

# Redding

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## British Car Club

**July 2020**

**Compiled & Edited by Charles Laurence**

**From your editor** – Our July meeting was held in the Rodeo Grounds parking lot with 12 members attending. Conversation ranged from cars & parts for sale as well as cars being worked on. Eventually, we got around to upcoming drives once the weather cools down a bit. Looks like a drive to Etna in Sept will be next. Evert has had the idea of featuring a photo issue for our Aug newsletter. You should send your favorite picture of your British car to my e-mail address and I will include it. That address is:

[charleslaurence42@gmail.com](mailto:charleslaurence42@gmail.com)

Evert got an e-mail from the Idaho British Car Club telling him that their Sept car event is still on (for now). I have included their registration information in this newsletter if you're interested.

I was planning on attending auctions in Reno & Monterey next month, however all except the Mecum auction in Monterey Aug 13 – 15 have been cancelled. I intend to attend this one in my search for an MGA. Our next meeting will be Mon 8/10. Hope to see you there.

### Recent Events

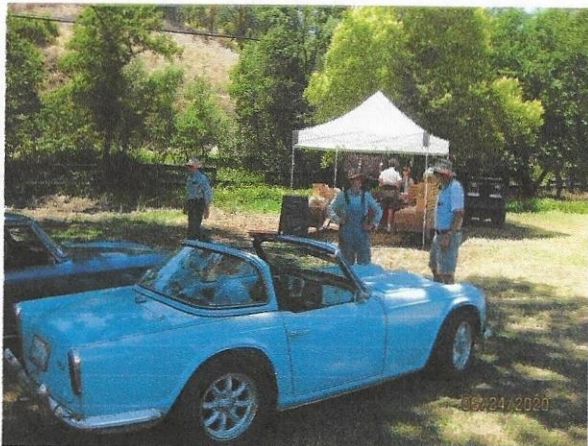
**Stewart Springs Run** – It was another beautiful North State day on Tues, 6/16 when a group of BC enthusiasts met in the MacDonalds parking lot in Shasta Lake City. There were 2 TR's, an MGB and 2 daily drivers at 9:00 and we headed north shortly thereafter. About 45 miles up I-5, Bob Harris's TR-6 suddenly shut down. We stopped to offer assistance and Bob soon discovered a vacuum hose which was part of the smog control system

had come loose. He reconnected it and the car started. He decided to head back for home and the rest of us continued on to a pit stop in Weed. After that stop, we continued north to the Gazzelle exit where we turned west and then left again onto Stewart Springs Rd and then right on Park Creek Rd. It was barely a two lane road that wound it's way up into the mountains. It was a great drive which was thankfully devoid of traffic as it



was often only one lane wide. We stopped at the summit for lunch and were met by Rex Murphy who had come up from Weaverville, but decided it was too windy & cold, so we continued on down the other side in search of a warm spot. After lunch, we continued on down where we connected up with highway 3 to Weaverville and back into Redding. A total of about 150 miles of beautiful scenery.

**Red Gate Ranch Run** – It was hot on Wed, 6/24 at 10:30 in the morning, already 90 degrees in the Holiday Market parking lot at Placer Drive and



Buenaventura. We had 4 British cars in the form of a Spitfire, TR-4, TR-6 and a Mini along with my daily driver. We headed out by driving west on Placer which unbeknownst to me goes all the way to Igo and beyond. It's a beautiful sports car road with lots of twisty turnes and ups & downs. At Clear Creek Rd, it becomes Gas Point Rd and goes past the Northern California Veterans Cemetery and on into Cottonwood where we met up

with Bowman Rd heading west again. We followed Bowman to it's most westerly point where it runs into Hwy 36. A left turn there took us east into the outskirts of Red Bluff which is where the Red Gate Ranch is located at about 110 miles from our starting point.

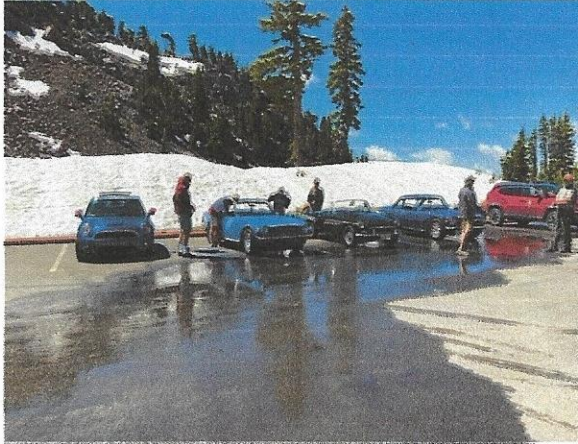
The Red Gate Ranch is a working farm/ranch with acres of all manner of vegetables and pigs to provide fresh pork.

