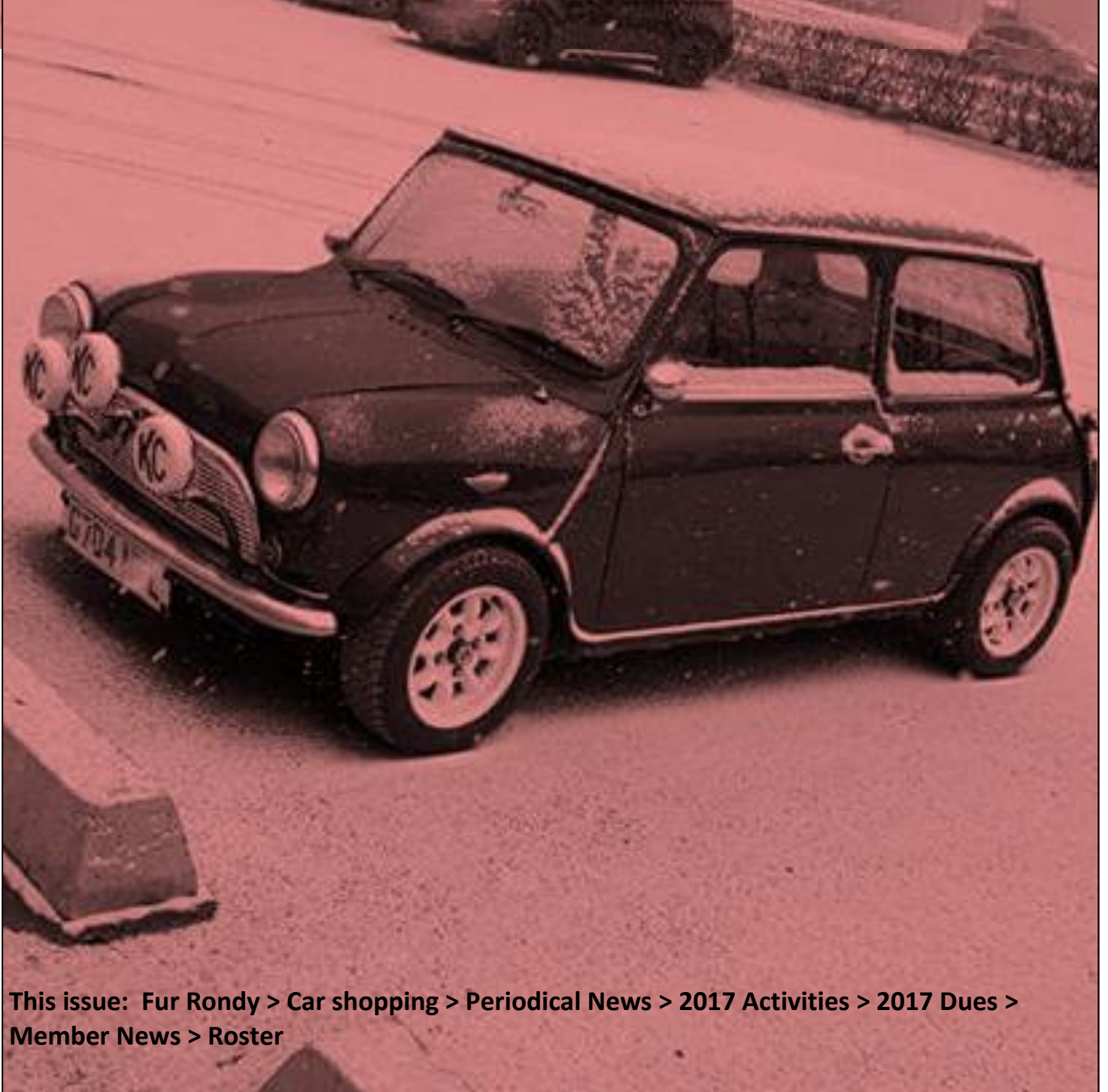


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Fur Rendezvous

Photos & story: Ken Morton

It's winter. You've already taken your annual trip to Arizona or Hawaii, and you're not going to get the roadster out for a couple of months yet. Skiing is too much work, and loading up the Ski-doo is too much trouble. It's time to Rondy!



Roxy Wright turns down Cordova Street

After a couple winters of no snow, the World Championship Sprint sled dog races were back this year. The great thing about the Rondy races is that you can watch the start, break for lunch – a spicy reindeer hotdog, of course – and then watch the finish in the same place. Sunday we watched former champ Roxy Wright come back from a quarter-century absence to reclaim the title at age 66 against some very fast youngsters.

