have a great turn out for our biweekly breakfasts at Mimi's Café in Reno. Check the RBCC upcoming events for the dates. Here are a few photos from Dennis Tholen.



## New Vendor

If you need a reliable garage in Reno, I would like to recommend Shifted Performance.

The owners Clint Haggard and Eddie Franco have always done an excellent job on my Jaguars and Alfa Romeo. The shop does not specialize in any particular brand.

Clint is a practiced tuner who can sort carburetor problems or enhance the autos performance. The shop has a Mustang AWD Dynamometer to calibrate the ECU for optimal performance.

Eddie is a fine mechanic who has been able to find hard-to-find parts for my autos. They stand behind their work. The XF had a problem with the boot not opening. A new part was installed and about a week later, the boot failed to open again. A secondary circuit failed but they did not charge for the second visit.

The shop has a 4.9 out 5 rating on Yelp. Shifted Performance is located at 545 Depaoli St. in Reno. The phone number is (775) 501-5512.

Best, Sheldon Werber

## **THE MOST EXPENSIVE VEHICLE TO OPERATE IN 2023**



Submitted by Bruce Blair

## **Classifieds**

Did you know we have a “Classified” section on our club’s website? There currently are 7 classified ads on the website.

We have decided to streamline the “Classifieds” we offer to members and non-members.

In the future, all classifieds will be published only on our Club’s website at <https://renoallbritish.org/classified/>

If you would like a classified published on the web, please contact Brian Kahler.

Brian will run the ad for one month, and the person who asked to run the ad will need to contact Brian monthly to ask for the ad to be extended.



## RBCC Upcoming Events

- **Saturday, December 2, 2023 at 1:00 p.m.** RBCC Christmas Luncheon at Masonic Lodge, 601 W. Peckham Lane, Reno.
- **Wednesday, December 6th and 20th, 2023 at 9:00 a.m.** Breakfast at Mimi's 5090 Kietzke Lane, Reno, NV
- **Saturday, January 13, 2024 at 11:30 p.m.** RBCC Luncheon at Little Waldorf Saloon, 1661 N. Virginia Street, Reno, NV
- **Saturday, February 10, 2024.** RBCC Luncheon—place to be determined.
- **Saturday, March 9, 2024.** RBCC Luncheon—place to be determined.

## Other Car Show Events

- **February 10, 2024, Drive your Triumph Day**
- **July 13, 2024, Western Washington All British Field Meet**, St. Edward State Park, Kenmore, WA
- **July 26– July 28, 2024, All Triumph Drive-In**, Vernon, BC. Hosted by British Triumph Registry
- **August 6–11, 2024, Hot August Nights**, Virginia City, Sparks and Reno, NV
- **September 21 and 22, 2024— SW Idaho All British Field Meet** The Village at Meridian, Meridian, Idaho
- **October 14–18, 2024—Gathering of the Faithful West** Folsom, CA

## Vendors

**Need something done that you can't do, check out these folks.**

Mark Thomas, (traveling mechanic) 817-602-6485

Dave Logan, (traveling mechanic) 925-435-9230 **Updated phone number**

Marty Enterprises (manufacture rebuilder), Ray 503-357-5640 Oregon

Tim Dickey, Integrity Automotive (full service shop) 775-351-2500

Wellman's Upholstery 775-331-7105 Reno

Terry Davidson at Classic Restoration (Upholstery) 775-331-3533

Sierra Wheel Repair (can fix pitted chrome wheels) 775-815-1980

Ayres Brake and Alignment 775-331-4553, Sparks

ABC Lock and Glass, Debbie 775-331-5308 Sparks

Brite Glass 775-827-6767 Reno

Concours Body Shop, Susan, 775-329-4557 Reno

ABC Plating, Rick, 775-358-2929 Sparks

Car Chrome Decals 416-550-1906 carchromedecals@gmail.com

Engravers of Reno (**name badges**) 775-786-0776 contact@engraversofreno.com

Greenbrae Trophy (**name badges**) 775-3588305 gbtrophy@aol.com

North American Embroidery (**logo RBCC jackets**) 775-322-8600

Canoe Hill Design and Embroidery, Carole, 775-846-5427 Sparks

Industrial Finishers, 3865 Mira Loma Dr., Suite 102 775-729-4274 Touch-up and Paint matches

Woody's MGM Parts, Woody Williams 775-364-4978, Yerington

Ol' Phartz Partz, Steve Christiansen, Banning, CA 951-797-0730, 714-686-1236 cell  
www.olphartz.com

Big O Tire Balance Wire wheels and sells 14" tires 775-737-0085

Classic Restoration, 3000 Highway 40 West Verdi 775-331-3533

Auto Diesel Electric Supply, LLC, 1267 Gator Way, Reno, Larry White 775-358-0607

Hero Environmental Services, 4900 Mill St. #7, Reno, NV Owner: Gary Grimes, 775-900-4376

Miranda's Auto Repair, Juan Miranda, 2556 Wrondel Way, Reno 775-828-5244

**NEW:** Mo's Music, 23 Snider, Sparks, NV 89431, 775-331-6618.

**NEW:** Shifted Performance located at 545 Depaoli St., Reno. (775) 501-5512.

### **The Following are Internet Companies:**

MossMotors.com, 800-667-7872

Northwest Import Parts, www.northwestimportparts.com, 503-245-3806

The Roadster Factory, www.the-roadster-factory.com, 800-234-1104

British Parts Northwest, www.bpnorthwest.com, 503-864-2001

Abingdon Spares, abingdonspares.com, 800-225-0251

Rimmer Bros, www.rimmerbros.com, 855-746-2767

Delta Motorsports, LLC, www.deltamotorsports.com, 602-265-8026 (Jensen Healey)