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Important Dates

- May 9th Board Meeting
- May 10th Car Show Meeting
- May Juliet Lunch TBA
- May 23rd Romeo Lunch
- May 28th 56th Annual Car Show!



The Fallbrook Vintage Car Club members share a common interest in the preservation and appreciation of vintage vehicles. We are dedicated to serving others through donations to local charitable organizations and participation in events and activities that reflect positively on the Fallbrook community.

The Talepipe

President's Message: Remembering those member's passed.

Walking along the Main St. sidewalk you may see benches here and there. Who knows you may have sat in one, at one of the many festivals held in town. How did these benches become part of the downtown scene? From an article dated March 29, 2012, the Village News speaks of the bench's origin. They were part of a program coordinated by the Save Our Forest organization as part of the Fallbrook Land Conservancy. The bench "adoptions" were a way to enhance the downtown area and provide funds to support the Treescape Project.

One of these benches, at 120 South Main St, was purchased as a dedication bench for those that served above and beyond for the FVCC. The first dedicated car member was Marvin Van Voorst. The plaque reads," Fallbrook Vintage Car Club, Marvin "Marv" Van Voorst Memorial Bench, Dedicated to those that gave their Time and Dedication to Help Others and Make Fallbrook a Better Community, Marvin "Marv" Van Voorst, 1935-2011.

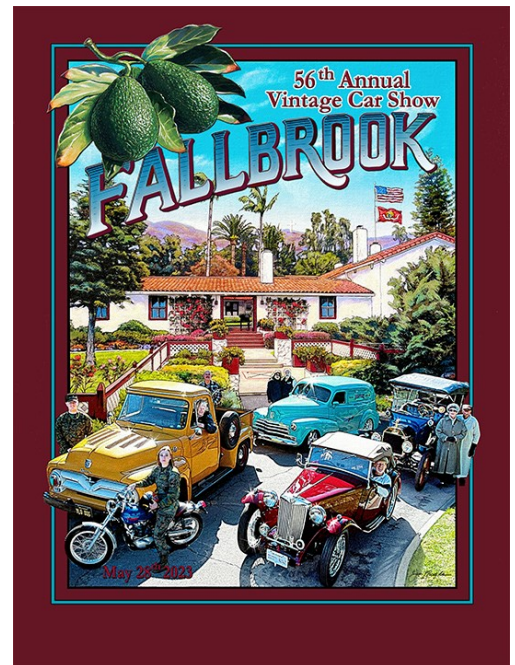
Others have followed on that bench.

They are:

- Marty Voight 1932-2013
- Whitt Whittinghill 1939- 2015
- Darwyn H. Lumley 1935-2016
- Donald Kratzer 1934- 1916
- Thomas E. Long 1942-1918
- M. Carroll Njust 1923-2019
- Thomas E. Conley 1934-2020

During the month of May along with all the hustle and bustle of Car Show tasks let us remember those that in years past kept our Club and Car Show going for future generations. See you at the Show!

Smiles, Kathy



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FALLBROOK VINTAGE CAR CLUB

Officers, Board Members, Committee Chairs

2022/2023 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Board Officers

President: Kathy Hesser

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2022/2023 Fallbrook Vintage Car Club Board Members

Doug Allen, Gloria Andrews, Terry Decker, Gary Hesser,
Chuck Pedigo, Elaine Pedigo, Fred Weisberger

Club Committee Chairs

Car Show: Steve Shapiro, Michael McGuire

Donations/Scholarships: Michael McGuire/Doris Shapiro

JULIET: Connie Waugh

Membership/Roster: Elaine Pedigo

Merchandise Sales : Annette McGuire, Gloria Andrews

Outside Activities: Jim Binford, Gary Hesser, Dana Meadows

Publicity: Gary Hesser

ROMEO : Doug Allen

RV Camping: Kathy Hesser

Sunshine: Pam Rusch

Talepipe Editor: Kathy Hesser

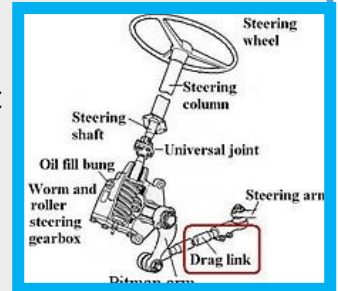
Trailers & Club Property : Michael McGuire

Website : Ron Mintle



Steering Column

Here is a summary of your FVCC Board Actions and Plans. Just like steering a car, it takes a lot of parts coming together to keep your club on TRACK!