We had our usual picnic lunch as we waited for them to set up their "store" so we could take advantage of their organic farming efforts.





**Lassen Park Run** – Evert suggested this drive on short notice due to a break in the hot weather. It had been into the triple digits for a week when the forecast for Sunday, 6/28 was supposed to drop into the mid 80's. We met in the Holiday Market parking lot in Palo Cedro at 9:00 and headed



out soon after. There were two TR-6's, an MGB and a Mini as well as myself in the daily driver. Our route took us east on 44, then south on 89 to the parking lot at the base of the mountain to stretch our legs and take some pictures aided by the park ranger.

Then back onto 89 to 172 to Mill Creek Resort for lunch.



I don't know if it's the altitude (about 8,500 ft) but their burgers are about the best I've ever had. We set up our chairs with social distancing and ate lunch while solving the world's problems.

## **It's Not Just a Miniature Tow Truck, It's a Mini**

**Meet a California couple with an obsession: turning the tiny British cars into unique creations**

Norm and Jesse Nelson's Tiny Tows 1962 Austin Mini. The Nelsons have built everything from a rolling Chiquita banana tribute mobile to a cop car, all out of vintage Minis. Max Whittaker for The Wall Street Journal

By A.J. Baime





Norm and Jesse Nelson with Tiny Tows, a tow truck they built out of a 1962 Austin Mini pickup, at their home in Palo Cedro, Calif. One of their many Mini creations, Tiny Tows is a tribute to tow truck drivers.

**Norm Nelson:** I have always loved British cars and I worked on them and raced them when I was young. In particular I've always loved vintage Minis. I am lucky that my wife is as crazy about them as I am. Minis were built in Britain starting in 1959. The car was imagined in response to rising fuel prices to be a small, economic vehicle that could hold four people. It quickly became a cultural icon. A number of brands were associated with Minis. You had Austin Minis and Morris Minis. There were higher-performance Mini Coopers. [Today's Mini brand is owned by [BMW](#). ]

**Jesse Nelson:** When we became empty-nesters, Norm told me I should get a new car, something sporty. I test-drove a few and didn't like them. I went on the internet one night in 2006 and found this beat-up old car and I had a vision for it. I woke Norm at 3 a.m. and said, "I just bought a 1973 Mini Cooper." It was in terrible shape and when he looked at it, he said, "What have you done?" I said, "I have a vision." He said, "You could be hospitalized for those."



**Norm:** What we do is we find a car, we look at it, share it with our Mini club and we ask people, "What do you think would be a good idea for this one?"

**Jesse:** I look at it differently. We find these vintage Minis and they tell us what they want to be when they grow up. They all have names. That is sort of a Mini thing. Mini enthusiasts like to name their cars.

**Jesse:** Tiny Tows is one of our most popular creations. It took us a year and it is a tow truck built out of a 1962 Austin Mini pickup. It is a tribute to our tow truck drivers, who never get any recognition. They do a really important job and a dangerous job, so we built Tiny Tows in honor of them. Adults love it. Kids love it. I once drove Tiny Tows home from Las Vegas, over 600 miles, in one day. We drive the heck out of all these cars.

**Norm:** Our next car will be an Ecto-1 Ghostbusters car. It is going to look exactly like the car in the movie, only it'll be a Mini, naturally.

## **Classified**

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

**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](mailto: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**

Aug 8<sup>th</sup> – Sat – Pebble Beach Cars overnight – Carter House – Eureka

Aug 13 - 15 – Thurs - Sat – Mecum Auction - Monterey

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

Oct. 17<sup>th</sup> – Wed - Fall color tour Lewiston

Oct 30<sup>th</sup> - Nov 1<sup>st</sup> – Fri - Sun – Thunder Hill Vintage Races

Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – Sat - Christmas party at Cattlemens Restaurant – Redding



# Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet

A production of the Idaho British Car Club and Jaguar/Land Rover Boise—  
A Tribute to the Austin Healey!



[Click here to register online today!](#)

## COVID-19 and SWIABFM

The great news is that Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet 2020 is, as of now, still on the calendar with ongoing planning!

As we all know, the COVID-19 virus is having quite an impact on summer car shows all over the Northwest and will continue throughout the summer months. Idaho and some of the surrounding states are starting a gradual opening up even with new COVID-19 cases coming in daily, with Idaho possibly fully opening by the end of June. We're happy at this point, that we are still on the calendar with a close eye on COVID-19 impact.

