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March Luncheon

Our next luncheon is set for:

DATE: March 11, 2023

PLACE: David's at The Event Center at Redhawk Golf & Resort located at 6600 North Wingfield Parkway, Sparks, NV

Lunch will be in the event center on the right had side before you get to the main restaurant.

CONVOY LEAVING: If you would like to caravan to the luncheon, a convoy is **leaving** the Target parking lot at Legends Outlet Mall (Sparks) at 11:30 a.m. (please arrive before 11:30 a.m.).

TIME: Arrive by 12:00 p.m.

MENU CHOICES:

- Baja Wrap: Chicken, shredded jack cheese, rice, black beans, pico de gallo, avocado, and fire roasted chile de arbol
- Good old David's Burger: angus beef, lettuce, tomato, red onion, pickle and cheddar cheese
- Fish and Chips: beer battered Alaskan cod, house-made tartar sauce, sidewinder fries and coleslaw
- Red Hawk Cobb: romaine blend, grilled chicken, diced tomato, avocado, chopped egg, hickory bacon, chopped chives and blue cheese

Must RSVP by Saturday, March 4th. Please use the Google Form sent out via email on Saturday, February 25, 2023.

Please bring exact change to the lunch. Dale Schuett will be collecting your money.

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Don't forget to set your clocks one hour ahead on March 12th at 2:00 a.m.



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President's Message

Articles of Impeachment #3

February 11th saw the RBBC return to the Redwood Rotisserie for lunch and a parts swap meet. Unfortunately, the weather was quite cold that morning so there was only one British car in the lot, a 2005 Mini Cooper S. Everyone else was smarter than the owner of the Mini. 43 souls braved the cold weather and slick streets and it seemed that everyone had a good Registration and collection of time. monies were handled by Terry and Ken Moberly and my wife Nancy Roget. It all went very smoothly. Thanks to Nancy, Terry, and Ken for their work on the day of the luncheon. By the time lunch was over, the weather had improved, the swap meet took off and several items were traded, sold, or given away to those who just couldn't refuse or had low test scores.

Kathy and I would like to thank Ken Moberly for monitoring the SecretaryRBCC@gmail mailbox in Kathy's absence.

The next lunch meeting is set for David's Grill at Redhawk on 3/11. They've asked that we let them know how many people plan to attend and their lunch choices by 3/5 so please use Kathy's wonderful new RSVP invention to RSVP by 3/4, which makes things so much easier. Plan on meeting at Target at the Legends parking lot, the caravan is leaving at 11:30 for David's so be there prior to 11:30 a.m. or drive separately.

By the time you read this masterpiece, the first tech session will have been held at Steve Brooks' house. He timed the cam on a TR 4 engine. 12 members were there for an interesting afternoon and a generally good time. As for the fate of my Spitfire OD transmission, a bad tooth on the layshaft which was not noticed during parts inspection has caused that project to be moved back several weeks. A good used layshaft has arrived but I now get to start all over. If anyone has an automotive procedure to share and they don't mind a few dozen eyes on them and letting them know how to do it better, let me know and we'll get it scheduled.

Till next time, I promise the weather will get better.

Ray Hiett President



2023 Membership Dues

It is time to renew your RBCC membership dues for 2023. **Please pay your \$30 dues ASAP.** Only 60% of our members have paid their dues.

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 directly at the March 1st breakfast meeting. Checks are preferred when you pay in person.



Reno British Motor Show Update

The Reno British Motor Show committee is actively planning and working on the September 30, 2023 event.

The committee needs your help!

- We still need gift baskets for the motor show silent auction. Ken and Terry Moberly need to have 30 baskets and have six so far. Members can bring gift baskets to the Wednesday Mimi's breakfast and the Moberlys will store the baskets until the show.
- When you are speaking to your vendors, can you solicit sponsorship for the show? We can use anything they are willing to donate for either the SWAG bag or for the silent auction.

Drive Your Dream: Michael Vannozzi MGA+

So, I have named Michael Vannozzi's red MGA with the very powerful V8 conversion the "MGA+". Because when it comes to the car's outright performance it is a plus in every way! It

is a uniquely personal statement and a marvel to behold. Here is the story as told by Michael.

