

Redding

British Car Club

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From your editor – On Mon evening, Sept 14th, 9 of us met outside in the parking lot in front of the rodeo grounds with proper social distancing. It was 7:00 and a bit smokey but not as bad as it had been.

Evert told us that he went on that Poker Run even though he was the only one from RBCC. He said it was a lot of fun and he won a wrench set for his efforts. As if the Covid Virus was not bad enough, we now have fires on all sides of Redding to contend with and for this reason, we have cancelled the Etna run. We may make a trip to Lassen instead depending on conditions. Check your e-mail for details.

Included in this newsletter is the story of new member, George Roger's MG-TD which has been in his family for 65 years and is undergoing it's 2nd restoration. I look forward to seeing it on the road when it's finished.

Also included is info from Backwater Tours about a 2022 tour to the

Goodwood Revival. The Goodwood Revival has been on my bucket list for years. It is similar to the Monterey Speed Week but on steroids. There is a strong historic aspect with many people dressing up in "period" costumes from the 30's & 40's. It sounds like Backwater has a great trip planned. I am seriously considering this one.

It appears my search for an MGA is about over. I found a '57 in the LA area at Beverly Hills Car Club. It is a matching numbers car which has been owned by the same person for 18 years. They said it ran when it arrived, but would not start. Once they get it started again, I'll go down & pick it up.

Our next meeting will be Mon, Oct 12th and please note it will now be at 6:00 through the winter months.

From the Members

By George Rogers

I will give you a little background on my MG. It is a 1951 right hand drive import. It was imported to Southern California, and was bought second hand by my father sometime prior to 1955. The car was his daily driver here in Redding for years.

Some time in the early-mid 1960's, while I was overseas during the Viet Nam war, he decided to change the engine. I have no idea what prompted this idea, except that probably the market value at the time was very low, and he must have gotten the replacement engine, etc., at that time.

My Pop was an Ace mechanic. He replaced the MG engine with a Triumph TR engine and transmission with overdrive.

In 1978 my mother passed, and Pop moved to the family rancho near Dixon, CA., where the MG became a chicken coop, and other farm animals, for shelter, I guess.

In 1986 I asked for, and received the car.

Needless to say, all the wood was rotten, wiring shot, brakes locked, and the top was gone. The best thing was the metal was solid and free of rust.

I did, myself, a frame off restoration. Other than paint, I did all the rest myself over a couple of years. It came out rather well, in my opinion.

While test driving the car on I-5, a pressure line to the off-engine oil filter broke and pumped all the oil out before I noticed the gauge.

An engine knock ensued. Probably a rod.

Disgusted with myself, I parked it in my garage and covered it.



I moved on to restore, drive, and sell a 1969 Camaro which now resides in Norway. The Norwegian man that bought the Camaro had been looking for a one owner dead stock Camaro, and somehow found me and the car. Negotiations went on for three years, before I gave him a "go away" price and he bit!

I then did a frame up restoration on a 1930 Ford coupe, and built a 100 mile per hour 1930 Ford engine. I put overdrive in, and air conditioning, and my wife and I toured the U.S. in it for several years. While in New Mexico, a man found he could not live without owning it, and paid an impressive amount of money for it. I could not resist the offer, and it now resides in Albuquerque.

That brings us back to the MG. I have now collected all the parts and pieces I will need to bring the car back. During its slumber, it was visited by rodents and neglect. Including a flat head V-8 Ford engine on a stand that fell over on the left rear fender and running board. These will be removed and repaired soon and I hope we can match the paint.

In the days I was first restoring the car, after market wire looms were not available on the market. So I made one.

I am going to start the re-restoration now. I am a fairly good wrench, and have all the time I need. I will offer my assistance (if anyone should need an old man's opinion) to any club member.

I will also offer a "Lie and Brag" session occasionally to the members at my home. Probably in the garage. With beverages and snacks.

I left a lot out of this story. Mainly because I cannot remember it all, and, because it sounds like a lot of bragging. I do not intend to brag, but want to give you a heads up if you consider me becoming a member of your club. While I am not reliable to attend all meetings, and may not include myself on some car trips, and I am reticent on joining any club that would have me as a member, I hereby send my ten bucks. Sincerely, George Rogers (You can call me George)

Goodwood Revival Gold Tour 2022

A luxury 14 day classic car experience

Our company, Backwater Classic Car Tours, has put together an amazing package that will allow classic car enthusiasts to be part of the unique experience that is the **The Goodwood Revival Gold Tour**, which is fully escorted throughout, takes

place from August 20 to September 13th, 2022. Goodwood Revival Festival, one of the world's premier classic car motoring events.

