

BRITISH SPORTS CARS ALASKA



British Sports Cars Alaska Limited is the club for owners of all British sports cars including Austin Healey, Caterham, Jaguar, Jensen Healey, Lotus, Marcos, MG, Mini, Morgan, Sunbeam, & Triumph
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<http://www.antiqueautomusersak.org/>

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<http://www.midnightsunsra.com/>

Cover: Hatcher Pass Road

MGA Guru to visit Alaska

Barney Gaylord, the MGA Guru, is on his way to Alaska as I write this newsletter. Barney has been driving his MGA full-time, towing a small camping trailer, for something like three years. Barney has driven his MGA a total of several hundred thousand miles over several decades. He has restored and rebuilt it as necessary, and already drove it to Alaska once 20 years ago. Now he is retired and touring the country, visiting British car shops and suppliers, and lending a hand to fellow MGA owners. If you MG guys don't know who Barney is, you should. Even if you don't own an MGA, you probably should know Barney. He left from the NAMGAR GT in Southern California last week and is now in Southern British Columbia. He expects to be in Anchorage around the 4th of July. Here is a link to his web site.

<http://www.mgaguru.com/tales/mobile75.htm>



If you see Barney, flag him down and say "hello."



Editor's note: It has been pointed out that numerous pictures in the June newsletter attributed to Mr. John Martin were in fact the work of photographer Donna Martin. My sincere apologies.

Hatcher Pass June 3

The May 27th drive to Hatcher Pass was cancelled due to weather, and was rescheduled for Saturday, June 3. The forecast for rain was wrong. We had some clouds, some sun, good food, and a great time.



Pre-trip photos at Carr's Palmer. Travis' Mini 30 and Ken's Triumph TR6



Only four cars, but plenty of fun. A week earlier, the snow was still on the road.



Triumph TR6 at Hatcher Pass Lodge. The road beyond was still closed.



Dean's TR8

Concours d'Elegance 2017

June 11



Johnson's E-Type Jaguar



Twenty-six cylinders at the registration tent



Travis & Jacqueline at lunch



Best Triumph: Wolfgang's 1975 TR6



Johnson, Terry Jo, Dean, & Dolly at lunch



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Ken Berlin's Triumph TR3



... and makes his usual exit



Johnson & Terry Jo's E-Type always draws a crowd



Best Lotus: Stuart Bond's 1993 Esprit



Rick arrives in his Marcos...



Best Healey, Scott Bruno's 1974 Jensen Healey



Best MG: Will Knoppe's 1980 MGB



Best Jaguar: Terry Jo & Johnson Quarles' 1967 E-Type



Will and Wolfgang compare notes



Best of Show: Travis & Jacqueline DeMoss's 1989 Mini 30
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Eagle River BBQ Run June 17

Our run to the Nature Center was attended by Dean Cox - Triumph TR-8, Ken Morton & Dolly Larkin - Triumph TR-6, Leonard Steinberg - TR-4A, Travis & Jackie DeMoss - Mini 30, Dennis & Robin Johnson - MGB, Rick Harding - Marcos GT, Dave Baldwin - Jaguar XK-8, John & Donna Martin - Jaguar E-Type, Johnson & Terry Jo Quarles - Jaguar E-Type.

It was very eventful with a splash of roadside overheating to make it interesting. Uphill drives running through the turns makes for fun handling of the cars & downhill braking makes hot brakes, well let's pull over for some cool-down time! After a 30-minute break, it was off to the Nature Center & Deans home for BBQ. An excellent day was provided - sunny w/ scattered clouds. Dean Cox prepared a BBQ for us that was outstanding - Thanks Dean. All in all, we had a great time.
- J. Quarles





3 Jaguars, 2 Triumphs, 1 Marcos, 1 Mini, 1 MG at Carr's Eagle River start



Ken's Triumph and Dennis' MG



Dennis' MGB, Johnson's E-Type, and John's E-Type start the climb up Skyline.



Dave's XK8, John's E-Type, and Johnson's E-Type. Dave had prior obligations and had to leave us early.