When I bought the body for \$175 dollars, it had been sitting in a field on blocks for many years and had been parted out. The car was missing the following: engine, transmission, drive shaft, wood floors, seats, dash, gauges, windshield, front valance, front and rear bumpers, rear light assemblies, passenger side door and had a caved in trunk lid. The car was located in Las Vegas and the frame and body had no significant rust. The body had a salvage title.

I channeled the rear fenders 4.5 inches to cover the 295/50/15 tires. I also added steel front fender flairs cut from 1970s AMC Hornet front fenders. I built this car over 35 years ago and I still own it and I drive it on warm sunny days. With over 500 Horsepower in a very light car, it is really FUN to drive! - Michael



Tech details: 1958 MGA.

Engine: 400 cubic inch, Small Block Chevy V8 engine, Edelbrock Victor Jr., (215 cc), aluminum cylinder heads, Comp Cams (12-705-8) CS 300A-R10 solid roller racing cam, Speed Pro forged pistons, 11:1 static compression ratio, Eagle forged 4340 crank, Eagle "H" beam rods, Polished Performer RPM Dual plane intake manifold, (ported), 8 qt. Moroso oil pan, Custom built 4 into 1 Headers into side pipes

Drive Train: Muncie "M-21" 4 speed, "Postal Jeep " Dana 44 - 3.73 :1, Posi-traction rear end.

Suspension: MGB spindles with 1967 Dodge Dart Calipers. 1970 Chevelle Vented Rotors in front, with custom upgraded front coil springs.

And now is the time to email me to let me know that you want to share your "Drive Your Dream" story about you and one of your cars. Lawson Fox

Get To Know Your Members:

Your Treasurer and Secretary

Dale and Kathy Schuett

Dale and Kathy Schuett relocated to Sparks, NV in April 2016, moving from Pleasanton, CA, where they lived for 30 years, raising their 3 children.

Dale has a daughter, Rachel, who lives in San Francisco and works as an Environmental Planner for the City and County of San Francisco.

Dale and Kathy have two children and 4 grandchildren. Their oldest child, Ryan, lives in Sparks (just a mile from Kathy and Dale) and he is married to Heidi and has a 4 year old daughter, Nicolette, and 2 year old son, Everett. Ryan has been with Tesla for 10 years, working in various departments and is currently a Production Engineering Supervisor working on PowerWalls and MegaPacks. His wife, Heidi, is a preschool teacher at a school in Reno.

Their daughter, Kristina, lives in Sacramento, CA and is married to Steve Ricci. They have 2 daughters, Stella, who will turn 8 in March and Lina who is 4. Kristina is a project manager and Steve is a commercial lines insurance producer for AssuredPartners.

Dale spent his career in high tech selling minicomputers and software for a variety of companies for 40+ years. Kathy spent 32 years in the insurance industry in a variety of roles, with the last 20 years in Human Resources (boy oh boy, can she tell some good stories!!)

Kathy and Dale own a variety of cars and motorcycles. Dale's wish is to own a car from every manufacturing country except France.

Their British cars are a 1968 MGB and a 2006 Jaguar XJ8. Their Germany cars are a 1971 Mercedes 280SL and a 2008 BMW 328i. Their Japanese car is a 1973 Datsun 240Z and their Italian car is a 1986 Alfa Romeo Spider. Dale's 3 motorcycles are all BMW's—1970 R75/5, 1982 R100RT and 2005 R1250RT. Dale and Kathy are both actively involved in the Comstock Chapter of the Antique Motorcycle Club, where Kathy is in her 2nd year as club Treasurer.

In their spare time, the couple enjoys traveling. They just finished a 15-night cruise through the Panama Canal, checking off four additional countries from their list. Their next big trip is this coming September/October where they will be going to Albania, Slovenia, Montenegro, Croatia, Italy, Turkey and the Greek Islands.

Kathy and Dale have been members of the club since early 2017 and think this is the best car club in the area.



History of St. Patrick's Day

St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, is the feast day of St. Patrick, patron saint of Ireland. Born in Roman Britain in the late 4th century, he was kidnapped at the age of 16 and taken to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but returned about 432 AD to convert the Irish to Christianity.

By the time of his death on March 17, 461, he had established monasteries, churches and schools. Many legends grew up around him—for example, that he drove the snakes out of Ireland and used the shamrock to explain the Trinity. Ireland came to celebrate his day with religious services and feasts.

