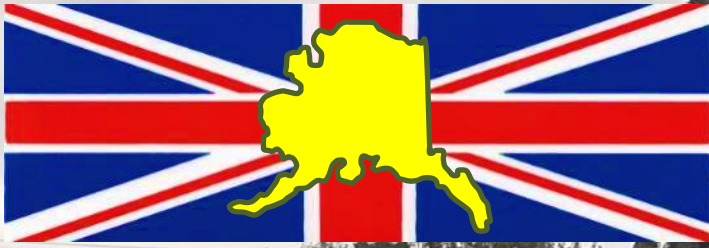


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Cover: Scott with his one-owner 1974 Jensen Healey, left, and Dean with his one-owner 1980 TR8. Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine, Anchorage. K. Morton photo

Jay Ofsthun Memorial Show & Shine, Alaska's biggest car show! August 5, Anchorage

A collaborative effort of the Midnight Sun Street Rodders Association & the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska Story & photos: K. Morton except as noted

The sun didn't shine, but the cars did. Despite a forecast for rain, the turnout was fairly good. In the BSCA area were four Triumphs, two Jaguars, two Lotuses, two Healeys, two MGs, a Caterham and a MINI. One Triumph, one MG, and one Healey were non-member cars. Tom Meacham parked his V8 Miata elsewhere in the field, and one-time member Debi Wilson's MGA was parked with the Midnight Sun Street Rodders.



Former Opalinski MGB, foreground, John & Donna's Jaguar E-Type, and non-member Lotus Evora



Stuart's Lotus Esprit and Martin's MG Midget



Floyd's E-Type Jaguar, Jim's Caterham, and Scott's Jensen Healey



Jim brought a tent, but the rain held off until late in the day. The club provided treats and lunch under the tent.



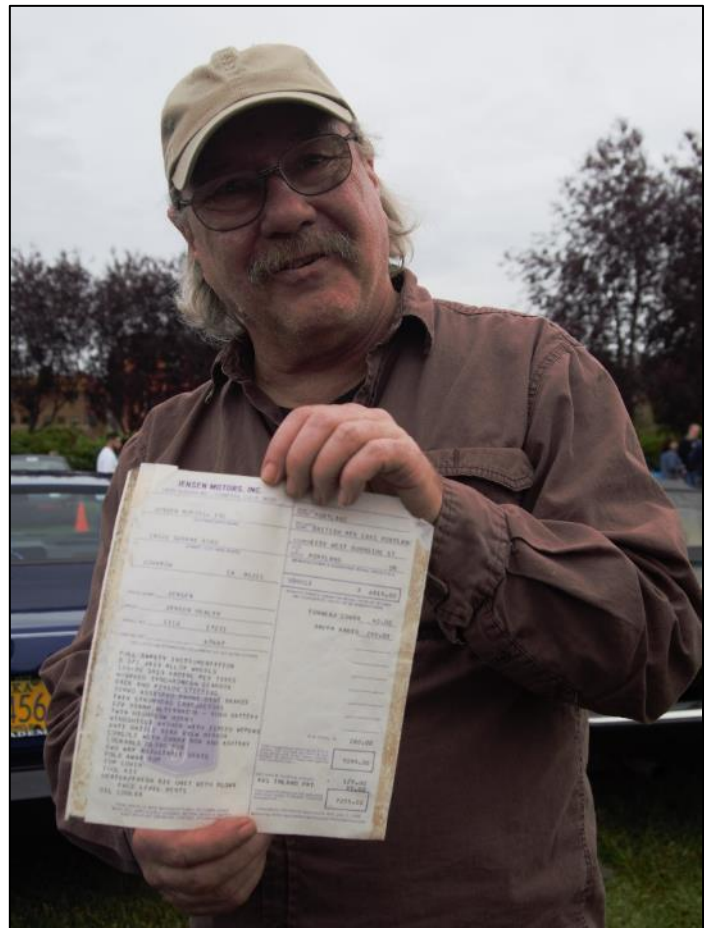
Dean's Triumph TR8 coupe and non-member TR7 V8



Ken's Triumph TR6 and non-member Bugeye Sprite



Johnson inspects a repair on John's V12 E-Type



Scott shows off his Jensen Healey's original dealer window sticker from British Motor Cars on West Burnside in Portland, Oregon. Standard equipment included alloy wheels, radial tires, rack & pinion steering, twin carburetors, and twin horns. The tonneau cover was a \$40.00 option, the AM/FM radio was \$240.00.



