



# Bonnet To Boot

Paradise British Car Club



## NORTH MEETS SOUTH NEWS

Your club board members met at the home of the Cuthbert's on Tuesday, January 31 to work further on the big May event. Plans are all in place and well organized. Thanks to everyone who signed up at our annual kickoff luncheon in January we have almost every job involved in hosting this event covered.

As of the 1st of February ONE THIRD of our award dinner meals have been SOLD. The restaurant only has so much capacity, so don't delay in sending in your registration form to guarantee your place at the award dinner!

Work on larger, nicer awards has taken place, with favorable comments from those who have previewed Larry Long's work. Also, a big thanks to Larry, who jumped on the band wagon early in January to take advantage of a 15% off sale on our dash plaques if ordered by the 15th. We have them now and they look great.

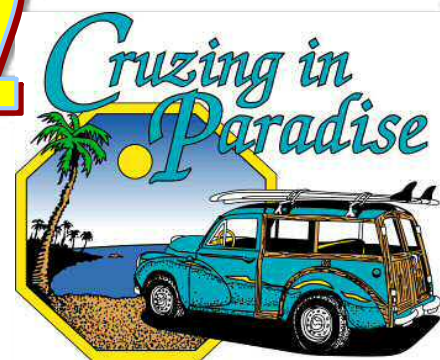
In the past we solicited only Moss Motors for some complimentary items to give away as door prizes, but our registrations indicate a larger turnout of cars this year, so we have contacted several other local British repair and restoration shops for gifts. British Steel Restorations in Fresno, as well as British sports Cars of San Luis Obispo, have already said they would provide door prizes for the event. We are also in the process of sending out letters for other complimentary items for the goodie bags.

Other items discussed involved having two serving lines for the bar-b-que lunch, as the line was long last time and some folks had to stand in line for 20-30 minutes to get served. We're going to cut the wait time way down. There will also be shade tents and water available, as well as a "honey hut" at the car show to provide additional relief for our guests.

If anyone has questions regarding North Meets South, feel free to contact our registrars, Keith and Cheryl at 805 543-4399, club president, Larry Long, at 937-3784, or our NMS Co-ordinator, Jim Bull, at 937-4208.

# NORTH MEETS SOUTH

## May 4-5, 2012



This event is an MGB Register Regional Event

# EVENT REGISTRATION

Driver Name:		1st Entry: Marque & Model		Year
Co-Driver Name:		2nd Entry: Marque & Model		Year
Address:		Phone No:	Club Affiliation	
City:	State:	ZIP:	Email Address: (Please print legibly)	

Registration for event:	\$35.00	First car	
Additional British Car:	\$15.00	Each car	
Saturday Lunch:	\$15.00	Each	
Awards Banquet:	\$25.00	Each	
Total Enclosed:	---	----	

Please note: Santa Maria style BBQ will be served at the ranch where the car show is held. There are no other restaurants in the area, so you are encouraged to purchase the lunch.

Rally will begin after lunch and driven on rural country roads, again with no restaurants along the way. Also—please be aware that there are 150 seats at the banquet. Dinner meals will be sold on 1st come, 1st served basis.

Choose Dinner:	Grilled Atlantic Salmon	Artichoke Mushroom Chicken
	Quantity:	Quantity:

Dinner includes rice pilaf, chefs vegetables, corn bread, salad, soda, coffee or iced tea and pie.

Make check payable to Paradise British Car Club. Print form, fill out, and mail to:  
**Cheryl and Keith Smith, Registrars**  
**1638 Woodland Court**  
**San Luis Obispo, CA 93401**

Check out our updated web site at:  
[Paradisecarclubhome.com](http://Paradisecarclubhome.com)

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Our January meeting was at the Golden Gong Restaurant in Santa Maria.  
This years Club award was presented to Jim and Aurelie Metcalf.  
Congratulations Jim and Aurelle.

"This year we will stop at nothing to get everyone we know to drive a fun little British car."



"I am so FULL but just know I'll be hungry in an hour."



THIS YEAR OUR CLUB AGAIN WON FIRST PRIZE IN OUR DIVISION AT THE SANTA MARIA PARADE OF LIGHTS.

WE WERE AWARDED \$200 FOR THE HONOR. OUR BOARD DECIDED TO DONATE \$100 TO THE SALVATION ARMY AND THE OTHER \$100 TO THE SM HIGH SCHOOL RACING TEAM HEADED BY LOREN CUTHBERT.