It was emigrants, particularly to the United States, who transformed St. Patrick's Day into a largely secular holiday of revelry and celebration all things Irish. Cities with large number of Irish immigrants, who often wielded political power, staged the most extensive celebrations, which included elaborate parades. Boston held its first St. Patrick's Day parade in 1737, followed by New York City in 1762. Since 1962, Chicago has coloured its river green to mark the holiday.



Irish and non-Irish alike commonly participate in the "wearing of the green" - sporting an item of green clothing or a shamrock, the Irish national plant, in the lapel. Corned beef and cabbage are associated with the holiday and of course, beer (sometimes green beer).

What are you doing to celebrate St. Patrick's Day? There are many Irish pubs in Reno, one in particular is Ceol Irish Pub (that I know a few of our members have visited a time or two).

(article was reprinted from Encyclopedia Britannica)

Tech Day—February 26th

By Dale Schuett

It was a cold and windy day in Cold Springs, but that didn't stop about a dozen members from attending Steve Brooks' first tech day.

For those who don't know, Steve is rebuilding a parts car, a 1963 Triumph TR4 from the ground up. He has so far fixed all the minor and major dents in the body, painted the car, redone the brakes, and converted the car from positive ground to negative ground.

Steve just got his block and head back from the machine shop, The bores have been increased to 89mm, the valves and pistons are new, as is the camshaft, which is a .450 lift and 280 degree duration. Steve estimates the final compres-



sion at 9.5 to one and horsepower increase from 100 HP to about 125, quite a boost for a small car. The heads and exhaust ports were also machined to match.

Everyone learned something from the presentation. Do you know what a "plastigauge" is? A couple people learned about this highly effective measuring tool used for measuring plain bearing clearances,

such as in engines.

Steve still has a lot of work ahead of him rebuilding the TR4. I can't wait for the next session.





February Events

Our Club continues to have great turnouts for our February events. We had 25 members attend breakfast at Mimi's on February 1st and 15th.



On the icy morning of Feb 1st, Jim Meadows' MGBGT "Ole Paint" showed up at coffee with icicles hanging at strange angles from one of his wire wheel knock offs. It kind of made it look like they had somehow formed with the car flying along! Which was of course impossible. And it was remarkable that he had a few miles without them being knocked off his wheel. (Submitted by Lawson Fox).



Everyone woke up the morning of February 11th to a few inches of snow on the ground. By lunchtime, most of it was gone and 43 members of the Club headed to Redwood Rotisserie in Reno for a great lunch.





Club Member Photos

We would love to capture any funny, interesting, or pretty photos from Club members. If you have any to share, please send them to Kathy Schuett at SecretaryRBCC.com.

To start us off...... Cathy and Gary Powell have been having some fun in the snow.





Is a transit through the Panama Canal on your bucket list? Here's a couple of pictures from the Agua Clara Locks in the "new" section, called Panama Canal Expansion. The new locks are wider than the old ones, 180 feet vs 110 feet, and are deeper, too, at 60 feet vs 42 feet. There are 3 sets of new locks, for a total of 12 locks. The new locks opened on June 26, 2016.

Kathy and Dale Schuett recently went through the Panama Canal.





Members featured in the Minor News January/February 2023 issue

Bruce Blair's pedal car has had a lot of little visitors over the years. Ken and Terry Moberly's grandson, Logan, is pictured sitting in the pedal car for the first time at the 2015 Celtic Festival when Logan was nine. The 2nd picture is Logan, now 16, sitting in the same pedal car at the Reno British Motor Show last October. Logan, who now stands at 6'2" tall, has now outgrown the pedal car. But don't worry, another little child (or big kid) will be sitting in the pedal car at the next opportunity.

In the background of both pictures is the Moberly's, "Baby", their moss green 1960 Morris Minor







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The Annual All British Motor Vehicle Show and Swap Meet May 21, 2023

This amazing show, held on the site of the Dixon fairgrounds, is a fantastic place to see and be seen with all forms of British cars and motorbikes!!

All entries must be made on-line or by mail in advance. There will be no day-of entries.



We ask that everyone please help advertise our show by making an announcement at their club meetings, posting the information on club web site and talking it up at car gatherings. We will not be mailing out flyers this year.

The event is FREE to the public to see the cars and attend the swap meet. Free parking is across the road from the fairgrounds entrance.

