

Sorry Safari Touring Society - A Gathering of MG Enthusiasts



THE PRESIDENT SPEAKS!

Happy holidays to all of our Safarians. Our Holiday party was a terrific event held at Keith and Pam Shukait's beautiful home in San Jose. It was great to see so many of our SSTS family attend.

We start the New Year with the planning meeting on Saturday, January 19th. This year the Guidry's will be hosting. So please plan to attend and bring your ideas for future tours in 2019. Help us keep our club moving forward and having fun along the way.

So remember it's not how fast or far we go, it's how much fun we have getting there.

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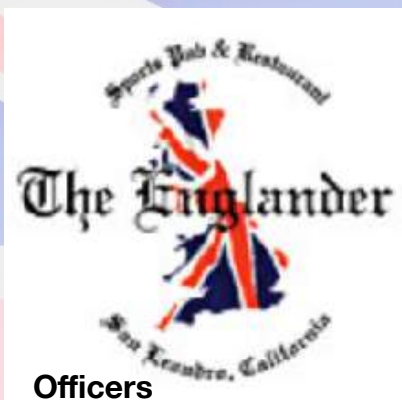
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Meeting Minutes

The following represents the Minutes, and *my recollections*, of the Club's December meeting at the Shukait home in San Jose.

PRESIDENT – Sing along now (nobody is listening, you'll sound great)... Oh come all ye Safarians Fa La La La La it's meeting time. Lynn stood before the gathered (you can stop singing now. You sounded great.) to announce the call to order for the December SSTS business meeting held during the annual Holiday Party hosted this year by Keith and Pam Shukait at their home in San Jose. However, before The P could symbolically lower the gavel to the coffee table top someone called a halt to wonder, "why do we have to have a meeting!?" "Because it is called for in the Bylaws," Lynn fired back. Are there any other questions? No man, said the snowman, you can do the job while you're in town. Carry on ole boy. And so Lynn did and we followed along. P went on to assure us that this would be a very short meeting but that it wouldn't be as brief a meet, probably, as was the one held during the Tune and Spoon a few months back. That meeting set the standard for short meetings during SSTS special events. Everyone was surprised at how quick that meeting was and many asked why all our meetings can't be that brief. Well, unfortunately, they just can't all be that quick. Today's meeting, although I'll try to make go as quick-as-possible, may exceed, slightly, that short meeting. The one held during Tune and Spoon. That was one quick meeting. We'll do our best to make this one short. While Lynn was going on and on about how quick this meeting was going to be, this meeting was quickly getting longer and longer. But that was cool, no one called our leader on it for you see we were all knee deep in merriment and mirth, vine rose and cabernet, scrumptious appetizers, mouthwatering main dishes and decadent sweets oh so neat. All the while, in a beautiful and most comfortable Dickensque Christmas surrounding. Let's see, where were we? Oh yeah, Lynn and a meeting. Oh, by the way, feel free to revisit the opening sentence above should a caroling mood over take you. Lynn gave great appreciation on behalf of The Club to Pam and Keith for opening their home for our Holiday Party. A historic San Jose Victorian that they have, for 12 years or so, meticulously set about restoring and furnishing with period appropriate furniture, adornment, accessories and art. WoW! A BiG Club YEA! to the Shukaits. Fa La La La La La La La La. Lynn then turned to Herb. "Hey Herb, you got a quick funny for us?" "Yes, of course." Punchline... "He had low elf esteem." Ho Ho Ho Herb. A BiG ole Bucket a Jingle Bell Balls. But wait, there's more. Herb asked, "wanna know the 4 stages of life?" Well sure but make it quick this is a short meeting. The 4 stages are, "You believe in Santa Clause, You don't believe in Santa Clause, You become Santa Clause, and then, You Look like Santa Clause." Ho de Ho and Har de Hars. Well done Herb. Lynn then gave notice for the fine job as fill-in Secretary that J-Gir L, Jan Lenci, did last month in the absence of CB. You go Gir. Minutes accepted.



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VICE PRESIDENT- Ben was in the house and expressed appreciation for the calls, cards, concern and well wishes from everyone following his recent surgery issues. Good to see Ben back.

TREASURER – Money Bags Bob, not wanting to slow the pace, waved the checkbook for all to see and announced, “We got money.”

SECRETARY- Thanks Jan for filling in.

INFORMED SOURCE- Yes, present.

MEMBERSHIP – Dues are Dues, Dues-R-Due.

WIND MACHINE – It was announced that a new element will debut in the newsletter soon with a theme of postcards. It is requested that when we may be out and about in our cars, not on Club tours but spur of the moment Sunday drives, that we send Kirk a picture of us and/or the car in an interesting setting to be included as a “postcard” in the Wind Machine. Lynn warned though to be mindful of the pictures you send in to be printed. You may not want yourself pictured in certain scenarios. That’s right, someone added. Be careful of who is in the picture with you. You might get asked the question, “who’s that lady you’re standing next to?” Yuck, Yuck, chuckled The Veep as he added, “that’s no lady, that’s my wife.” Ho Ho Ho’s Ben for that one, but it may have been a long ride home for him following the party. Blame the medication Ben... Everybody sing. All I want for Christmas is my two front teeth, my two front teeth.

