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# The Gasline

## Special Edition



## Letter from the Editor

It's spectacular weather out there for driving right now so I hope all of you are taking full advantage of these rare, wonderful warm days of sunshine (and fewer tourists!) and getting your treasured cars out on the road.

Stunning weather is what we had recently when my dear husband Steve led a joint excursion of members from both the PBSCC and the Cypress British Car Club of Monterey down to Cambria. Details of our fun adventure will be in the second part of what will be a two-part edition of the fall issue of The Gasline. Part I, you now have in hand, is a *Special Edition* about this year's Monterey Car Week. Part II will be coming your way soon and will be more like a regular issue of The Gasline. Part II will include stories about the 100 year anniversary of MG, Picnic in the Park and weekend excursion down to Cambria.

### 2023 Club Officers

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(S. Fields returning board)

Thanks to all the feedback, great stories and photos I received from many of you about member participation in Car Week activities I realized a bit too late that I don't have enough room in one issue for both regular recent activities of the club and all the copy and photos I have received about this year's Car Week.

Or, like my daddy always said, "You can't fit fifty pounds of potatoes in a five pound sack."

Next year I now know to do a Monterey Car Week Special Edition sooner after car week rather than wait until the fall newsletter issue and cram it all in at the same time.

Thank you all for your understanding and patience as I am still obviously working on how to make this newsletter the best I can make it for all of you.

Happy Thanksgiving and may you all enjoy a lovely holiday season!

*A photo of me with my 1955 MGTF 1500. It was taken by Colette Thatcher at The Little Car Show in Pacific Grove this year.*

## ATTENTION!

### NEW MEETING PLACE FOR MEMBER AND BOARD MEETINGS!

After more than 25 years, the PBSCC will no longer be holding any of their meetings at the Elk's Lodge. The people that run the Elk's Lodge have decided to go in different directions and unfortunately that does not include hosting any car club meetings including ours. Also, they have more than doubled the cost for using their meeting rooms. **Gary Reid**, our club president along with other board members have been actively looking for a new meeting spot. Thanks to long time board member, **Buck Jones** we have a new meeting space, at least for the foreseeable future. Our new meeting place is:

Monterey Peninsula American Legion  
Post 41  
1110 Veterans Drive  
Monterey, CA 93940

Meeting Times will be 7:00 P.M., same as always.

Meeting Dates are:

Full Membership Meetings: Second Monday of the month, Board Meetings are  
the Fourth Monday of the Month  
(see enclosed calendar for more detail)

**PARKING:** There are two parking lots. One is in the front entrance to the building. A second larger parking lot is in the back of the building.

## Calendar

Important note: The following calendar is subject to change. You are strongly urged to look for updates regarding the dates listed below.

### **November, 2023:**

Sat., 11/23	Veteran's Day
Mon., 11/13	Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Monterey Peninsula American Legion
Thurs., 11/23	Thanksgiving Holiday
Mon., 11/27	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Monterey Peninsula American Legion

### **December, 2023:**

Sat., 12/9	NO BOARD OR MEMBERSHIP MEETINGS THIS MONTH Annual Holiday Luncheon, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m., Marriott Hotel, Downtown Monterey
Mon., 12/25	Christmas Day Holiday
Sun., 12/31	New Year's Eve

### **January, 2024:**

Mon., 1/1	New Year's Day Holiday
Mon., 1/8	Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m. American Legion
Mon., 1/15	Martin Luther King Holiday
Mon., 1/22	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., American Legion
Wed., 1/31-2/4	ATT&T Pebble Beach Pro Am

### **February, 2024:**

Mon., 2/12	Membership Meeting, 7:00 p.m., American Legion, Monterey
Wed. 2/14	Valentine's Day
Mon. 2/19	President's Day Holiday
Mon., 2/26	Board Meeting, 7:00 p.m., American Legion, Monterey

## **Rippey's Seventh Annual Pre-Reunion: 'A Ripping Success'**

The day was warm and sunny; the decorations were automotive perfection, and all the food was delicious and very abundant. Once again **Cathy and Mike Rippey** hosted their very successful and highly popular Pre-Reunion Barbecue at their lovely property in the Salinas hills on Saturday, August 5th, 2023.

This year's event was attended by almost 80 PBSCC members, more than many previous years especially recently.

"I think we had an especially large attendance this year because people are just so glad that the Covid crisis is behind us," said **Cathy Rippey**, "People are just relieved that we can all gather much more safely now."

**Cathy** took the lead on the extensive automotive themed planning and decorating for this year's barbeque. Traditional black and white checkered tablecloths were on each table making for an especially festive feeling for all the car loving guests in attendance.

"**Cathy** did all this," said **Mike** of **Cathy** proudly, "I didn't have much to do with it."

Most of the guests would most likely highly disagree with **Mike** as he was the master chef behind the barbecue cooking all the meat for the sizeable crowd. **Jim Mahon** assisted **Mike** with barbeque duty.

Many thanks to **Cathy and Mike**, not only for this year's pre car week gathering but for continuing the tradition of this lovely event the PBSCC members look forward to every year.

**Cathy and Mike** would also like to thank the following members for their help in making this year a great success: **Sandi Miller** helped in the kitchen, **Jim Mahon** on the BBQ, **Warren Pierce** and Gary Reid did a splendid job parking cars in the Rippey's front driveway, Marcus Whoeler (?)

checked in all guests, had each guest sign a liability waiver and collected payments, and **J.T. Rethke** was a big help in cleaning up at the end of the day.