Jim's Caterham 7 SU always gets attention



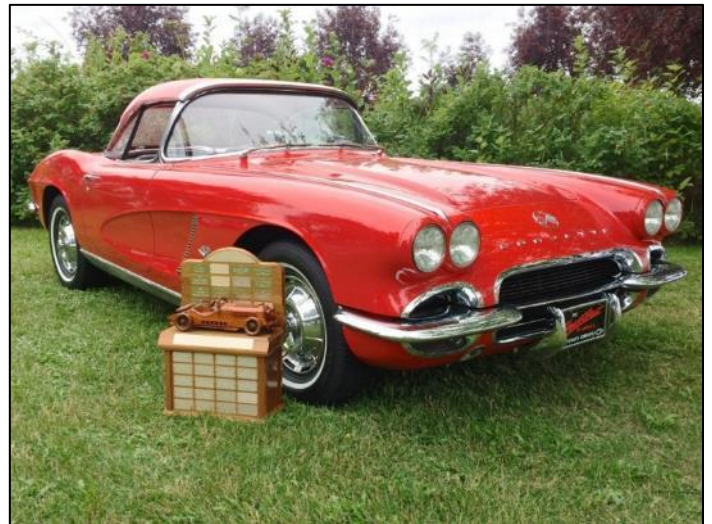
Leonard's Triumph TR4A between TR8 and TR6



Cadillac Sedanette



New member Jeffery Hickman and his 2006 MINI Cooper S joined BSCA at the Show & Shine



Dennis Anderson won the Jay Ofsthun trophy this year for his 1962 Corvette.
Photo by Tom Cresap, AAMA



The Show & Shine was begun in 1979 by the Midnight Sun Street Rodders Association and the Antique Auto Musers of Alaska. Two trophies are awarded at the Show & Shine each year by the sponsoring clubs. The Antique Auto Musers select the judge for the Ofsthun trophy, and the Midnight Sun Street Rodders the choose judge for the Mr. Ed's Pick award.



Ben Holeman's 1957 Chevrolet was Mr. Ed's Pick.
Photo by Tom Cresap, AAMA

Hot Summer Nights

August 11, Palmer Story/photos Dean Cox

The weather was high clouds and overcast but it didn't look like rain. I had the only BSCA car in the field; Debi's MGA and another non-member car, a Lotus Evora, were also there. It was a nice evening for a car show, but it wasn't a hot August night!



Model A lineup on Colony Way



Triumph TR8, above, T-Bird below



MGA

Knik River / Wolverine Road

Story: J. Quarles Photos: K. Morton & M. Walters



Our Knik River Run was interesting, full of changes, and a down-right cool ride into the Butte instead. Let me explain. Terry & I arrived at the intersection of the Old Glenn Highway and Knik River Road at 12:30 Saturday. We were staring at construction equipment, gravel roads, wet streets, flaggers, paving equipment and delayed traffic. A surprise to both of us. We're saying, "well let's see who shows for this!" Not long after, members were showing up along with others interested in seeing our cars. Members showing were BSCA President Martin Walters, MG Midget, Jason Yardley, MGB, Deborah and Leonard Steinberg, Triumph TR4A, Editor Ken Morton, Triumph TR6, plus myself and Terry Jo, Jaguar E-Type.



Johnson's E-Type and Ken's TR6 park with dozers and rollers and pavers



New territory!



Alternatives were discussed...