REGALIA- Don was resting at home with Maris, It was noted that Don underwent an unexpected serious medical procedure recently and we placed a phone call to wish him well. He answered and sounded in good spirits. Get well ASAP Don.

OLD BUSINESS – Lynn, seeing the home stretch, asked for old Biz and heard the sound of crickets chirping.

NEW BUSINESS – He then offered the chance for new Biz. Same ole crickets those jolly happy souls with corn cob pipes and a button nose and two eyes made out of coal. Hey! Look at the clock. It really is a short meeting. Just like Lynn had promised and we had hoped for. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Clause. Santa, aside from my two front teeth could you bring us a motion to adjourn? Well young fella, if you’ll promise not to say anything about seeing me and mommy kissing Ole Santa would be glad to help out. So come on, it’s lovely weather for a sleigh ride together with you. Giddy yap, giddy yap giddy yap, let’s go. Let’s head for the door. And, the dessert table to for a little bit more. Everybody, sing along now as the curtains close...Happy holiday, happy holiday, while the merry bells keep ringing may your every wish come true. Happy holiday, happy Safety Fast M.G. Holiday. And to all a Good Night.

Don’t just read the Minutes, be part of the fun. Join us for the next meeting, The Planning Meeting in January at Herb & Judy’s.
.... *And that’s the way I think it was.* Respectfully, submitted by Carl Brown

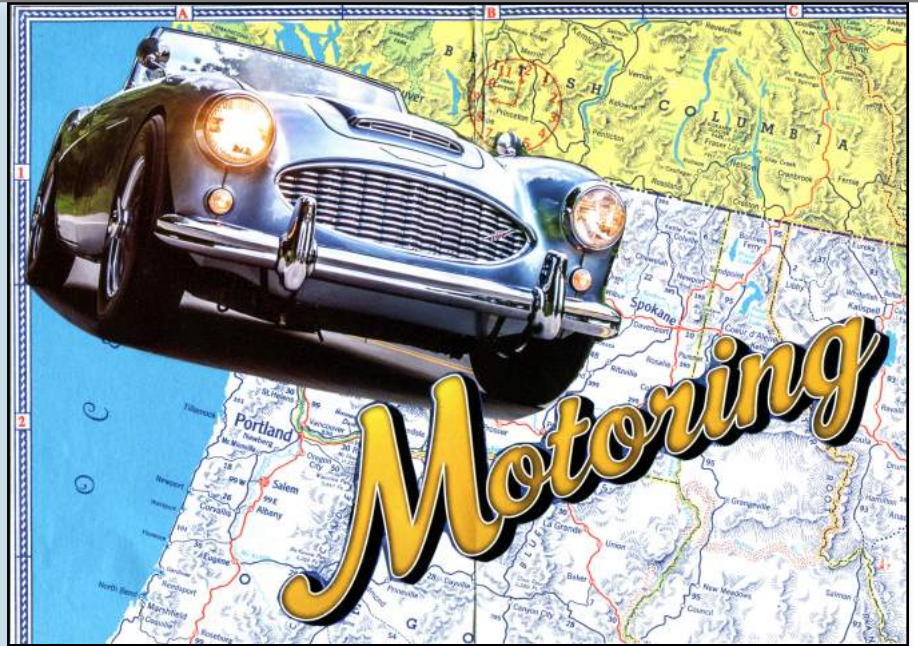


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UPCOMING EVENTS

2019 Planning Party

The Guidry's are hosting!
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COMING SOON!



2019 Planning Meeting

Saturday January 19th

- WHERE:** Herb & Judy Guidry's Home
4251 Pomona Way, Livermore
- TIME:** 12:00 - 4:00 PM
- WHAT TO BRING:** A - F Salads / Veggies
G - M Side Dishes (whatever you like)
N - S Desserts
T - Z Chips & Dips

We will bake a wonderful have for sandwiches with rolls and condiments. Beverages will be provided by the club. Come and volunteer to lead a tour in 2019!