Spring Meeting Topics: April: British Cars: Fred will do topic, June 24th Annual BBQ and Election of Board Officers. All board members present will stay on for nomination. Need to check with Doug.

2023 Car Show Committee Chairs Program Map Completed, Car Registration at 25%.

Donations Approved: Pending Art Association Request after further discussion of their program needs and Mural Maintenance.

Treasurer's Report: Car Show revenue update submitted by Ron.

Outside Activities: April activities: winery tour, Motte Museum, Avocado Festival and other driving events for the summer, AACA Hershey October 2023.

Publicity: Submitting photos and brief articles on Donations and Car Show to the Village News

Research Hot Summer Nights Restart for 2023 with Chamber and Village Association for mini Car shows/ community events will have one this summer! Continue planning meetings!

Website Report: Ron continues to update calendar and photos. New Poster is on the site!

Windshield club signs purchase in process and will sell for \$15 submitted by Steve.

Your FVCC Board meets the second Tuesday of the month at 2 pm unless otherwise noted. You are always welcome to attend! We meet at members houses so if you would like to host please let Kathy know!

We love to hear your ideas for club activities so don't be shy!

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GARAGE TOUR 11 MAY 1100 - 1PM



Join your FVCC friends for another Super Garage Tour 11 May hosted by Mike and Charlene Rigas located in the Brook Hills gated complex. Light snacks and soda / water provided. Depart from HWY 76 Park and Ride at 11:00 to caravan to the Rigas home so you can get through the gate. We hope to see several vintage cars attend even if you have the typical small leak (bring cardboard to put under car). Also would be great if you could bring a neat raffle prize to help Charlene collect for our annual Car Show Raffle.

Let Jim Binford know if you plan to attend:

bjbrsa14@roadrunner.com>



RV Group Outings

Join the fun and laughter for an out of town adventure. Going places that you have never been or back to favorites...it is always fun to get out of town with friends! Email Kathy.hesser@gmail.com for more info or to join up for the day at the nearby spots

May 2-8 Pismo RV Village /Morro Bay Car Show We are enjoying the trip and Morro Bay Car Show! Watch for photos in the next Talepipe!

Speaking of Out Of Town.....Here are two AACA Events to consider. Closer to home, Santa Barbara Region is sponsoring a driving tour Sept 25-29 2023. Registration opened March 15th and is limited to 60 cars. Go to www.AACASB.ORG view more info. Click on Western Division Driving Tour

Are you ready to go to Hershey PA for the Annual Eastern Fall National AACA Car Show? Several couples plan to go. Dates: October 1 –7th . Let us know if it is already on your calendar and where you are staying. If you want more info on this trip email Gary Hesser at garyhesser@gmail.com Watch for news of Pre-Trip planning meetings! If you have not looked at the AACA short video on 2022 Eastern Fall National in Hershey, check it out here!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=icmZ5pFa8c4>

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Fallbrook Vintage Car Club

Annual General Meeting and BBQ

Saturday June 24th 11:00 a.m.



Be sure to attend our annual BBQ and General Meeting. This is the most important meeting of the year as we will be electing our 2023-24 Board of Directors. Come, bring your vintage car, and join in on the fun. There will be a mini car show with hilarious judging categories that will keep you laughing with the winners! *** If your car leaks any fluids, please be sure to bring a drip pan or at least a piece of cardboard. ***

Members A-M last names please bring a small appetizer to share.

Members N-Z last names bring small desserts to share.



Lunch catered by Firehouse Que and Brew includes your choice of either BBQ Pulled Pork or BBQ Pulled Chicken on a roll. Included will be Cole Slaw, Cowboy beans and green salad and all the condiments needed to make a delicious BBQ Sandwich.

Bring your own drinks; Ron's margaritas will be available for only the cost of a tip.

[This Photo](#) by Unknown

Cost \$10 per person with the club subsidizing the total cost of the caterer.