Donna shoots a photo from between Dean's Triumph and Travis' Mini at the top of Skyline Drive.



Travis and Jackie discuss the Mini's overheated brakes with Johnson, John, & Rick. The Mini sat out the second hill, and Leonard joined us in his TR4.

Photos & captions: KM

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Rick's Marcos leads the Jaguars and Dennis' MG up the second hill climb. Dean had headed home to cook.



Barclay Drive via Stewart Drive. We made it off the mountain, but had some trouble finding Dean's house



Sitting on top of the world. Barclay Drive via Stewart Drive. TR4, TR6, E-Type, MGB, E-Type, Marcos



Chef Dean's spread of ribs, pulled pork, and brisket



E-Type & MGB. Terry Jo, Dolly, Donna, & Johnson



Petroleum Club Summer Rides Car Show

June 18 Photos: Anchorage Petroleum Club



Travis & Jackie's Mini, Dean's Triumph



Terry Jo & Johnson's E-Type Jaguar

The Scottish Highland Games were a success, even with only three British Cars participating. A perfect display spot was afforded & the very high attendance of people @ the games garnered a very high interest in the cars. It was a nice day also, under partly sunny skies, this is a SPECIAL event since we are the ONLY club invited.

Alaska Scottish Highland Games

June 24 Photos & notes: J. Quarles



Cameron Highlanders



Caber toss: strong men in plaid throwing large heavy objects.
2016 Photo: KM

2017 BSCA Activities Calendar

We still have 2/3 of the summer ahead of us. Come join in for a ride or a show. Many of these events are put on by other clubs and organizations and we have participated for years. If you have an idea for an event, be sure to contact President Johnson Quarles at 227-3812 or President-elect Martin Walters, martinwalters@gci.net or 854-9949.

July 4: Anchorage Parade

(John Martin)



STAGING TIMES: All motorized entries and floats must be staged by 9:00 a.m. Please be sure your group is pointed in the correct direction, as indicated by the red arrows next to your staging numbers on the map. (BSCA is #51, at 8th Avenue & L Street, facing east, at the end of the parade.)



July 14: Bear Paw Festival Car Show, Friday 6:00 PM - (Eagle River Alaska Club at 5:00 PM)

July 15: Bear Paw Festival Parade, Saturday 11:00 AM Eagle River (Johnson)

July 29: BSCA Tour of Anchorage 2:00 PM Meet at the west end of the Park Blocks (P Street between 9th and 10th Avenues) We'll drive around town a bit and settle in someplace for coffee and/or ice cream. (John Martin)

August 6, Sunday: Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine Anchorage Parks Blocks. The Show & Shine is a Midnight Sun Street Rodders event that attracts hundreds of cars & trucks. Show up early; latecomers are not guaranteed space. <http://www.midnightsunra.com/>

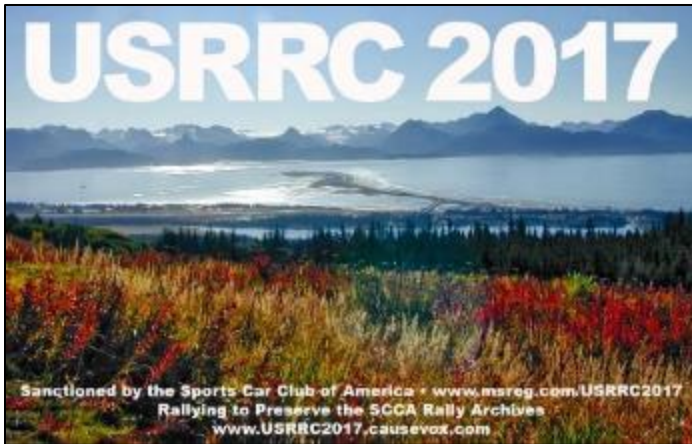


August 12: Hot Summer Nights, 6 PM to 10 PM Hot Summer Nights is a Valley Kruzers sponsored car show on the streets of downtown Palmer. <http://valleykruzers.com/>



North to Alaska Road Rally Adventure

Sept 15-17th Cheryl Babbe



The 2017 United States Road Rally Challenge (USRRC), sanctioned by the Sports Car Club of America, will be held over the September 15-17, 2017 weekend. The event is in celebration of the Sesquicentennial of Alaska's Purchase from Russia. A Road Rally was also run in the Centennial year! A Reception will be held in Anchorage on Thursday evening, Sept 14th, and the USRRC heads to the Kenai Peninsula Friday morning.