RSVP by January 10th - 925-455-8539

KITCHEN MECHANIC



BROCCOLI CHEESE CASSEROLE

CHEF JAN LENCI

- 1 Pkg. frozen broccoli
- 1 Tsp. mayonnaise
- 1 Can cream of mushroom soup
- 1/2 Cup Colby cheese
- 1/2 Cup Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 Tsp. salt

Topping:

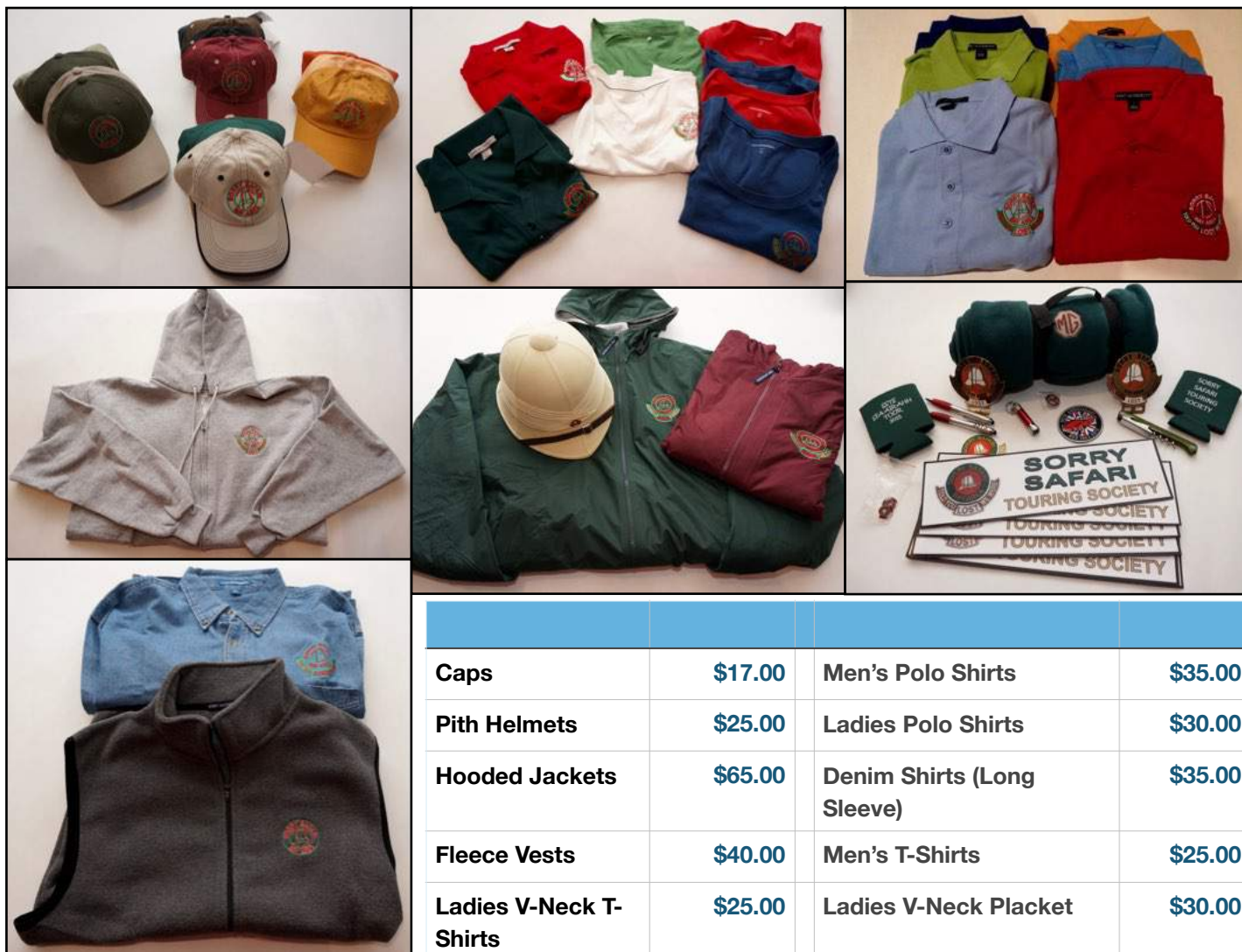
- 1 Small pkg. Ritz crackers
- 1 Stick butter or margarine

Mix all of the ingredients in a large bowl. Place in a square or oval (9X13) casserole dish. In another bowl smash Ritz crackers until very fine. Melt butter or margarine. Pour melted butter into bowl of fine smashed Ritz crackers. Spread Ritz cracker mix over casserole. Bake at 350° for 30 minutes.



If you have a favorite recipe you would like to share with the club, please send it to me to be published in The Wind Machine. Thanks, Jan

Regalia!