We held off until 1:15 and decided to postpone Knik Road for another time. Hatcher Pass here we come. We departed, and while en route, I made a quick decision to turn right onto Clark-Wolverine Rd. Terry and I are constantly looking for new run locations, and we had been up Clark-Wolverine Rd. many times before. It's always interesting with low traffic, beautiful scenery, and great road conditions, a perfect time for a BSCA test run for approval. The drive was thrilling with twisty turns, hills and just plain old road rally type driving. A quick photo shoot at the end of good pavement, and Humdingers Pizza here we come. Nothing like all expense paid pizza! A great drive, pizza, good friends & good weather as forecast with no rain. Those that missed this event missed a good one!



(Near) where the pavement ends



Twisty bits on Clark-Wolverine Road



Martin tries to stay with Johnson



Fields and forest along the way. Martin's MG Midget, Leonard's TR4A, Johnson's E-Type



Johnson and Jason help Leonard locate a severe miss. Contrary to the old saying that most carburetor problems are actually in the ignition, this turned out to be a fuel line disconnected from the rear carb.



It's always good to have a mechanic along; Jason's MGB



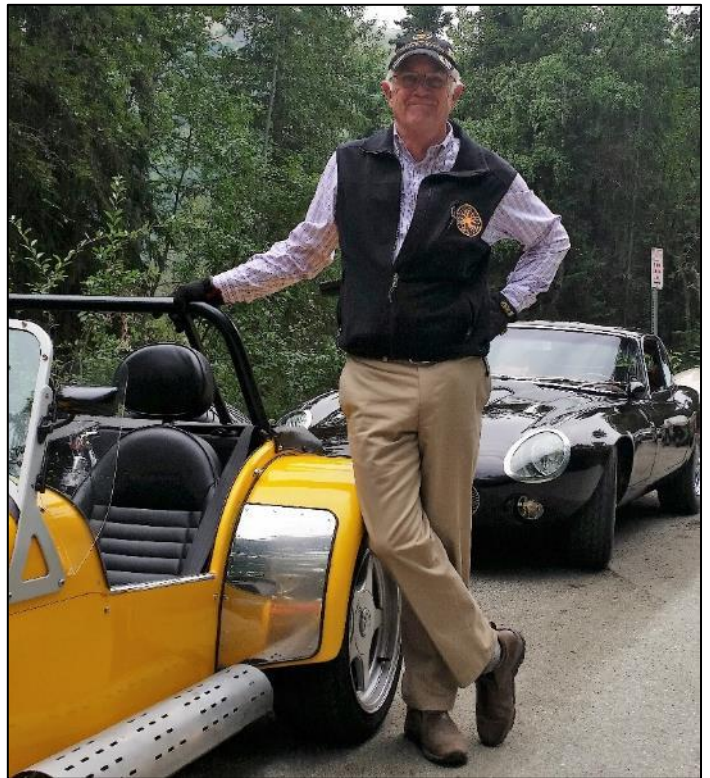
Delicious pizza at Humdinger's Gourmet Pizza in Palmer.

Eklutna Lake

Story: J. Quarles Photos: K. Morton & J. Quarles



Rick rode his beautiful Norton Commando down to Fred Meyer, but didn't join us for the ride



We are used to seeing Jim and his Caterham at shows, but they came on a drive with us for perhaps the first time



The skies were gray and the roads dry as we headed out from Eagle River



Martin's MG, Jim's Caterham, Johnson's and Dave's Jaguars, Ken's Triumph, and Dennis's Austin Healey



Dennis joined us at the bottom of the hill in his Bugeye Sprite

The Eklutna run was a very nice event, smooth driving to the lake with six BSCA cars. On the way back, a short stop at Rochelle's Ice Cream Stop was in order. BSCA will help and offer experienced mechanical, construction, body and fender, paint information, parts locating sources and just about anything for a British sports car. If the answer is not known by one of us, then we will try to find it! There are some beautiful drives here in Alaska, and I am sure

everyone would like to join in the fun IF their vehicle is running and handling well and looking good.



Treats at Rochelle's Ice Cream Photo: D. Baldwin

MORE 2018 BSCA Activities yet to come...