LAST DAY TO SIGN UP FOR THE BBQ IS JUNE 14TH!

Gloria and Jim Andrews are hosting the BBQ. Address and gate codes will be emailed to you after registration.

Register and pay online at: fallbrookvintagecarclub.org Choose Shop, then Special Events.

Name: _____

Name: _____

Check here if bringing your vintage car ☐

Please choose one meat option below for each person attending:



BBQ Pulled Pork



BBQ Pulled Chicken



BBQ Pulled Pork



BBQ Pulled Chicken

Money Due: _____ Date Sent: _____

Registration Due: June 14th 2023

Fallbrook Winery Drive and Tour Recap

By Jim Binford

On April 13th eighteen FVCC members braved a wet Spring Day to attend a Wine Tasting Tour to Fallbrook 33 N Winery. Jim Binford led several cars on a windy backroad tour to the winery, including Bill and Robin Kemper, Phil Pizzuto and Ernie & Kelly Christie driving their vintage cars. The tour included driving backroads west of Fallbrook and then central Fallbrook to the Winery. The tour initially went past the Winery entrance road to include a scenic valley road east of the winery and then back to the winery.



Phil's 1939 Packard 120 and Ernie's 1970 Triumph GT6

Once at the winery, attendees checked in with Jim and Debbie Meadows to receive their ticket to sample six wines and a chance at a raffle for a free bottle of wine. Since the weather did not cooperate, we sat in the cave portion of the winery which turned out to be great accommodations to keep dry. We sat inside the room that once was the Champagne cellar complete with a table top that was once the door to the cellar. Everyone enjoyed the wine and the delicious appetizers that Myrna presented to the group.

During the wine tasting we were entertained by Evan Parker (Fallbrook 33 N head winemaker) who also dabbles as an interior painter for the winery (see picture). Evan provided us insight on winemaking, Fallbrook soil for growing grapes and the winemaking business (if you have a spare \$2.5 Million dollars you might start your own winery in Fallbrook -LOL).

All in all, a good time was had by all, especially Steve Shapiro who won the raffle for a 2019 Winemakers Vineyard Collection #12 Cabernet Sauvignon bottle of wine. (Steve, do you still have it?) If you haven't been to Fallbrook 33 N Winery, stop by and sample some of their great tasting wines the backroads of Fallbrook to the Fallbrook 33N winery in the hills off Alta Vista Drive.



Fallbrook Avocado Festival Photos

April 23rd, 2023

Once again the Fallbrook Vintage Car Club took over the corner of Main Street and Fig Street (Village Smog) showing off some of our beautiful cars, selling club merchandise and extending a welcome to thousands of visitors that passed through our display. The club has participated in this event since the early 90's and attracted many friends and new members. It was the initial showing and sale of our beautiful poster for 2023, in continuous car show production since 1985.



Huge thanks to Annette McGuire and Gloria Andrews for the Merchandise Sales Booth. They put in countless hours sorting, folding and organizing the merchandise that just arrived in time for the Festival. Proceeds more than covered the cost of the merchandise. So all sales after now are profit!!!

The proceeds from both the Avocado Festival and the Car Show go back to the community to support non-profits like youth sports, area beautification and other community-based programs.



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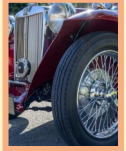
More Pictures from the Avocado Festival



See more photos by clicking this link: https://drive.google.com/drive/folders/1uplwjRDmhQbiOcHmitai08vcGEpm_Ft0?usp=share_link

56th Annual Car Show

News



The beat goes on...Next up Posters are printed and merchandise is being artfully crafted with this year's 56th Annual Poster logo. Shirts, mugs, hats all getting this year's poster shot and it is a BEAUTY.

Signs are being sorted through, guys are passing out flyers at current car shows and the excitement continued at the Avocado Festival last Sunday. Thanks to all that brought their cars to our mini Car Show for the festival and all those that helped with set up, merchandise sales, sharing their car stories with the community and the take down efforts at the end of the show.

Thanks also to all the club members who have signed up and recommitted for the many jobs that go into making the car show a huge success.