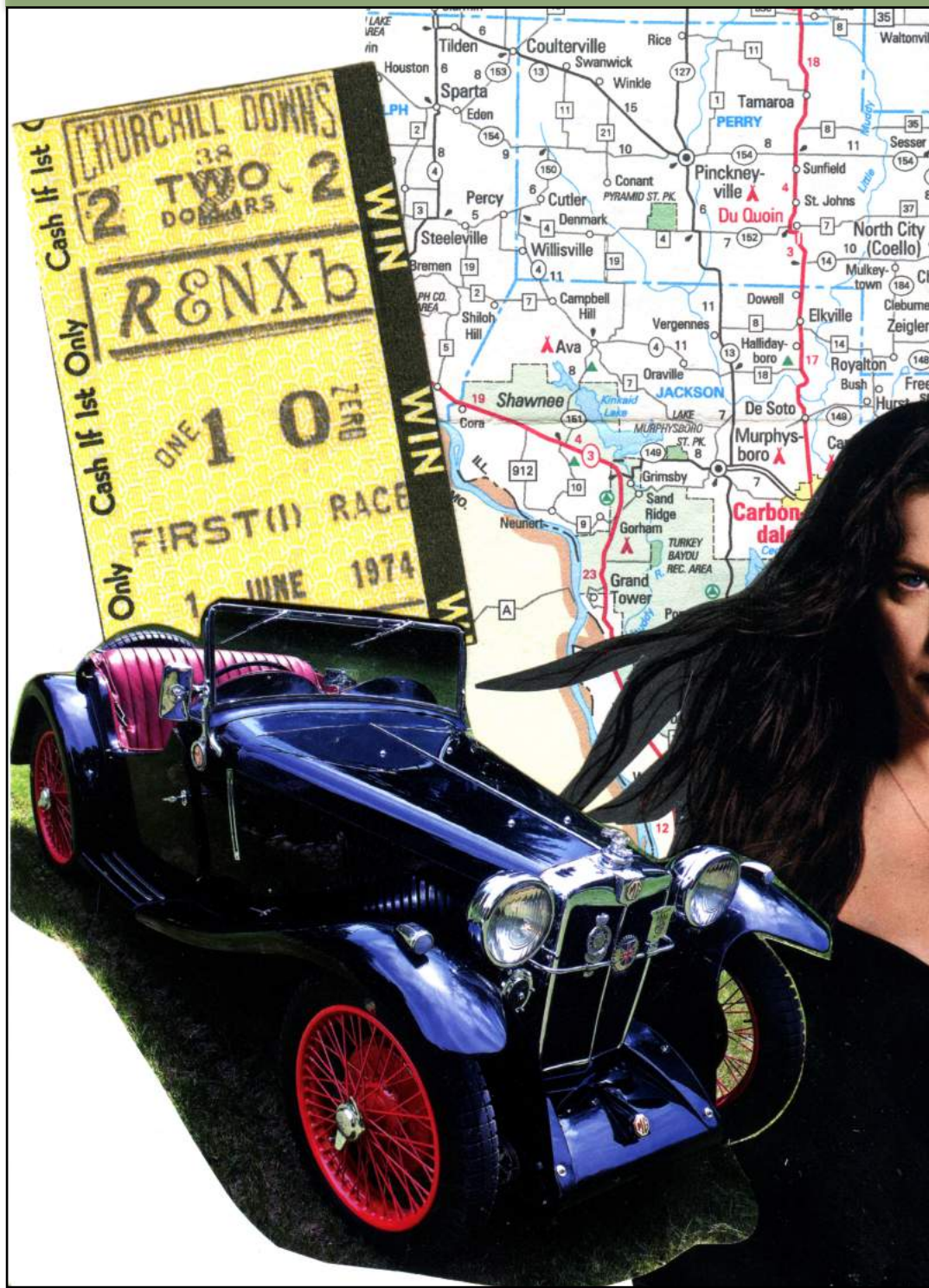
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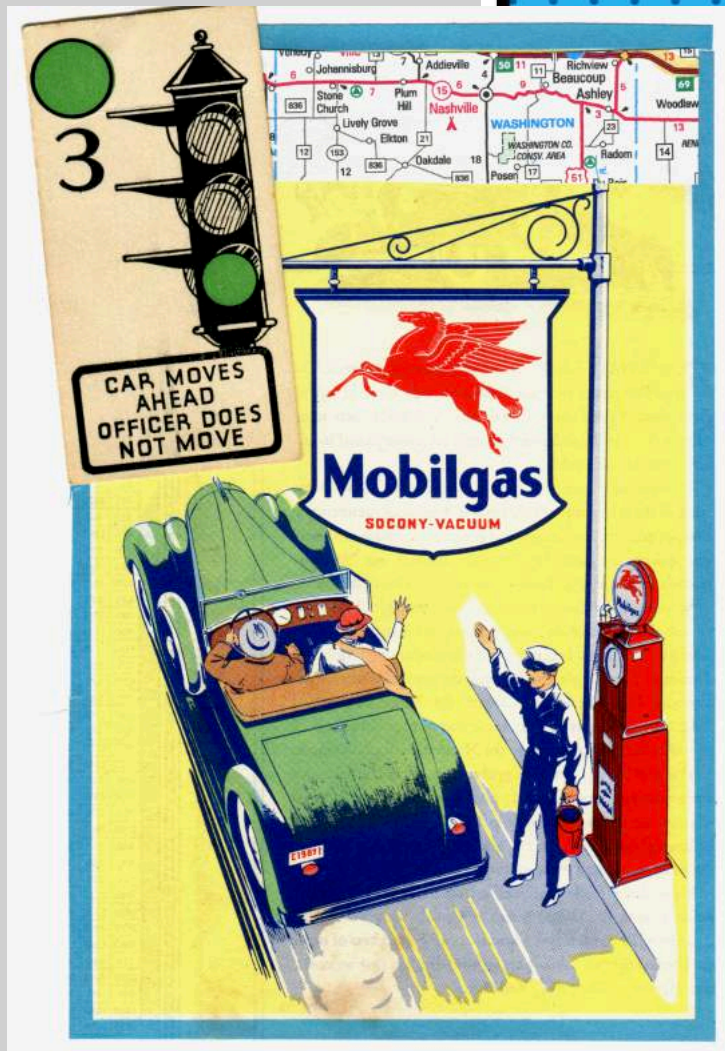
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