Sept. 15: *Pizza & Risky Driving*
1:00 PM Dave Baldwin
22626 Chamber Lane, Chugiak
(Peters Creek exit)

Why you don't want to drive like "Everyone else"!
Dave Baldwin is a former Chief Instructor with the National Safety Council and Motorcycle Safety Foundation. Dave was the Program Coordinator with the State of New Mexico Traffic Safety Bureau for seven years, working to eliminate or reduce that state's vehicle collisions, injuries and fatalities. Dave

then handled risk, liability and subrogation claims for sixteen years with the Municipality of Anchorage (MOA) Risk Management Department. As such David has a good pulse on what has been the primary reasons for vehicle collisions and has come up with a captivating and persuasive slideshow. Dave covers why these collisions happen, human factors such as perception/awareness of the risks, the legal consequences, and the mechanics behind the techniques involved to lower our driving risks.

Come one, come all, drive what is appropriate for the weather!



Sept. 29 *BSCA BBQ* at Dean's
30740 Sagwon Avenue, Eagle River, AK



Look for more information to arrive by email.

2019 BSCA Calendar photos

Don't forget to take a couple of pictures of your car for the 2019 BSCA calendar. Let's see pictures of some cars that haven't been in previous calendars. Your car doesn't have to be perfect. Just show it artfully in an interesting setting. Reprinted again in edited form are some hints on taking good car pictures from David Fidler of *Triumph 6-PACK* (Photos: K. Morton)



Turn the front wheels away from you. The wheel looks nicer than the front suspension.



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

Set your camera to the highest resolution to get a quality image for a large calendar print.

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

Keep your shadow and reflection out of the picture.

Make sure the camera is focused.

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

Have some fun with this!



Don't shoot all car and nothing but the car. Leave some room to crop the photo for the calendar format.



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



Don't use a wide-angle lens setting; it distorts things badly. (Look at the droopy bumper and leaning right wheel.)

Let's get calendar pictures from some of you folks who have never submitted one before! Email your jpg files to Ken Morton at ak.roadster@att.net

Member Notes

Ken Morton

John Martin noted last month that he had reached his goal of putting at least 500 miles on his XKE this summer. I also reached 500 miles in my Triumph TR6 on the way home from Eklutna Lake in August. Did anyone else keep track of their distance driven? Perhaps we should have an award for the most miles driven in your British car.

New members

New member this month is Jeffery Hickman and his MINI Cooper S. See his car's photo on page 4. Please join us in welcoming Jeffery to BSCA

BSCA on Facebook

Be sure to check the BSCA Facebook page:
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/441619005978014/>
Please also note that being a member of the BSCA Facebook page is not the same as being a dues-paying member of the club.

Buy/sell/trade/etc.

MGB transmission for sale \$50.00

Tom Arminski 744-1341 arminski@gci.net

Lucas distributor point deck for sale

NOS point deck with condenser soldered in place for early T series and lots of English cars. It fits Lucas distributors from 40048 to 40162 and most other 4-cylinder cars with Lucas ignition of the late prewar and early postwar era, packed in the original buff cardboard box of '50 s vintage Lucas parts. Moss number is 163 700, listed as no longer available. It includes the power bar and appropriate screws etc. Make offer.

Jason Yardley 376-2188

In other news: Alcan 5000 Rally

The 2018 Alcan 5000 Rally departed from Kirkland, Washington, on August 20, and finished 4600 miles later in Fairbanks on August 28.



Steve Riddell of Byron, Michigan, entered his recently restored Triumph TR6, co-driven by his son Sean. The Summer issue of *Triumph 6-PACK* magazine features Steve's restoration project and rally preparation.

About a third of the rally entries appeared to be vintage cars including a 1969 Austin Mini, a 1973 Leyland Australia Mini window van, a Saab 900, several early Mustangs, a 1957 VW, and a 1935 Ford pickup.



<https://www.alcan5000.com/2018itin.htm>

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Triumph Wedge Owners Association

www.triumphwedgeowners.org

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