Cover: 1989 Mini 30, Travis & Jacqueline DeMoss



The Antique Auto Musers of Alaska hold an annual car show in conjunction with the Rondy. There is always a great selection of cars from Model Ts to T-Birds, pickup trucks to Cadillacs. The Peoples' Choice Award this year went to Bill Brown for his 1958 BMW Isetta, a car even smaller than most of ours. Also of interest was Dutch Overly's mid-thirties MG PB Midget. Dutch is a former BSCA member who already owns several MGs. His newest acquisition is a bit of a project, but the chassis is complete and the engine runs.



For many years, Anchorage's winter carnival included the Fur Rondy Grand Prix which ran between high snow berms on icy downtown streets. When it was cancelled due to loss of sponsorship,

the Rondy Grand Prix claimed to be the longest running street race in America. Competitors drove everything from showroom stock European and Japanese sedans to Porsches and Corvettes. In later years, Legends cars, motorcycle powered half-size versions of '30s and '40s American sedans, were popular. The most competitive cars in the open class were often highly modified Volkswagen Beetles, and there were sometimes big American stock cars. For years, a Corvette-powered Triumph TR7 was driven by Gary Gage. There is still winter ice racing at Big Lake, but sadly the Rondy Grand Prix is no more.

Car Shopping, Part 2



As noted last month, winter can lead to thoughts of another classic car. In July 1988, Road & Track Magazine (R&T) published an article entitled "Appreciating Collectibles." Road & Track's Peter Bohr asked the question, "What's worth saving until the year 2000? Real estate? Certificates of Deposits? Cars!?"

A panel of R&T experts compiled a list of collectible cars from AC to Ferrari, Ford to Rolls Royce, and researched current 1988 prices for these cars. Next these writers looked in their crystal balls and made their predictions for the value of these cars far in the future year of 2000.

So how did the forecasters do in predicting which cars would appreciate a little in value and which would appreciate a lot? They actually did pretty well on many cars. Let's take a look at the British cars on the R&T list and compare their predictions with actual sale prices compiled in the year 2000 by

Classic & Sports Car magazine (C&SC) and in January 2017 by the Old Cars Report (OCR.)

Published price guides are compiled from actual private sales, dealer sales, and auction results, plus input from experts. C&SC 2000 prices are for "Average" to "Show" cars. Classic & Sports Car is a British publication; UK prices may not always reflect prices in the States, and the exchange rate in 2000 was \$1 = £0.4993. OCR 2017 prices are for "Very good" to "Excellent" cars. An "excellent" car will be a national show winning car according to OCR.

AC Ace, 1953 - 1962

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$45,000 - \$50,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$200,000
C&SC Actual sales 2000	\$46,000 - \$102,000
OCR Actual sales 2017	\$89,000 - \$198,000

Aston Martin DB2 - DB5, 1950 - 1965

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$20,000 - \$50,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$75,000 - \$150,000
C&SC Actual sales 2000	\$38,000 - \$150,000
OCR Actual sales 2017	\$34,000 - \$350,000

Austin Healey 3000 Mk III

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$15,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$50,000
C&SC Actual sales 2000	\$26,000 - \$50,000
OCR Actual sales 2017	\$43,000 - \$96,000



Jaguar XK-120, 1949 - 1954

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$30,000 - \$40,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$90,000 - \$120,000
C&SC Actual sales 2000	\$44,000 - \$90,000
OCR Actual sales 2017	\$65,000 - \$145,000

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Midnight Sun Street Rod Association (MSSRA)
<http://www.midnightsunsra.com/>

Jaguar E-Type roadster, 1961 – 1967

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$15,000 - \$25,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$50,000 - \$100,000
<i>C&SC Actual sales 2000</i>	<i>\$44,000 - \$80,000</i>
<i>OCR Actual sales 2017</i>	<i>\$41,000 - \$91,500</i>

Jaguar E-Type V12 roadster, 1971-74

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$25,000 - \$30,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$100,000
<i>C&SC Actual sales 2000</i>	<i>\$26,000 - \$80,000</i>
<i>OCR Actual sales 2017</i>	<i>\$27,000 - \$63,000</i>



MGB GT, 1966 – 1974

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$2,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$25,000
<i>C&SC Actual sales 2000</i>	<i>\$4,000 - \$17,000</i>
<i>OCR Actual sales 2017</i>	<i>\$6,400 - \$15,500</i>