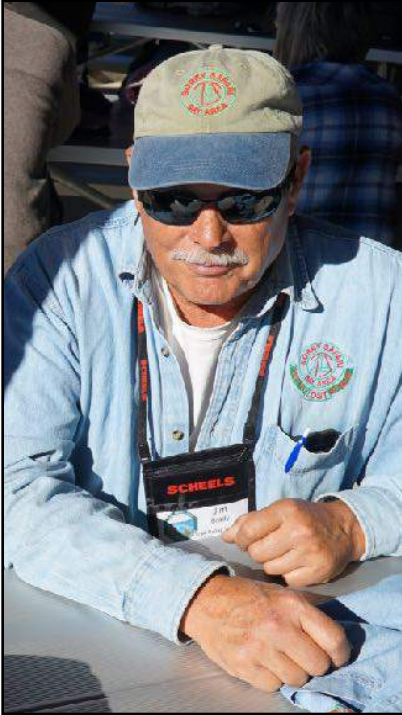
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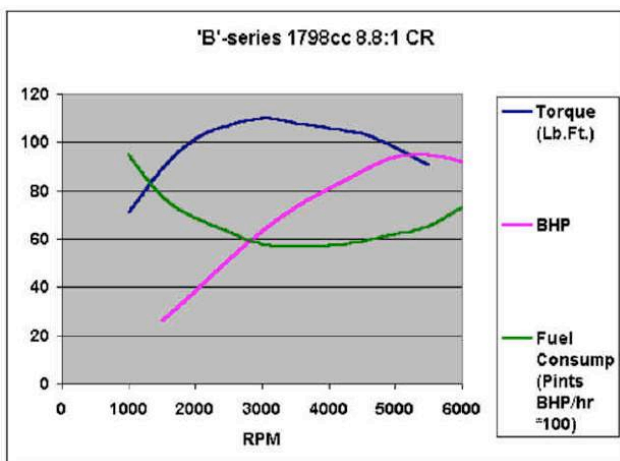
What's In a Curve

