

Redding

British Car Club

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From your editor – A small group (7) of us met on Monday, Feb 14th at the Lighthouse Restaurant to plan out activities for the months ahead.

Evert asked me about my idea of producing a calendar of member's cars for 2023. I had started that idea years ago at my club in Alaska and it was a big hit and is still being done today. The way it works is, the members send me a favorite picture of their British car. I compile them and mount them on a display board which we'll have on display at the Christmas party. The members vote on their favorite 12 pictures and those with the most votes make up the calendar. Calendars usually cost about \$15 and make great Christmas gifts for your friends &

family. I'll call for pictures about June but start thinking now about taking a good calendar picture.

We also discussed having a "shop tour". Evert's going to start working on a date & shop locations – probably in May.

We also discussed a trip down to the Woodland Tractor Museum and we'll let you know when that's going to happen.

I continue to look for your stories in a British car. It can be about an interesting drive you took or a renovation project your involved with. Anything related to British Cars will be welcome. Write me at:

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From the Members

From Charley Fitch – Charlie, Attached is an article written by Loren Fisher from the Redwood Car Club. I pass this on to you as a submission for our newsletter. I have known Loren now for 30+ years. We met when the Trinity Touring Club was active in Trinity County. Especially doing autocrosses. The two clubs each had autocrosses and we had a lot of traveling back and forth between these events. Loren would like to become a cooperator with our club to encourage interaction between the clubs. His group has been sponsoring a two seater car show in past years and is planning to do it again this year. They are also inviting us to join them on their car rides. See the following letter. You may also include this message with the article.

From Loren Fisher - Thanks Charley, I'd love to be a cooperator. My application is on the way to you.

I'm sending along a fun article that I wrote for our clubs newsletter last year, If you think it is appropriate to put it in your clubs newsletter you are welcome to use it. Some may enjoy it. Feel free to forward it to your editor.

Three of us toured up to the mouth of the Klamath River yesterday. The High Bluffs Overlook area, on the South side of the river, is beautiful and has picnic tables and pit toilets.

Looking forward to another year of tours, and a show!

I am currently making plans for the Two Seat Car Show here in town, for June 18 2022.

We did not have the show for the last two years due to Covid, but had several well attended tours each year instead. I have another tour and picnic planned for this spring, (with no date set yet). Your club may be interested in this one, as we meet around 11:00 am on the coast by Orick, then travel inland a few scenic miles.

I'm hoping for a fun year, my second as a retired person!

Loren Fisher

Why do we enjoy acceleration so much? I'm not talking about the dragstrip, I'm talking about pure acceleration: up; down; side to side; forward or backward. Our bodies seem to relish in it!

Here is my theory, and it has to do with electrons, the strong nuclear force, leptons, baryons and maybe even time dilation and axions!

Think about what holds us together as it is. After all, we never are sitting still, even when on the couch watching Oprah. This planet is rotating, and we with it, once every day. Since our ball has a circumference of 24,901 miles, that puts our cruise over a cool 1000 miles an hour at the equator, and about 800 mph at the latitude where we live. But wait, the planet is hurtling around the sun, an orbit quite large, so add in another 67,000 miles an hour to our tour, all the while changing direction twice a day with the rotation of the Earth, right? Kind of a loopy-loop reminiscent of the Zipper at the carnival. Then there is the rotation of our Milky Way galaxy, which is relatively slow, but the distance is so great as to put our actual motion in really big numbers, so add 488,000 mph! And yes, there is another loopy-loop, that change of direction going on at that level. Add another 4200 mph for our galaxies rush toward a collision with the Andromeda galaxy, and you see the predicament we are in.

If it wasn't for gravity we'd all be flung off this planet for sure, just like the kid's merry-go-round. And gravity turns out to be a very weak force indeed.

But here is where it gets interesting. As fast as we are travelling already, just a small change in velocity causes us to be giddy. An autocross course comes to mind, if the

carnival is not in town. So what are we up against? I say it's the electron. Every atom has some, and they are FAST! If you think of the nucleus of an atom as being the size of an orange, then the first ring of electrons are circling it about 5 blocks away. Therefore, a LOT of empty space is in between. Yet no other atom can normally poke into that space, because the electrons seem to be everywhere around the sphere of the nucleus at the same time. Either they ARE everywhere at once, which makes them really fast, or the forces that bind them to the nucleus are REALLY strong. We are made of atoms, so when we change directions (acceleration), our atoms are bumping into that force. I think the electrons are laughing at us for trying to get into their space, which causes our electrons, and neurons, to laugh along with them! Good a premise as any don't you think!