The Featured Cars this year are of British origin/ manufacture and will be grouped together. Adjacent to them will be the always-attractive "Brass Era" cars,



pre-1916 preserved historical masterpieces. I'm getting jazzed already just looking at the registration spreadsheet and the variety of vintage cars!

Proceeds from the show benefit local Fallbrook-area nonprofit organizations, primarily youth, senior, and military, through FVCC donations made throughout the year. Go to www.fallbrookvintagecarclub.org to register your car or to obtain a swap meet booth space. You can also order a 2023 Poster when registering at a discounted price. Your poster will be at the Merchandise Booth the day of the Car Show for you to pick up. Once again FVCC club members will be able to choose a numbered poster of their choice.

The 56th annual Fallbrook Vintage Car Show and Swap Meet will be held Sunday, May 28th, again at Bates Nut Farm, 15954 Woods Valley Road, Valley Center Free Admission and Free Parking to the general public is open from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM Sunday May 28th.

See you at the Show!



Out and About

We often are asked to come show a few cars at a themed community event. The Fallbrook Chorale held their annual Fund Raiser based on the Fifties. Fred Weisberger and Jim Andrews graced the scene with their cars!



Michael and Annette with their Graham at the Motte Car Show

Steve and Pam Rusch were recently in Arizona to visit old friends and discovered this unique museum!

They took us to an extremely interesting museum. I am attaching a couple pictures. Note Pam's size next to the car. There are several cars all completely (every piece) hand built to exact scale by the owner.



See more at [Dwarf Car Museum.com](http://DwarfCarMuseum.com). Also on YouTube. They all run and are driven!

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Member Headlight: Shining a Light on Members Cars:

A Tale of Two TD's

By Steve Brown



My 75th birthday was an MG landmark for me. Let me tell you the 'Tale Of Two TDs'.

In 1963 I was a sophomore in college in need of a car. The only car I could afford was a 1953 MG TD. At that time, it was just an old car. Not quite a collector's item yet. I learned a lot about keeping an older car running, but really enjoyed every minute of it. In 1966, just in time for graduation, I got a letter from Uncle Sam that started out with the salutation "Greetings"....my draft notice. I reluctantly had to sell my TD and report for my physical. Throughout the years, whenever I saw an MG TD I would always go look at it and recount to Peggy how much I regretted having to part with mine.

Fast forward to 2019....January 1st, my 75th birthday. My wife Peggy surprised me with a gathering of family from all across the country to help me celebrate. The big surprise was when we all got in our cars to go to lunch Peggy told me to turn into the local Oceanside airport. There, on the runway, was an unbelievable sight...a bright red bi-plane. Peggy knew I had always wanted to get a ride in one, and there sat my birthday ride. It was sheer joy, flying out over the coast and down to La Jolla and back.

When we returned to the landing strip and I deplaned, I noticed an autumn red TD parked at the far end of the parking lot. I immediately went into a double time trot to take a look at it. There was a For Sale sign on the wind-



shield, but no phone number. I commented that it would be difficult to sell without contact info, but there was a notation on the sign to turn it over, which I promptly did. On the other side was a picture of me in my MG in college with the notation in bold letters **SOLD TO STEVE BROWN.**

I was in a state of total shock...first a thrilling hour in the air in a bi plane and now this. Peggy and I climbed into the TD and headed for home...we made it almost three miles when the transmission locked up and was frozen in third gear....AAA to the rescue and the 'new' TD was towed to my garage to await finding someone to work on it. After a few phone calls to local MG car club members, I got a referral to Mel's Repair shop and there sat my 75th birthday present waiting for parts. Thanks to Moss Motors and a few local MG car club members the transmission was repaired, a complete brake rebuild was done and I was on the road.