AT THE LAST BOARD MEETING LARRY PRESENTED THE CHECK TO LOREN.



# Club Events for the year of 2012

February 18

[Earth as Art 3](#)

Drive to Los Olivos

March 23

[Fabing-McKay-Spanne House](#)

[Drive to Lompoc](#)

April?

Event to be announced

May 4-5

[North Meets South Car Meet](#)

June 9

A Drive Up the Coast  
Hosted by the Smiths and  
the Palmers

July ?

[Gathering of friends all  
European Car Show in SLO](#)

August ?

Annual Concourse D'non  
Elegance on the Longs lawn

September ?

[Clovis British Car Round-up  
sponsored by Valley British  
Car Club](#)

October?

Wine and Apple Run Hosted  
by Cardinal's and Cuthbert's

November?

Event to be announced

December?

Christmas Party

As you look at the schedule to the left you may notice there are a number of events that are not yet announced. This is because no one has spoken up to plan the event.

If you would like to host one of these events please-mail one of our events chairpersons, [Ken Palmer](#) or [Keith Smith](#). (click on the name to send an e-mail)

Events don't have to be elaborate, just a get together of friends and their cars out for a pleasant drive and, of course, something good to eat.

## Other Car Events You Might Enjoy

April 13-15 [XKs Unlimited Open House - Parts Sale - Car Show - Artists Sale - MS Fund Raiser](#)

May 5-6 [British Extravaganza at Buttonwillow Race Track](#)

May 20 [UBSCC Car Show and Swap Meet at Woodland, CA.](#)

May 30 [California Healey Week 2012](#)

June 17-22 [GOF West in Buelton.](#)

July 27-28 [Arroyo Grande Car Show and Cruise Night](#)

October 12-14 [Seaside Highland Games in Ventura, CA](#)

Click on the event title and go to the website for each event.

We are always looking for contributions to the newsletter from members.

Write something about your current car project, trip, event, whatever. We can edit and spell check for you if that worries you.

Send your contribution to Karen at [torocasakb@msn.com](mailto:torocasakb@msn.com)

# The MG Came Home!!!



Abingdon Town Council



Thursday 1st December 2011 - crowds gathered in the Market Place to witness Abingdon's last MGB Roadster produced in the town, return home. The car was dramatically lifted high into the air, much to the delight of the spectators below .... and much to the nervousness of the engineers and staff involved! It was finally winched in through one of the narrow ornate windows with millimetres to spare, followed by a round of applause!

British Motor Heritage Limited of Witney generously sponsored this task. The car had to be stripped down to the body shell and supported on a special cradle which turned onto its side before being raised up to the window on a 30 tonne lifting platform. The car and cradle were gently rolled in through the window opening before being re-erected in the Gallery.

This actual car, one of a small number painted bronze, rolled off the line at the Abingdon MG factory on the 23rd October 1980, and became part of the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust collection at the Heritage Motor Centre at Gaydon. It's return will see it take it's pride of place within the County Hall Museum, ready for when the building reopens in Spring 2012.

**MG's were made in Abingdon for fifty years**

The founder of MG was Cecil Kimber, the General Manager of Morris Garages (from which the car takes its acronym). Kimber's notion was to modify some of the Morris cars to make them more fun and exciting to drive. The idea was a success and production of the cars soon outgrew the company's Oxford premises. In 1929 a disused factory in Abingdon was chosen to take over production and the name MG was coined. In 1930 the MG Car Company severed its links with Morris.

## Up Coming Events

### Earth as Art 3

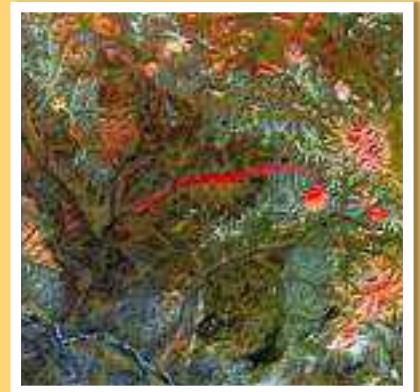
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The Earth as Art Three exhibit provides fresh and inspiring glimpses of different parts of our planet's complex surface.

The Landsat Program is a series of Earth-observing satellite missions jointly managed by NASA and the U.S. Geological Survey. Since 1972, Landsat satellites have collected information about Earth from space. This science, known as remote sensing, has matured with the Landsat Program.