Perusing the internet I ran across the MGB power curve shown below. It's for an early B but probably pretty representative of a lot of Bs. The curve shows the max power somewhere around 5000 rpm (not your everyday motorspeed unless you like doing machine work). The torque curve maxes out at about 3000 rpm after which it drops off. I don't know for sure why the torque drops off but believe its due to internal inertial effects of things moving around and related to things like bore and stroke. Horsepower is proportional to torque times rpm so you make more power with higher rpms provided the torque is there and you don't shake your fillings out... Eventually valve float sets in somewhere around 6000 rpm and the power drops off.

If you are like me, you would always like to get a little more power out of your MG – preferably at lower rpm. I often find myself on a freeway trying to keep up with modern cars (sound familiar). In my B that's doable. In the TD – not so much. Before installing the OD trans in my B the motor was turning something above 3500 rpm at freeway speed and it got pretty buzzy. As the curve below shows I was on the falling leg of the torque curve. With the OD trans in, freeway rpms dropped to 3100 or so – much better. But still – I wanted a little more power to accelerate and pull the hills.

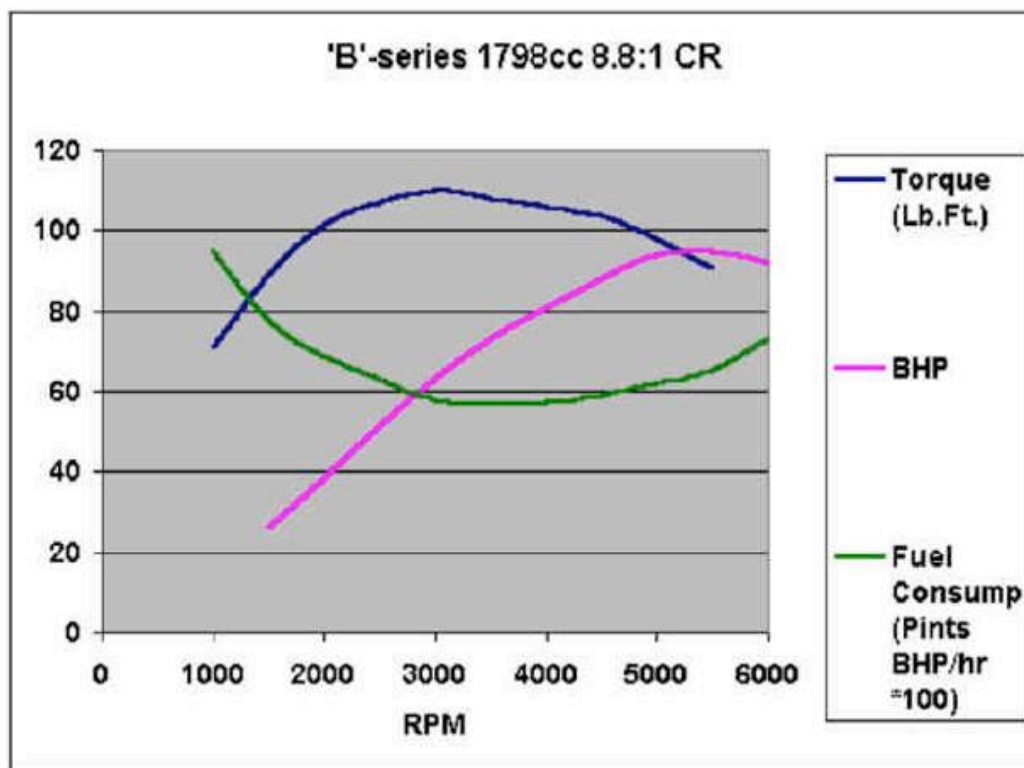
What to do? My B feels good at around 3000 to 3500 rpm. I think of this as the car's sweet spot. This sort of syncs up with the green curve below. If I was racing I would probably keep the motor turning north of 4000 rpm at some cost of motor life. I had a Weber carb but took it off because the car did not feel as good with it at lower rpms. The SUs seemed better at lower rpms. If you are into valve lift and overlap – more lift is good for lower rpms so a cam with more lift or bigger valves (like some of the 18V heads) breaths better. What you do depends on how you drive. A pretty easy change is a Peco header and exhaust system. Besides sounding sweet, you get about 5 hp somewhere on the power curve with the Peco. Beyond that, perhaps talk to your cam grinder (Elgin in Santa Rosa for example).

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!



INFORMED SOURCE

Jim Brady



RPM	Torque (Lb.Ft.)	BHP	Fuel Consumption (Pints BHP/hr)
1000	71		0.95
1500	89	26	0.78
2000	101	38	0.69
2500	107	51	0.63
3000	110	63	0.58
3500	108	73	0.57
4000	106	81	0.575
4500	104	88	0.59
5000	98	94	0.62
5500	91	95	0.65
6000		92	0.73

Data for the following BHP, Torque and fuel consumption curves cropped up on the MG mailing list recently, makes interesting reading. Originally published in "The Motor" September 26th 1962, subsequently reprinted in a 'Brooklands' book - "MG Cars 1959-1962" - and posted to the mailing list by Blake (aka Bullwinkle). Graph created from table by Paul Hunt (possibly?).