2022 Fallbrook Christmas Parade lineup

Member Headlight: Shining a Light on Members Cars:

Steve Brown's MG TD

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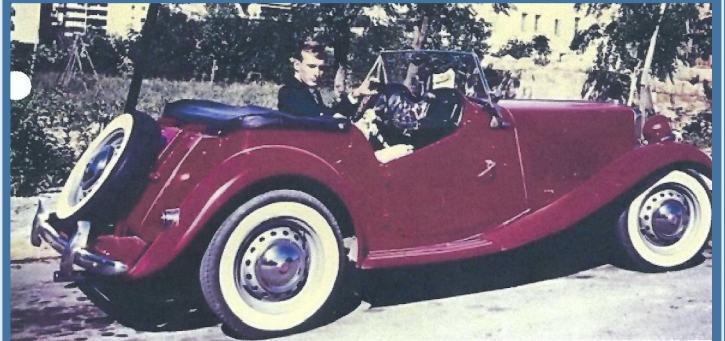


I was curious about how this car became my 75th birthday gift...after some gentle coaxing, the saga of the second TD unfolded. My wife and oldest son Kevin had conspired to find one for me. They found one in the Seattle WA area at a dealership. Peggy purchased it in late summer after having my youngest son Matt, who lives in the Seattle area, check it out. It sat in storage until the last week in December, when the dealer was to truck it down to Fallbrook where we live and where my wife had made arrangements with a neighbor to have it hidden in his barn until the surprise delivery on January 1. Everything went awry when the dealer called my wife and told her his delivery truck had broken down and he could not deliver the car.

Enter my son Matt to the rescue. He rented a small truck, removed the front and rear bumpers, cut two inches off the tailpipe, loaded the TD and drove it to California for the surprise. He then took it from its hiding place in the neighbor's barn and drove it to the Oceanside airport while I was airborne.



Peggy and the TD during a Fallbrook Event



Beirut, Lebanon ~ 1963

Same blazer. Same shirt. Same guy. (Go figure.)

*Our heart-felt thanks for celebrating with us.
The day was more
memorable because you were there. Let's enjoy more togetherness!*

Steve & Peggy Brown

January 2019

Fallbrook, California ~ 2019



Steve's Birthday Thank You Card!

The rest is history.

Steve Brown

Fallbrook, CA

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A bit of History:

THE FORGOTTEN STORY OF PREWAR BRITISH CARS THAT WERE ACTUALLY BUILT IN AMERICA

By Fred Weisberger

Since British cars are the Special Feature of our big car show in May, it seems appropriate to explore some of the forgotten history of British cars in America. Most people today know that many brands of foreign cars are currently being assembled in America, such as: BMW, Honda, Hyundai, Kia, Mazda, Mercedes-Benz, Nissan, Subaru, Toyota, Volkswagen, and Volvo. But foreign cars being assembled in America is nothing new, before World War 2 there were two British marques that were made here in America: Rolls-Royce and Austin.

These two companies and their cars could not be more different. The Rolls-Royce Ghost "Silver Ghost" and the Austin Seven occupied the highest and lowest segments of the British marketplace. Rolls-Royce automobiles were owned by the Royal Family and the ultra-wealthy, whereas the Austin Seven was a small economy car for the working-class person. Regardless of their relative status, in both cases it was believed that the American market was sufficiently lucrative to justify the expense of investing in an American production facility.

The Springfield Rolls-Royce (1919-1926)



In 1921, Rolls-Royce of America opened a factory in Springfield, Massachusetts to produce an American version of the Rolls-Royce Silver Ghost. In those days most of the world's luxury automobile companies produced a running car, but without a body. The buyer was expected to select an outside coachbuilder to build a custom or semi-custom body for the car. The same was true with the cars from Rolls-Royce of America, which were often bodied by such respected American coachbuilders as Brewster, Willoughby, Merrimac and Hollbrook.

The Springfield-built Rolls-Royce cars also used some American components, such as an American Bosch charging system and American wheels/tires. And many of the Springfield Rolls-Royce cars were built with left-hand drive for the American roads. As Rolls-Royce in England updated the model, the American car was similarly updated. When the New Phantom model replaced the Silver Ghost in England, the same happened to the American built cars.

In total, the Springfield factory produced 1,703 Rolls-Royce Ghosts and 1,241 of the Phantoms by the time the factory closed in 1931. Today the Springfield Rolls-Royce cars are among the most beautiful, sporting and valuable of all prewar Rolls-Royce cars. Since British cars are the Special Feature, perhaps a Springfield Rolls-Royce will attend our show in May.