Classes will be Sourdough (Equipped), Prospector (Limited), and Cheechako (Stock). To register or volunteer, contact Cheryl Babbe, bsca@cherylbabbe.com

or check: rpmalaska@mac.com

or <https://www.facebook.com/RoadRallyeNews/>

Out-of-State Brit-car events:

W. Washington All British Field Meet

July 22. St Edward State Park, Kenmore, Washington
<http://wwabfm.com>

Portland All British Field Meet

September 1,2, &3. Portland International Raceway. British car show on Saturday, Swap meet on Sunday, Vintage Racing all weekend. www.abfm-pdx.com

Vintage Triumph Register

The Vintage Triumph Register's 2017 National Convention will be in Princeton, NJ. August 16 - 19, 2017. More information: vintagetriumphregister.org

Monterey International Healey Week

Monterey International Healey Week will be September 11-15, 2017, in Monterey, California.
www.healeyweek2017.com

International Jaguar Festival

The North Georgia Jaguar Club is hosting the 2017 International Jaguar Festival on October 12 - 14, at Lanier Islands, Georgia. www.ngjc.us/IJF/registration

2018 BSCA Calendar Photos



It's never too early to start thinking about getting photos of your car for the 2018 calendar. Here's a short list of hints from David Fidler's Triumph 6 Pack Magazine article about taking good pictures of your car:

Turn the front wheels away from you.

Keep people out of the shot. It's all about the car.

Set your camera to the highest quality.

Make sure the sun isn't directly behind the car.

Keep your shadow and your reflection out of the picture.

Make sure the camera is focused.

Don't shoot all car and nothing but the car. Having the car full frame makes it impossible to crop the photo later for the calendar.

Watch out for signs, poles, trees, trash cans and people sticking up out of your car.

Don't use a wide-angle lens setting because they distort things badly.

Look for interesting angles, compose the shot, squat down or stand on up on something to add interest.

Have some fun with this!

Buy/sell/trade/etc.

1992 Jaguar XJS

Blue convertible. Good condition, runs fine. \$10,000
Jim & Julia Ede 376-4631

1952 MGTD

Not a kit car, but a 1970 California hot rodded '52 MG TD. The powertrain is Ford, but the body is original metal and wood. The engine appears to be a racing version of the Ford Pinto 4 cylinder. Front disk brakes, 4 speed synchromesh transmission, and drum brake rear end are also Ford. The car runs well, looks great, and is fun to drive. \$13,500 Jay Skaggs, 907 223-5831

2005 Lotus Elise

My red Lotus is up for sale. It is a 2005 with about 36 thousand miles. I was gonna get some bodywork done to it and ask \$35k but it would be 6 weeks to get the work done. So I'm thinking I'll just sell it as is and take some off the price. Contact me and we can discuss price if you're interested.

Aaron Butterer 717-7905 abutterer@hotmail.com

Tech Requests

Bill Woollen writes that a friend is restoring an MG and is looking for an available rotisserie. Contact Bill if you can help. 243-0452 w.woollen.ak@gmail.com

Luke Clement writes, "Does anyone have a spare set of SUs that they are not using? I'm trying to diagnose an issue with my MGB GT" Luke also noted on our Facebook page that he has some MG parts to spare. Lukeclement@gmail.com

Member News

Founding BSCA member and long-time past president **Charlie Laurence** writes that he has sold his 1965 Jaguar E-Type and it's heading for Amsterdam. He writes, "We have bought a modern Jaguar which is a beautiful blue XK8 convertible. One of the mistakes some of my fellow "collectors" make is to hang on to

their cars too long. As you get into your 70's, it's time to start liquidating. If not, you will most likely leave your widow with a bunch of old cars to sell. I have an 80 year old friend down here who is coming down with Alzheimers. Now his wife is stuck with a collection of about a dozen cars. Better to start liquidating while you're not in a hurry."