Mike and Cathy Rippey



Markus and Kristi Woehler



Antony Jimenez and Marissa Martinez



Steve Raucher





Francesca Murphy , Anna Davi and Jim Balesteri



Eleanor and Jim Mahon



**Laguna Seca's Historic Reunion  
Welcome Party  
Supported By PBSCC Members**

The annual Historic Reunion Welcome Party was held at Laguna Seca on Wednesday evening, August 16. Attended by close to 100 historic sports car enthusiasts, race sponsors, drivers and staff this annual gathering is a pre-race days welcoming event for all.

Each year PBSCC members graciously volunteer their time at this event to help it run smoothly. Many thanks to the following members who spent more than two hours pouring more than three hundred glasses of wine for all attendees:

**Claudia and Tom Gano  
Ingrid and Gary Reid  
Cathy and Mike Rippey  
Dennis Farber  
Chyoko Ono  
Karolyn Stone**

A special thanks to **Monica Nathan**, a member of the PBSCC board of directors and a registered nurse for volunteering her time and expertise in Laguna Seca's onsite emergency medical facility.

**Kathy and Warren Pierce and Sandi Miller** attended this event.

Note: Apologies if I missed anyone who either volunteered or attended! I was not there and piecing together all related names who volunteered or attended was a bit of a challenge. Thank you for your understanding.



## Monterey Car Week Musings

### From Les Hamilton

I drove our Replica 1956 Long Nose D-Type to several events. No Awards this year.

This picture was myself and my passenger Phil Endliss leaving Lighthouse after the Tuesday Classic Motorsports Drive In event. Two years ago this D-Type was awarded "The car with the most Wow Factor" at this event. Or was it "The loudest car" at the event.



### From Steve Fields:

The increasingly popular Classic Motorsport magazine show in Pacific Grove was held on Tuesday of Car Week. It hasn't quite replaced the Carmel Concours on the Avenue as a Tuesday must do event...but it's getting there!

About 250 cars of interest lined Lighthouse Ave in PG. They were sectioned off by country...British, Italian, American etc. A casual judging was held (no white gloves here), with awards to the judge's favorites.

Several PBSCC members were winners. John Tomlin won for best Alfa Romeo with his Alfa Montreal. And Steve Fields won for Best Italian Car with his Alfa GT Junior.



Here they are pictured with their awards and long suffering car spouses Wendy and Julie...



Wendy and Steve Fields with. John and Julie Tomlin showing off their awards from the Classic Motorsports Magazine Kick-Off Event in downtown Pacific Grove.

**From Kevinn Enderby:**



I was at Casa Ferrari - Concorso Ferrari : The Spirit of Racing on the First Fairway of Pebble Beach on 8/20 with my Ferrari 488 Challenge car:



**From JT Rethke:**

Photo of myself at the Classic Motorsports Monterey Kickoff show on Tuesday Aug 15 in PG. Note the Abarth car model and the little Italian flag on the rear of my car.





Members Linda Humber and Kristan Neubecker set a few different kind of records at Laguna Seca Sunday, August 13th. While their top speed would have been pathetic to the pros, the girls were likely the first ones to have a 2018 Jaguar XF Sportbrake out there and certainly the only ones to ever have two Collies as passengers! We can now check off the longtime wish of parade laps and honored to have earned the title "Corkscrew Collies".



**From Warren Pierce:**

My car week started the Thursday before the Pre-Reunion when I and a friend traveled to Fairfield to pick up and transport some friends Ford Escort Racecar. The trip up was uneventful until we got to the bridge and found a semi truck and trailer cross ways at the toll gates, seems at the last minute he decided his rig wasn't going to fit in the auto gate and was waiting for traffic so he could get to the truck lane. The trip back to Aromas was uneventful.

Delivering the car to the track on Friday gave a us a chance to walk the paddock and visit with friends, some whom we hadn't seen in a year. The weekend races were for the four cars in our paddock proved to be uneventful with some very minor problems which were quickly fixed.

Unfortunately for a friend from SoCal in his Bugeye Sprite things didn't fair so well. Losing 3rd gear in a Sprite makes the run from turn 5 to the Corkscrew chore. Luckily he had a spare transmission, so Sunday was transmission change day. His run group was in the morning, so after the car cooled down the work started. I had brought my cherry picker from home and after filling with hydraulic fluid and fashioning a plug to replace the one that got ripped out loading it in the truck we were ready to go. Helping with this transplant were club members

Mike Rippey and George Galindo, car owner Peter Smith, Ray (last name unknown) and a mechanic from the team pitted across from us. A couple of hours later and the the job was done, Peter all set for Reunion Weekend.

Wednesday back at the track for more racing and the welcome party where club members served wine, beer, sodas and water, all doing a fabulous job.

Thursday night was dinner at the rented house in Carmel where our friends always stay. Brazilian BBQ was served which was excellent, I musted eaten 20 pounds of beef! And several special Brazilian drinks which I can't spell but were very good.

Friday, Saturday, more racing and socializing at the track. Sunday load the car for the return trip to Fairfield on Monday, accompanied by Mike, George, and my buddy Hans.

All four cars survived the two race weekends. The cars were an Elva Mk1, Lotus Elite, Austin Healey 3000, and the Ford Escort.