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American Austin Car Company (1929-35)

The Austin Motor Company of England (1905-1952) introduced the original Austin Seven in 1923. It was a tiny economy car. Think of it as a 2/3rds scale version of a Ford Model T. The British Austin Seven was inexpensive, thrifty and reliable. It had a little 747 cc, in-line 4 cylinder motor and a 3-speed transmission, but it would seat two adults in the front and two small children or bags in the rear. The Austin Seven was considered a step-up from a motorcycle with a sidecar, for the British working class man with a family. It proved to be very popular at home and abroad. American Austin Car Company (1929-35)



The American Austin Car Company was founded in February 23, 1929. The new company purchased a building in Butler, Pennsylvania to produce a licensed version of the Austin Seven for America. Automobile production began in 1930, just a few months after the Wall Street Crash. Unfortunately the demand for all new cars quickly evaporated and many well-established American car companies slipped into bankruptcy and disappeared.



One might think that a small economy car would sell well during the Great Depression, but the reality of economy-of-scale resulted in the Austin being priced only a few dollars less than the mass-produced Ford Model A--which offered much more car for the money! By 1934, about 20,000 American Austin cars had been built, but the company was insolvent.

In bankruptcy court the company assets were sold and reorganized as the American Bantam Car Company (1935-1956) to build an updated Austin Seven known as the Bantam. About 6,000 Bantam cars were sold by the time production ended in 1941.

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During production and afterwards, because of their diminutive size, the American Austin and the Bantam were the source of many jokes in newspaper cartoons and Hollywood movies. Sadly, except for a few ardent fans, these little American-built automobiles were largely forgotten by the 1950s.



Important Postscript

Rolls-Royce, as everyone knows, has survived to the present. It is currently a subsidiary of the BMW Car Company. In 2005 annual sales were a mere 796, but by 2022 sales were up to a marque record of 6,021. In case you are interested, new Rolls-Royce motorcars cost over \$300,000.

American Austin and the Jeep Story: American Austin was reorganized into the American Bantam Car Company in 1935. In 1940, American Bantam designed and built the very first Jeep (as it was later known) for the U.S. Government. American Bantam was given the first contract to build a limited series of experimental Jeeps for testing, but Bantam was too small to produce the numbers anticipated for the war, so the plans were handed over to Willys-Overland and Ford for war production. Bantam was awarded a contract to produce light trailers for the new Jeep.

Austin Seven (1923-1939): The British small car was updated over the years and ultimately sold 290,000 cars in England by the time war ended production 1939. Besides being produced under license in America, the Austin Seven was offered as the first BMW car in Germany, known as the BMW Dixi. In France it was sold as the Rosengarts. In Japan, an unlicensed version was the first Datsun/Nissan. Today's Jaguar cars can trace their history to the Swallow Sidecar Company, later known as "S.S.", which started working on cars by building custom bodies for the Austin Seven.

After the war, some used Austin Sevens were made into racing "specials". In 1948, Colin Chapman, built the first Lotus sports car, the Mark 1, which was based on a used Austin Seven. The first race car built by New Zealander, Bruce McLaren was based on the Seven.

In 1999, automobile historians around the world were asked to rate the most important cars built during the 20th Century, the Ford Model T came in 1st and the Austin Seven was voted the 2nd Most Important Car of the Century. An impressive history for a little economy car!



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The April ROMEO was held at La Cucina Trattoria Restaurant. 18 guys... Oh the Stories.....

Next Romeo will meet May 23rd at Rainbow Oaks. Bring your car for a Mini Car Show 11:00 AM. Lunch outside 11:45



Ten Juliet's had a relaxing brunch at the Z Café! Lots of great stories and laughter! We got to know new members Mar Gee and Tess a whole lot better!



Next Juliet Lunch in May TBA

In Case you Missed It!

Scenes from the April 25th General Meeting

Click to see more photos of this meeting. If this is any indication of the British cars we will see at the car show it is going to be fantastic!

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Classifieds

Les Von Nordheim is helping out a friend that has one car left from her late husband. If you are interested in looking at the car or finding out more information please contact Les at 760 803-7393.

1947 Chevy Coupe, good paint, stock engine, new fuel tank and lines, American Mags, Disc brakes, Clean Title and Registration. \$15K



Our Club Members at the British Car Tour. About 75 cars participated.

Fred Weisberger



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