BSCA member-in-exile **Graham Vanhegan** sends "a few pictures on my recent drive North with 7 KYD, Morris Minor Million, number 1,000,175. I acquired it in April 2016, and it was restored over a year by Charles Ware's Morris Minor Centre. Rebuilt chassis, new panels as needed and bare metal respray.

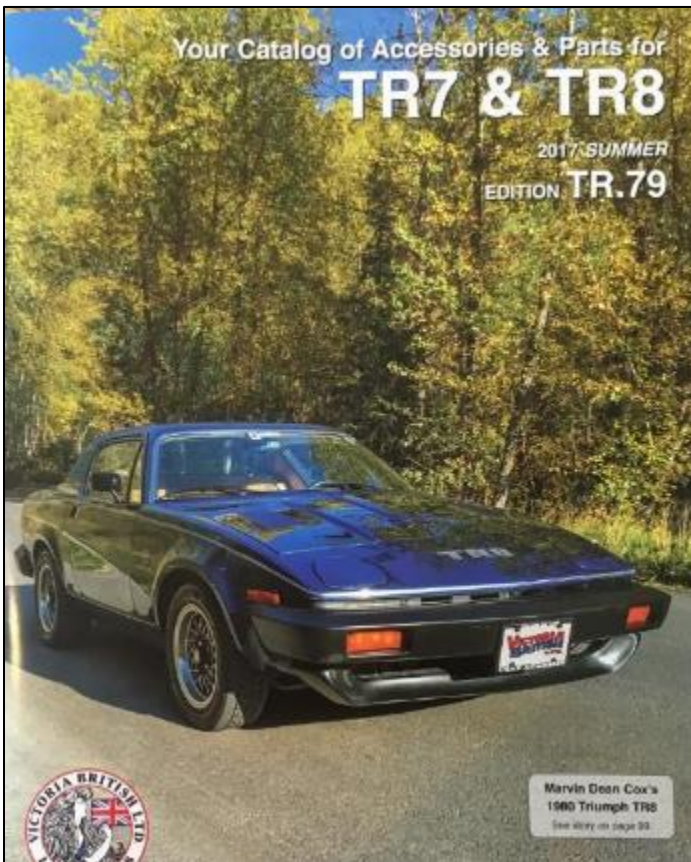


"Reconditioned 1098cc engine with reconditioned gearbox, differential and half shafts to match. New clutch. Alternator and earth conversion. New fuel pump. Refurbished carburetor. New uprated 7-inch drum brakes. Overhauled suspension. Off the road for

20 years and then I hit it with over 500 miles in two fast days! Stayed with a 'sibling' in Derbyshire overnight on the journey north. And yes, the lilac color is original."



Past president **Dean Cox's** Triumph TR8 coupe is featured on the cover of the current Victoria British parts catalog for TR7 & TR8.



Check out our BSCA Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441619005978014/>



BSCA Board member **Dave Baldwin** got his photo in the XK8/XKR Jaguar Enthusiast magazine Growler. Dave is sitting at the controls, flying his Kitfox airplane, while holding a copy of the magazine!
www.thexkec.co.uk/about-us/growler-magazine/

(Note: this is not the Oregon Beer Growler magazine...
www.oregonbeergrowler.com/magazine.html)



Travis DeMoss spotted this little alloy-bodied '63 Land Rover at Fred Meyer on Abbot Rd.

BSCA Grill Badges

BSCA grill badges are here. They are the same beautiful cast bronze and enamel design as the earlier ones. They are \$40 each. Call or email Treasurer/Secretary John Martin at 748-8004 or mjohnmartin@mac.com If you have paid for a grill badge, and haven't picked it up yet, please contact John Martin.