So let's get out there, rub elbows with some electrons, and smile...

PS: The speeds listed here are approximate. By some calculations, due to the elliptical orbits, our speed through the cosmos fluctuates, speeding up then slowing down by about 135,000 miles per hour between each spring and fall. Feel it?

Just how fast are electrons? Scientists say that electrons circle the nucleus 100,000 Trillion times each second! Enough to give a quark the chills.

LorenSam

From Charley Fitch - I found the product covered by the following message on a Triumph forum. These are a direct replacement for the double element tail light bulb. Used for the brake and rear lights. The advantages are that they have three flashes (strokes) whenever the brake lights are activated then they stay on just as a normal light and they are LED and a bit brighter than the normal bulbs. In checking their information, they say they do not work on our Triumphs. But I have now installed them on both of my TR4s (both negative ground cars) and Evert has a set on his TR6. And they work just fine. If you are interested the location where I bought mine is listed below. I suspect if they work on a Triumph they should work on at least the later MG's and LBC's. The cost runs about \$18 for the two bulb set.

https://www.amazon.com/gp/product/B07LG2DWC3/ref=ppx_yo_dt_b_asin_title_o00_s00?ie=UTF8&psc=1&tag=affinity1-21-20&ascsubtag=srctok-e119c4bdf9e23ad5&btn_ref=srctok-e119c4bdf9e23ad5

I have developed a habit of pumping my brake pedal to get some sort of flashing from my brake lights to warn the cars behind me that I am braking. With these lights I can still do some brake pedal pumping but with about 5-10 seconds between pumps and I get a lot of flashing from the brake lights. That of course depends on how close the driver is behind me.

Charlie,

Additional items are Kool April Nights has announced that they will have a normal schedule this year. So watch for Show and Shines that might interest the club members. April 23 to May 1.

On June 18 a group in Eureka is again sponsoring The Two Seater car show. Our club has had member attend this in the past and found it worth the trip over. So mark your calendars if interested.

Recent Events

Our club ride on February 12 turned out to be all that we wanted it to be. Great weather (there were 5 convertibles present), a total of eight cars (just enough to be impressive without being so many that somebody is liable to get lost) and 12 people (enough to fill up two picnic tables and have a good chat).

After meeting in Palo Cedro we headed east out highway 44 to Millville Plains road. This road is a favorite for getting great views of the mountains surrounding the valley. The grass has greened up a bit but at least it is not brown --yet. Then headed to Parkville Rd.. This short road contains one of my favorite segments in all of Shasta county. This is the part where trees are growing over the road from both sides. Although there were no leaves on the trees they still present a tunnel effect. That segment ends as you cross over the bridge of a small stream and this day we had a special treat. The trees likely from an old homestead were in flower. Giving the area that looks great during the summer an even better look. Then we were back up on top where we got more views of the mountains and open ranch lands. We then moved on to the Coleman Fish Hatchery grounds. They have a great picnic area where we took advantage of two of their tables that even had some shade to have a long lazy lunch. Afterwards most of us went towards the fish enclosures to view any fish we could find. We found lots of fingerlings and then one pool that had just under one hundred adult salmon. A few of those were very good sized fish. Probably in the 40 inch long range and over 20 pounds. From there we headed to Hooker Creek road. Again spring is here but our lack of rain has kept the grass very low but again at least it is green. Once we came to the end of Hooker creek road at I-5 we started the process of attrition. Four of our group headed to other pursuits while the four remaining headed south to Red Bluff. Once we got to Red Bluff we lost one more car to other pursuits (he lives in Red Bluff), leaving only three of us. We headed to the Ide Adobe in north Red Bluff. We

stopped temporarily in the parking lot without visiting the actual Adobe or the visitor center. However we took advantage of a corner of the parking lot with some good shade and had a good short chat. From there we headed up the Adobe road that runs along the ridge and later becomes Wilcox Golf road. Our journey together ended at the freeway where the three remaining cars all headed north at their own pace. Great fun, great drive and great friends, oh yes lunch was good as well. Charley Fitch

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.

'52 MG-TD –This is a non-member's car which was purchased as a restoration project. Seller just ran out of time and is now getting ready for a move and would like to sell. Body is solid with no rust but paint needs to be stripped and frame needs sandblasting. Asking \$6,000 OBO. Call John 530-736-5760.



Wanted – pre 1960 MGA. Still looking for a good driver. Doesn't need new paint or upholstery. Just a good running car that I can maintain.
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