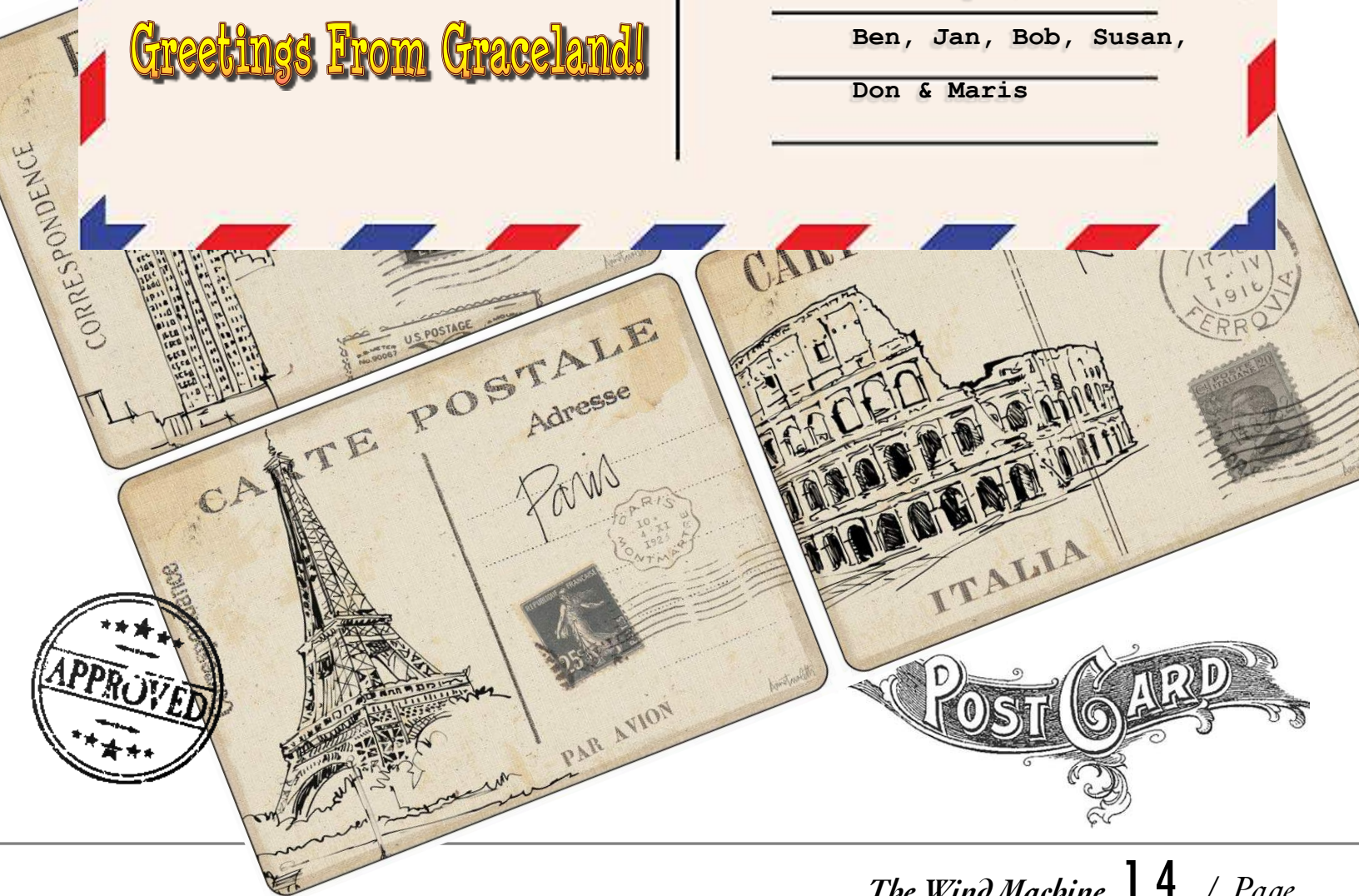
Postcard Greetings



Greetings From Graceland!

To: Sorry Safari

From: Lynn, Roberta,
Ben, Jan, Bob, Susan,
Don & Maris



The Holiday Party

By Kirk Prentiss

HUZZAH! And there was much rejoicing at the Victorian home of Keith and Pam Shukait!

Indeed, it was certainly a memorable holiday party. Keith and Pam pulled out all the stops and provided a spectacular gathering at their beautiful home. The attention to detail in their home is a delight for the eyes. Being in their parlor and dining room with all of the holiday decorations was as close as you'll get to time travel back to Victorian times.

The enormous dining room table (I think it seats 30 people) was the center of all the goodies. There was carved turkey, sliced ham, rolls and all the trimmings to make delicious sandwiches. Sweets and other hors d'ouvres were also on the table. Freshly made tea and lemonade (Keith's specialty) as well as wine and other beverages were also there for our enjoyment.

It didn't take long after Safarians arrived that jocular conversations were had, and smiles and laughter was in abundance. Frankly, the warm spirit of their generosity was just what we needed to end 2018 and bring on 2019. Thank you Pam and Keith for being consummate hosts and providing a wonderful get together in your beautiful home! HUZZAH!



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HUZZAH!



Bill To Save Route 66

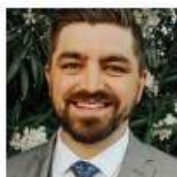
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US Senate bill takes up cause to save Route 66

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The U.S. Senate is getting involved in the fight to save Route 66, one of America's most iconic roadways. | Nicole James photo



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Legislation would provide more funding to preserve highway

A bipartisan bill that would designate Route 66 as a National Historic Trail and provide more funding for preservation has been introduced in the U.S. Senate.

Bill To Save Route 66

Submitted by: Bob Engelhart

"By designating Route 66 as a National Historic Trail, this legislation would revitalize cities, small towns and rural communities along the Route 66 corridor in New Mexico and across the country, bolstering local economies and protecting vibrant historic sites," **Senate Bill 3609** sponsor U.S. Sen. Tom Udall (D-N.M.) said in a news release.

"Just as importantly, this bill would safeguard Route 66 as a cultural landmark, preserving its significance as the 'Main Street of America' for future generations of adventurers, migrants, hitchhikers, and tourists venturing westward."



Route 66 is home to tons of old-school roadside treasures that would likely die off without preservation. | Nicole James photo

The bill's other sponsor is U.S. Sen. Jim Inhofe, a Republican from Oklahoma. His state is home to 400 miles of Route 66.

"Route 66 deserves recognition as a National Historic Trail," Inhofe said in the release. "Oklahoma is home to the longest drivable stretch of 'America's Main Street,' which earned its name from decades of connecting small businesses and rural communities with visitors from around the country."