MGTC & MGTD, 1947 – 1955

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$15,000 - \$20,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$50,000 - \$60,000
<i>C&SC Actual sales 2000</i>	<i>\$18,000 - \$36,000</i>
<i>OCR Actual sales 2017</i>	<i>\$16,000 - \$40,000</i>

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MGTF, 1954 – 1955

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$15,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$20,000 - \$60,000
C&SC Actual sales 2000	\$22,000 - \$39,000
OCR Actual sales 2017	\$20,000 - \$46,000

Morgan Plus 4, 1951 - 1967

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$15,000-\$16,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$35,000 - \$40,000
C&SC Actual sales 2000	\$18,000 - \$40,000
OCR Actual sales 2017	\$14,400 - \$40,000

Rolls Royce Silver Cloud I, 1955-59

R&T Actual sales 1988	\$23,000-\$28,000
R&T Predicted price 2000	\$65,000 - \$70,000
C&SC Actual sales 2000	\$19,000 - \$45,000
OCR Actual sales 2017	\$24,000 - \$53,000

Photos and data courtesy of Road & Track; 2000 values courtesy of Classic & Sports Car magazine; current values courtesy of Old Cars Report Price Guide.

Periodical News

News from the magazine trade *Sports Car Digest*



SCD, the on-line *Sports, Racing, and Vintage Car Journal*, carries scores of great photos in every issue. The February 24 edition features the Goodwood Revival. "From 1948 to 1966 the Goodwood circuit was the spiritual home of British motor racing, staging classic races such as the Tourist Trophy for sports cars and the Glover Trophy for Grand Prix

cars.... The (Goodwood) Revival event is a magical step back in time to motor racing as it used to be in Goodwood's heyday."



Tiger coupe, above, tintop racing, below



<http://www.sportscardigest.com/goodwood-revival-magical-step-back-in-time/>

Auto Restorer



Part four of the Spitfire 1500 restoration series in the March 2017 issue delves into the rear suspension, differential, axles, and hubs. The March issue also tells of the sale of the Craftsman Tool brand to Stanley Black & Decker. www.custmag.com/ARR

2017 BSCA Activities

Your board is planning for a full season of club activities starting as soon as the roads are clear of ice and sand. Our first drive will probably be sometime in late March or early April, and we'll keep driving until it gets too cold and snowy again in the fall. Our own Concours will be in early June, followed by the Highland Games, the Bear Paw Festival, the 4th of July, the Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine, Hot Summer Nights, and many other events. In past years, we have driven to Eagle River, Eklutna Lake, Hatcher Pass, and Girdwood. We have also been to Seward, Hope, Whittier, and Matanuska Glacier. Interested in shop visits or tech sessions? 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 854-9949, about helping to make it happen.

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 mrjohnmartin@mac.com



2018 BSCA Calendar

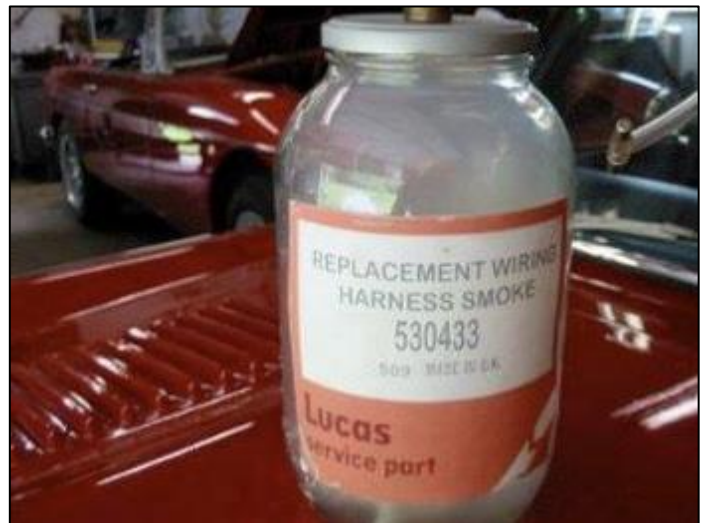
It's not too early to start thinking about getting photos of your car for the 2018 calendar.

2017 Dues are due

If you have already renewed your BSCA membership for 2017, thank you. If you haven't yet renewed, please take this opportunity to fill out the attached renewal form and send it with your \$30 check to John Martin, 8004 Meadow Hills Circle, Anchorage, Alaska 99502.

Member News

Jason Yardley, British sports car mechanic supreme, sends along this old chestnut: If you have a Lucas electrical system on one of your gems, you might need this. There are a lot of articles on how to determine the problem with Lucas systems by finding where the smoke is coming from.



Buy/sell/trade/etc.



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