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Happy New Year to all,

We have finally started a NEW Year, I think many of us are thankful for that. Hopefully things will turn around by the spring or summer. Our board has some plans for some socially distanced events until we can all be together again.

And don't forget, please send me a photo of yourselves and your car; and a blurb about you. Especially our new folks. We want to welcome you into the group.

Respectfully yours,

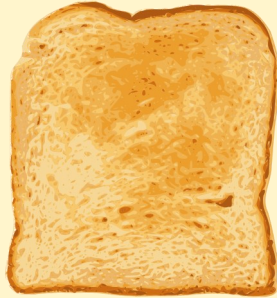
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An Award for our Past President

A big Thank You to Ric Yocke for doing a fantastic job during very trying times. He was presented with an RBCC emblem of enormous proportion. Norm Peterson created this wonderful version of our emblem on his Computer Numerical Control machine. This machine can be used on wood, plastic and metal. If you would like something special, contact Norm.





It's My Birthday, Help Me Celebrate

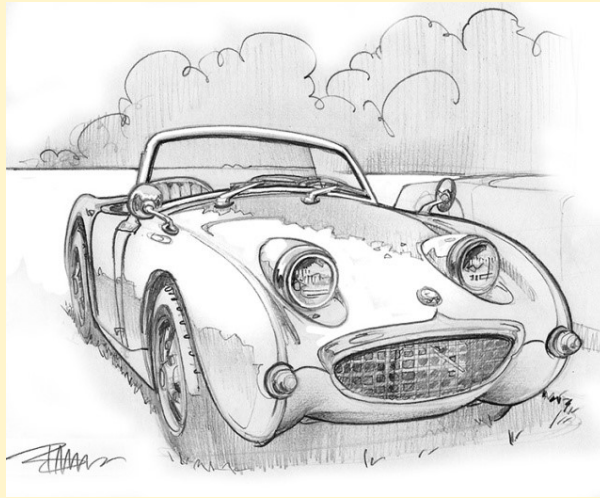
Andy Killian has a special request. He is turning 75 on January 20, 2021. Would you please help him celebrate by having a toast at 11 a.m. on that day? *"This day has been la long time coming and my bones sometimes wonder how they got this far anyway. Thanks and welcome to the new year."*
Andy Killian

Let's Meet: Steve Brooks

Hi, I'm Steve Brooks, retired geologist and RBCC member. I recently moved from Truckee to Cold Springs and am loving the area. My car is a 1973 Triumph TR 6 patina special decked out in original brown. The engine has been warmed up with 10:1 compression, a 290 degree cam, SU carbs and recurved distributor. It also has a 5 speed transmission, and upgraded brakes. My winter project is fixing engine oil leaks. My previous oil leak repairs didn't work but...

hope springs eternal.





Letter from your President:

A short note from your president, Karen has attached the recent minutes from the board meeting on January 13, 2021. In addition to our regular business we touched on two important items.

1. It's membership time and we all hope you will stay members. We enjoy your company.
2. As far as Events, we decided it is still too early to plan much in the way of events, but we are looking forward to a time when we can get together. As of now we are looking to March to see if we can start back up with some events. Another cruise/rally, maybe "Speed Dating in Cars"; my hair brain idea, and a trip to Washoe State Park when the weather allows. As always all member ideas are welcome and if you have any comments I would love to hear from, pmgulash@charter.net or 775-622-7053.

Hoping to see you soon.

Letter from your Vice President:

Hi fellow RBCC member. Tis I, Ray Hiatt, newly elected V.P. It was unanimous. No one else ran! Didn't even try. Damn. Anyway, I thought I'd introduce myself to those who haven't seen me being loud and obnoxious at our Wednesday morning breakfast. I'm the old guy who's not Jim Phelps.

My first ride in a British sports car was in an AH 100 series. Not sure if it was a 100-4 or a 100-6, but it was fast and loud. Stripped interior. No exhaust. I had to sit on the floor. It was so neat. A year later I would buy my first sports car, a red 1959 MGA. The heater didn't work but that didn't stop me. I had a quilt! Though I've faltered through the years I've always loved the LBCs. I tried racing the MGA and learned that you can't go racing on a minimum wage job while a college student. The LBCs I've owned include a Triumph GT6+, a 1275 MkIII Midget, 2 Spitfires, one I raced and one street car that I've owned twice(?), and a Bugeye that I raced for 9 years and enjoyed every minute. Somewhere there was an MGB that I took care of for a year while the owner was away at school or Viet Nam or some such lame excuse. He actually wanted it back when he returned to Reno. I haven't spoken to him since. Did I mention the Austin America that I owned. Probably not, for good reason. I currently own a 2006 Mini Cooper S, the most fun street car I've ever owned, a 1969 Spitfire Mk3, (round 2), and a 1957 MGA Coupe. There's a back story on this car. I almost bought it around 1965 for \$200. It belonged to my then brother in law and all he wanted was the engine. However, my then father in law wanted all of those foreign cars off his lot and soon. Since I was living in a duplex I had no place to put it and it was sold on. It surfaced again 2 years ago after being discovered by Peter Gulash and Jim Meadows in Washoe Valley while looking at a motorcycle. When I heard that news and where it was, I said very loudly I wanted to see it because I had an affair with that car in my past. I could have chosen a better way to frame it. I think I was misunderstood by several members. I never had an affair in that car. Anyway, the car was paid for and it was considerably more than \$200.00. A posse was formed, the car was retrieved and is in a dry storage unit just down the street. This will be my next project. I'm currently rebuilding a 1959 AH Sprite that once served as a parts donor for the racer. Much more work than I thought.

I don't recall how I heard about the RBCC but I wandered into Rounds Bakery on a Wednesday morning to a rather small but very welcoming group. My how we've grown. I had been a member of SCCA since before it was SCCA and loved the auto-crossing and rallies. Later I would road race but lost interest in competition. When I found RBCC I thought these are my people. I love our meetings at Mimi's. Everyone packed shoulder to shoulder, loudly talking over each other while paying little attention to the president who may or may not have something important to say. Probably not. I miss that.

Part of my new duties include sending articles to The Marque as the editor for RBCC so if you have a submittal, and I hope you have many, please send them to me at rrhiatt@gmail.com. The due date for The Marque has been the second Monday of the month. I'm asking if possible that the articles get to me 7 days before so my wife can undo the mess I'll make.

The new board had its first meeting on 1/13/2021. We know we have work ahead to stay away from COVID restrictions. Several ideas are in the air but I'll let Peter address those. I do want to encourage everyone to stick with us. We shall return. In the meantime, our newsletter will keep you informed. Oh, and pay your dues. Make Dale happy.
Stay safe