A British Motor Vehicle Tradition

Participants' Choice Awards

The UBSCC Dixon 2023 Car Show Registration is now open! Come on out and join in for the largest All British Car Show and Swap Meet in No. California. Last year about 11 RBCC members registered and more than 20 members participated or attended. If you are planning on attending, talk to Ray Hiett, and we can see if we can put together a caravan like we did in prior years.

Online registration is available at http://www.usbscc.org/CarShow.htm. You can pay online by credit card or by printing the registration form and mail it in. All mail in registration forms must be postmarked by **May 2nd.**





Registration forms should be available in early January

Celebrating 100 Years of MO

First Morris ears with Mo badging occurred in 1923 and were known as Kimber Specials

GoF West 2023

Oct 16-20, 2023 Carlsbad, Calif

It is official, GoF West will celebrate it's 51st annual event!.

Gathering Of the Faithful is truly an opportunity for Mô owners to enjoy their ears with other Mô owners from Western States, Canada and beyond

Mark your calendars and plan to be there!







Gof West was begun in 1973 at Santa Barbara, CA by Al Moss, Fete & Fran Thelander, Warren & Ann Wendt, Mike Walsh, Jan Verbiesen & Gary Rand

OoFWestine@gmail.com

More information will be posted on the GoFWest.org website as available.



GoF WEST 2023

Registration Form Carlsbad, California Oct 16-20, 2023

\$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





	be refunded. If received after May 31, 2023, no refunds will be given.	
Names — as you want them on your name tag and the event guide		
ast Name First Name		
Co-driver First Name		
Children, under 12, (or dependents) who will be attending with you:		
Address		
City	•	
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		
MG to display*: Year Model Color	If your MG has major mods from stock, please check here and list on the back.	
want my MG listed but will not display (such as non MG engine or exterior resembling a different model)		
* 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 Zelle	Check	
send to send to GoFWestInc@gmail.com GoFWestInc@gmail	Make checks .com payable to GoF West	
Hotel Information:	Mail registration to:	
Holiday Inn Carlsbad	GOF WEST 2023	
2725 Palomar Airport Road	1454 CHASE TER	
Carlsbad, CA 92009 Phone - 760-438-2725	El Cajon, CA 92020-8368	
"GoF West 2023" rate of King-\$159* or Two-Queens-\$1	89* or email to:	
To get group rate, reserve by Sept 15, 2023.	GoFWestInc@gmail.com	
* Plus tax and fees (currently a total of 12.195%)		
More information will be posted on the www.GoFWest.org website as available (can use QR code above)		
Form date or contact David & Joyce Edgar (Co-Chairs) at GoFWestInc@gmail.com or 619-593-8255		

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 for 2 new Board Members (non-voting).

- Director of Driving Events—this position would schedule and route driving events for our members. Ideally four driving events a year. Will work in conjunction with the Director of Activities (see next).
- Director of Activities—this position would create a committee to help plan all activities
 and events to include, but not limited to monthly luncheons, picnics, annual events
 (Manchester and Kingman Events). Will work in conjunction with the Director of Driving Events, if a lunch needs to be planned.

Classifieds

- From Iain and Wendy Buxton: A dear friend has passed and his daughter wants to find a home for a 1960's vintage Jaguar Mark2. Suitable as a 'Parts Car'. It is inoperable and would need to be trailered. Interested parties should contact Jennifer Thornton at jenjensk8@gmail.com.
- 1979 MG Midget Survivor. Mark Oswell in Yerington has this vehicle for sale. It has 43K original miles. It was last registered in 1987, and came from Klamath Falls, OR and is completely rust-free. It needs minor work to be driven and has original paint. Mark is asking \$3500, as is. Contact Mark at 707-367-3583.
- 1970 MGB restoration project. The car is complete and has been in running condition but needs TLC. Hard top, tonneau top, and soft top available. The car is British orange. If interested, contact Stephen Schumacher at 775-851-3409 or at Bigshoenv@sbcglobal.net.