Its 640-mile route includes not only a 3-day entry pass to the Goodwood Revival itself (with grandstand seating and free circuit parking), but also excursions to some of the UK's most iconic monuments including Windsor Castle, Blenheim Palace, Portsmouth Historic Dockyard, Mary Rose Museum and HMS Victory.

As a break from car related venues we also visit some important English gardens like RHS Wisley, Hidcote Gardens NT, Exbury Gardens and Westonbirt Arboretum. Accommodation for the 14 nights is in a series of five 4-star luxury hotels. All have been chosen by Backwater Tours for their comfort, excellent facilities and locations. Guests are provided with a full English breakfast every day and nine three-course dinners over the full fortnight, plus a Gala Farewell Dinner on the last night.

Naturally, the highlight of the Revival tour is the three days at the Goodwood Revival Festival itself. A firm favorite with classic motor enthusiasts for over two decades, this flamboyant and colourful event has something for everyone, from classic sports cars to motorcycles, old aeroplanes and jazz bands, to say nothing of glamorous costumes from the 40s, 50s and 60s.

Very importantly, during this event, Backwater Tour participants will be staying at the Hilton Avisford Park Hotel, a venue situated just 6 miles from Goodwood. This means that daily visits to the Revival are quick and easy, with no need for a long journey through heavy event traffic, a problem frequently encountered with some other Revival tour packages.

The price of the Goodwood Revival package includes the hire of a luxury car: a Mercedes E Class or similar as standard. A GPS Navigator pre-loaded with day-to-day route planning, and a comprehensive tour book, ensure comfortable driving and a chance to appreciate some beautiful countryside.

Participants can choose for themselves how many of the destinations they wish to visit and when they want to depart from the hotel. This gives them maximum freedom to tailor the tour to suit their own particular needs.

Goodwood Revival SILVER Tour 2022 Due to requests we have now added which is a week's duration but still has the same Goodwood advantages as the gold tour, full details of this option on our website: <https://bit.ly/3adorUg>

Brochure for both tours, dates and prices may be obtained from the Backwater Tours office on +44(0)1243 820041 or email: paul@backwatertours.co.uk Web: <https://bit.ly/3jCALC0> [web link](#)

Hopefully our **The Goodwood Revival Tour** will be of interest to many of your members and I should be very grateful if you could circulate them with details of what we have on offer. I look forward to hearing from you.

Offer: We are offering a 5% discount per couple on this tour that can be paid either to your club or passed to your members by quoting a code.

Who we are: Backwater Classic Car Tours is a UK-based company that has been organising and escorting events since 2008, principally for classic Jaguars. Our aim is for all our guests simply to enjoy themselves and to see new places.

The emphasis of all our tours is as much on the social side as on the driving experience, club link [web link](#) and open tours [web link](#).

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This section is for you. It's meant to list anything (British Car related) which you need (parts or cars), or have for sale.

Help - Phyllis Morris in Oroville, 530-693-4612. phyllisg.morris@gmail.com , has a 59 MG-A coupe that she is having resorted. The fellow doing the work has stopped and she wants someone to finish the work. She is willing to pay for the work. Apparently the wiring and upholstery are to be done yet. She is also open to selling the car. If you can help, please contact her.

For Sale - Got a call from a lady in Redding who has 5 cars. Her husband passed away and she wants to sell the lot. Porsche's, TRs and spitfire. Here's her (530) 945-9938

Wanted – We have a new member George Rogers who is looking for anybody that might have an engine stand for testing a running engine that he might borrow. If you wish to contact George you can reach him at: grogers3199@charter.net

Wanted – I am looking for a pre-1960 MGA roadster. Not a show car but a good solid driver. Contact Charles Laurence 530-782-0546

Upcoming Events

Sept 12th – Sat – Drive to Lassen – Bring a lunch & chair

Sept 18th & 19th – Fri & Sat – Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet – McCall ID

Oct. 17th – Wed - Fall color tour Lewiston

Oct 30th - Nov 1st – Fri - Sun – Thunder Hill Vintage Races

Dec. 6th – Sat - Christmas party at Cattlemens Restaurant – Redding