The Landsat satellite uses the Thematic Mapper instrument to make these images. Larry Long was the program manager for the TM Program. We will meet at the Long's home at 10 am. Larry will give a 15 minute primer on how the instrument works, etc., then we will drive down to Los Olivos to look at the images, and then we will all have lunch together.

Folks may also want to do a little wine tasting on the way home.



### March Event Saturday 23rd 9:15 am



The **Fabing-McKay-Spanne House**, located at 207 North L Street in Lompoc, is the headquarters for the Lompoc Valley Historical Society. The home is fully furnished in the style of the early 1900's. Entering the home is like taking a step back in time. Most furnishings have been donated over the years by local families who wished their belongings to be kept and preserved in an attractive safe atmosphere. Only a few pieces of furniture are original to the house.

Situated in an old garage clad in redwood barn boards, the Blacksmith shop includes all of the equipment necessary for an old time blacksmith. A forge, anvil and miscellaneous tools are showcased in the facility. The walls are adorned with the burned imprints of cattle brands from local area ranches. Mr. Fabing and Mr. Spanne were both blacksmiths. Undoubtedly our blacksmith shop features some of the tools with which they were intimately familiar!

# WORLD'S OLDEST RUNNING MOTOR CAR



## Historic 1884 De Dion Bouton et Trepardoux Dos-a- Dos Steam Runabout

**more than doubles  
its estimate at RM's  
Hershey auction,  
selling for a record  
\$4,620,000.**

HERSHEY, Pennsylvania (October 7, 2011) – The world's oldest running motor car, a historic 1884 De Dion Bouton et Trepardoux Dos-a-Dos Steam Runabout, entered the history books tonight, selling for an impressive \$4.62 million before a packed house at RM Auctions' Hershey, Pennsylvania sale. The impressive sale price more than doubled its original pre-sale estimate and represents a new world record for an early motor car sold at auction. The final price included a ten-percent buyer's premium. The crowd began applauding as soon as the car crept onto the stage and the enthusiasm didn't wane until well after the sale.

Commissioned by French entrepreneur, Count de Dion and named 'La Marquise' after his mother, the 127 year old vehicle drew a standing ovation from the audience as it drove onto RM's Hershey auction stage. The Runabout had been in the same family for 81 years prior to the sale, and is one of six De Dion tricycles known to still exist. A total of 20 of the three-wheelers were built. When new, the trike had a top speed of 38 mph and a range of 20 miles on one tank of water. The vehicle that sold last night was the only car to show up for the world's first auto race, where it averaged 16 mph over a 20-mile course. Attracting a starting bid of \$500,000 and immediately jumping to \$1,000,000, bidding moved swiftly to applause from the crowd, with the gavel eventually falling at an extraordinary \$4,200,000. The final sales price of \$4,620,000 includes 10% buyers' premium.

"We were honored to have been entrusted with the sale of this most important motor car from the renowned collection of the late Mr. John O'Quinn. The world's leading automotive collectors recognized the incredibly rare opportunity the sale represented, as was reflected in the spirited bidding and impressive result," said Rob Myers, Chairman & Founder, RM Auctions following the sale.

The new owner joins an elite list of just five collectors to have claimed ownership of La Marquise over its well-documented history. In addition to being the world's oldest running motor car, La Marquise's impressive provenance includes participation in the first automobile race in 1887, where it reached a top speed of 37 mph on the straights, along with a double award at the famed 1997 Pebble Beach Concours d'Elegance. In addition, La Marquise has also successfully completed four London to Brighton runs in the UK.

Find the sixteen MGs plus twenty  
other British cars!



Just for fun and to see if anyone is reading the newsletter.  
We would like you to print out this puzzle and find all sixteen MG  
models and twenty other British cars.  
Bring your completed puzzle to the February event. There will be  
prizes for three successful puzzling people.  
We did one for you just to help you get started.



# Club Shirt Order Being Prepared

Once a year we order club new color will look really shirts and jackets. Last year great with the embroidered twelve people bought new colors of our club logo. club jackets. This year we are preparing an order for shirts. The price drops as we order more shirts, so please consider buying a shirt this month if you are interested.

For the past twenty years our shirts have been an off white color. This year, by popular demand, we are ordering shirts in black as well as the off white color. Everyone agreed that this

Prices are about \$36.00, with an additional \$4.00 for your name. Eight to ten people have already expressed an interest in shirts at our January meeting. The embroidery is set up on an assembly machine and we need to place the order all together. Call Jim Bull before February 15th at 805 937-4208 to order a shirt. Thanks.