RBCC Events

- Saturday, March 11, 2023, at 12:00 p.m. The Event Center at Redhawk Golf & Resort, 6600 North Wingfield Parkway, Sparks, NV.
- **Saturday, April 8, 2023, at 11:30 a.m.** Great Basin Brewery, 846 Victorian Avenue, Sparks, NV. We will have a special menu with advanced selection (more details to come).
- **Breakfast at Mimi's every other Wednesday**. The next ones are March 1st, 15th and 29th, 9:00 a.m. 5090 Kietzke Lane, Reno, NV
- **September 30, 2023, Reno British Motor Show**, Rancho San Rafael Park. Reno , NV Contact Peter Gulash at 775-622-7053

Other Events (2023)

- Saturday, May 20, 2023, All British Field Meet, Vancouver, BC. Featured marque anniversary celebrations for 2023 will pay tribute to the 100th anniversary of the MG sports car.
- Sunday, May 21, 2023, Annual All British Motor Vehicle Show and Swap Meet Dixon Fairground, Dixon, CA. Gates to the public open at 8:00 a.m. See Page 10 of this newsletter for more details.
- Saturday, June 3, 2023, Sierra Cascade Street Rodders, Plumas Sierra County Fairgrounds
- June 22—June 24, 2023, Idaho British Car Club Summer Tour '23 Oxford Suites, Pendleton, OR. If interested, contact Linda Mascuch at plbs1234@gmail.com
- July 15, 2023, Western Washington All British Field Meet, St. Edward State Park, Kenmore, WA
- July 27– July 30, 2023, All Triumph Drive-In, Eagle Crest Resort, Redmond, Oregon http://www.portlandtriumph.org. Registration opens in March 2023
- September 7—September 10, 2023, Triumphest Marin 2023, For more information visit Triumphest.org or email triumphest2023@gmail.com
- September 18—22, 2023, California Healy Week 2023
 @Beach Retreat and Lodge, Tahoe
- October 16—20, 2023, GoF West, Carlsbad, CA For more information email GoFWestinc@gmail.com

Vendors

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

Mark Thomas, (traveling mechanic) 1-817-602-6485

Dave Logan, (traveling mechanic) 1-925-425-9230

Marty Enterprises (manufacture rebuilder), Ray 1-503-357-5640 Oregon

Tim Dickey, Integrity Automotive (full service shop) 1-775-351-2500

Wellman's Upholstery 1-775-331-7105 Reno

Terry Davidson at Classic Restoration (Upholstery) 1-775-331-3533

Ray's Tire Exchange (tire removal) 1-775-329-1106 Reno

Sierra Wheel Repair (can fix pitted chrome wheels) 1-775-815-1980

Ayres Brake and Alignment 1-775-331-4553, Sparks

AIMS Restoration (machine shop), Tyler 1-775-359-8866 Sparks

ABC Lock and Glass, Debbie 1-775-331-5308 Sparks

Brite Glass 1-775-827-6767 Reno

Concours Body Shop, Susan, 1-775-329-4557 Reno

ABC Plating, Rick, 1-775-358-2929 Sparks

Car Chrome Decals 1-416-550-1906 carchromedecals@gmail.com

Engravers of Reno (name badges) 1-775-786-0776

North American Embroidery (logoed Club jackets) 1-775-322-8600

Canoe Hill Design and Embroidery, Carole, 1-775-846-5427 Sparks

Industrial Finishers, 3865 Mira Loma Dr., Suite 102 1-775-729-4274

Touch-up and Paint matches

Woody's MGM Parts, Woody Williams 1-775-364-4978, Yerington

Ol' Phartz Partz, Steve Banning, CA 1-951-797-0730, 1-714-686-1236 cell www.olphartz.com

Big O Tire Balance Wire wheels and sells 14" tires 1-775-737-0085

Classic Restoration, 3000 Highway 40 West Verdi 1-775-331-3533

Auto Diesel Electric Supply, LLC, 1267 Gator Way, Reno, Larry White 1-775-358-0607

The Following are Internet Companies:

MossMotors.com, 1-800-667-7872

Northwest Import Parts, www.northwestimportparts.com, 1-503-245-3806 (MG

The Roadster Factory, www.the-roadster-factory.com, 1-800-234-1104

British Parts Northwest, www.bpnorthwest.com, 1-503-864-2001

Abingdon Spares, abingdonspares.com, 1-800-225-0251

Rimmer Bros, www.rimmerbros.com, 1-855-746-2767

Delta Motorsports, LLC, www.deltamotorsports.com, 1-602-265-8026 (Jensen Healey)