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SB 3609 is identical to House Resolution 801, which was passed unanimously in June. The measure was sent to the Senate, where it stalled in the Committee on Energy and Natural Resources. That same committee is considering SB 3609.



The fate of the Mother Road likely lies in Washington, D.C. | Flickr photo/USCapitol

Should the full Senate pass SB 3609, it would not have to go through the language resolution process in committee before it is placed on President Donald Trump's desk. **Route 66: The Road Head Partnership** said that means the Senate bill could become law before the year is out.

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If the Senate fails to pass the measure, the matter will likely have to wait until at least the next Congress begins in January.

The push to save Route 66 has slowly been gaining speed, especially after the National Trust for Historic Preservation **added the road** to its annual list of **America's most endangered historic places** in June.

Bill To Save Route 66

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Route 66 can still be a big tourist draw. Plenty of car shows are held along it annually. | Illinois Office of Tourism photo by Adam Alexander

The route and its surroundings are funded in part by associations in the eight states it traverses and grants from the National Park Service. Under the Senate measure, the National Park Service would be in charge of preservation and maintenance.

The trust argued that unless Congress takes action, Route 66 could continue to fall victim to more direct travel routes until it is left to all but the history books.

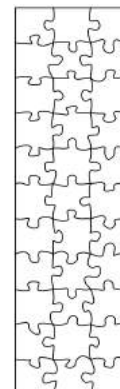
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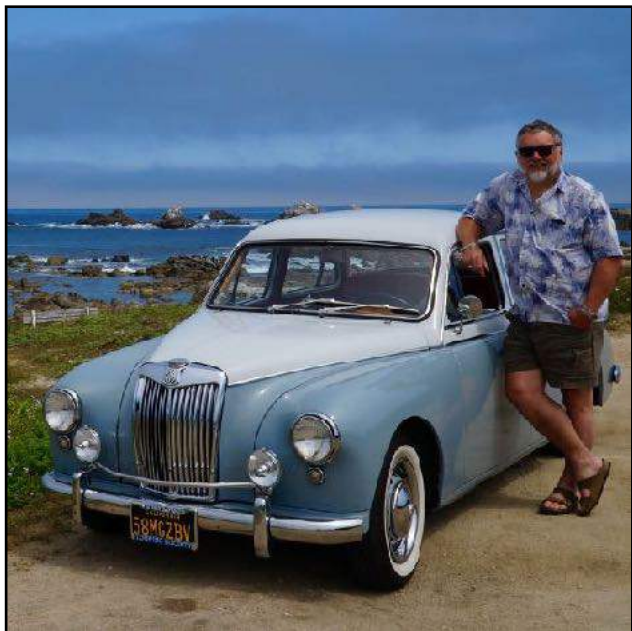
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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

As is customary, I wish you all a happy and joyous New Year! POOF! 2018 is over. And now we start a new year and of course that means it's time to plan our events for 2019. You have a couple of weeks to be thinking and preparing to volunteer to lead a tour before our planning meeting on Saturday January 19th. I hope that we can get everyone to lead a tour this year. The more tours the better! Don't forget about possibly leading a mid-week tour as well. Those of us who are retired would really enjoy taking a drive during the week. And, if you are not retired, there is always the option of calling in "sick"... like "sick of working and I'd rather be with my fellow Safarians driving the backroads thank you very much boss!" One of the things that makes SSTS rank highly above

many other clubs is that we have frequent drives. So, after you have recuperated from the holiday merriment, start planning your tour and volunteer at that planning meeting!

At the writing of this edition I am on the home stretch of completing the engine rebuild for my 58 Plymouth. The holidays took away much of my "garage time" so January I am back at it to put the finishing touches on completing the project. I must admit, I felt quite proud that all of the pre-work of labeling parts, nuts & bolts in labeled baggies really paid off. However, as is the case when one gets too proud, a small part of the carb linkage during one dark evening in the garage, apparently sprouted legs and ran away. HA! So what's the big deal about that, right? I'll just go to Napa Auto and they'll have that silly little clip. NO, NOOOOO, NOOOOOO. Silly me. It would seem that this simple little clip is made out of "unobtainium" and rare as hens teeth. I've scoured the internet to no avail. Heck, I don't even know what it's called. So there may be some fabrication in order to resolve the situation.

And, I would be remiss for not providing an explanation why the New Years edition of The Wind Machine is not in your mailbox on time. On the last day of 2018 we brought home a new member of our family. We rescued a lovely Parsons/Jack Russell Terrier affectionately named Maggie Mae. She is four years old and a wee bit shy, so all of our attention has been focused on this little rascal to help her transition to her new forever home. What better holiday gift than a new dog! She has been whispering to me, "I will fit nicely in the B/GT back seat!"

Happy New Year to all and let's ALL attend the planning meeting on Saturday January 19th!