## HOW YOU CAN HELP

Register Early for the event. By registering NOW it will help ensure that we have enough people (and money) interested and registered for the event to take place. Low attendance may require us to cancel when all other factors are "A GO". Registration fees will be fully refunded if we have to cancel for any reason.

## GO/NO GO DECISION:

Factors in making decision:

- Enough participants registered
- Projected status of COVID-19 in Idaho and the Northwest regional area
- Deadlines to cancel activities without incurring cost
- Projected statuses for our partners involved in venues and activities

**We hope you can add us to your plans and join us in McCall, Idaho and The Village at Meridian, Idaho.**



## Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet 2020 Registration

**Instructions:** Please complete the form and mail it along with your check to IBCC SWIABFM, P. O. Box 9484, Boise, ID 83707. The deadline for registering by mail will be September 11, 2020. This will allow mail delivery so we can have you entered in the show.

### SWIABFM 3-Day Event



**Cancellation Policy:** You can cancel up to the day of the show and your registration fee will be refunded. However, any regalia, T-shirts or extra dash plaques ordered will not be refunded and will be available for pickup or mailed to you, plus a charge for postage and packaging.

**Online Registration:** You can register online at <https://swiabfm.idahobritishcars.org/>

**\*\*\*Register by August 1st to have your name added for a \$100 drawing at the show (9/20)!**

Name(s):			
Club Affiliation:		Email:	
Phone:		Cell:	
Address:			
City:		State:	
		Zip:	

## Southwest Idaho All British Field Meet Registration

Vehicle #1 Make:		Model:		Year:	
Vehicle #2 Make:		Model:		Year:	
Vehicle #3 Make:		Model:		Year:	

REMEMBER --- Third vehicle is FREE!

### Friday & Saturday, Sept. 18-19: "McCall"

- Will you drive to McCall with Group on the 18th? YES: ☐ NO: ☐
- McCall Smokejumper Base Tour - Number to Attend #
- Jug Mountain Lunch (\$17 ea): Enter lunch selection in REG section below.
- Poker Run Rally: Attend (YES) / (NO) - CIRCLE SELECTION
- McCall Lake Cruise (\$35 ea): Enter number of tickets in REG section below.
- Jasmine+Ginger Dinner: Number to Attend #

Get a full schedule of McCall events at <https://swiabfm.idahobritishcars.org/mccall-september-18-19/>

### Saturday & Sunday, Sept. -19-20: "Car Show at The Village at Meridian!"

Jaguar/Land Rover Reception (Sat @ 6 P.M. - Number to Attend

Get a full schedule of Meridian events at:

<https://swiabfm.idahobritishcars.org/meridian-september-19-20/>



**Registration Options: Only select one from the following three!**

Three-Day Event: (\$35).....	<input type="text"/>
or McCall Only: (\$15).....	<input type="text"/>
or Village Only: (\$25).....	<input type="text"/>
Second Vehicle: (\$10 ~ Includes Dash Plaque).....	<input type="text"/>
Extra Dash Plaques: \$5 ea .....	QTY: <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>
SWIABFM Grille Badge: \$30 ea.....	QTY: <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>
Jug Mountain Ranch Lunch: \$17 ea (Chicken Caesar <input type="checkbox"/> Club <input type="checkbox"/> )	
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McCall Lake Cruise: \$35 ea.....	QTY: <input type="text"/> = <input type="text"/>

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**GEAR = Regular and Baseball Styles = \$20; Blue Denim: Reg = \$30 - Tall = \$38**

**Carhartt Shirt = \$55**

**(Please add \$2 for XXL and \$3 for XXXL)**

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**REGALIA (Indicate quantity below and calculate cost times qty and add together)**

IBCC grille badge: \$35 <input type="text"/>	IBCC embroidered logo baseball cap: \$17 <input type="text"/>	
IBCC License plate frame: \$20 <input type="text"/>	Color (Silver or Black) <input type="text"/>	= <input type="text"/>
IBCC embroidered patch: \$5 <input type="text"/>	IBCC window decal: \$1 <input type="text"/>	
IBCC Lapel Pin: \$5 <input type="text"/>		
		<b><u>TOTAL:</u></b> <input type="text"/>

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RELEASE: By signing I am aware of the hazards inherent with classic vehicles and agree to release and indemnify the SW Idaho All British Field Meet Planning Committee, IBCC, any sponsors, and volunteers from any and all liability from personal injury and/or property damage incurred by me or my guests as a result of my participation in this event.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: