Super Bowl Party
Our annual observance of the Annual Day of Clever Commercials known to some as Super Bowl Sunday was held on the afternoon of February 5th, 2006. The gathering was graciously hosted in the home of Wes and Melissa Creswick. Revelers included Gene & Liz Lanse, Terry Starr, Russ Weber, Kurt & Janell Lanse, Marty & Doreen Hardison, Dan & Sue Dunham, Scot and Donna Penn, Helen & Jesse Ringer, Fred Kern, Steve Phillips, Rick Rogers, Todd Runberg, and of course Wes and Melissa. The pool table got a good workout and Liz and Steve were winner of the pool if you know what I mean... With lots of TV’s scattered through the house we all had a great seat for the sometimes clever commercials that made us laugh as well football which wasn’t really watched most of the time. The usual large quantity of good food was brought to share. The new Club trailer made its debut in Wes’s driveway so we all got a good look at what a nice trailer it is. All in all great day of pigging out in honor of the day. Three cheers and four kudos to Wes & Melissa.

Kingsburg Car Show
The VBAC has been invited to put up a Club corral at the “Kingsburg Chamber of Commerce Show” on Saturday April 22, 2006. This show is very well attended by Classics and Hot Rods alike. We will have an area to ourselves adjacent to the main show so we can bring the EZ-ups, chairs tables etc. to promote the club as well as mingle with fellow car nuts here in the Valley. We will not be eligible for judging but will also not pay any entrance fees. Our March 15 meeting will be at the Chinese Restaurant in Kingsburg so everyone who is interested can see the area beforehand. Old downtown Kingsburg is a “Swedish Village” and has many interesting shops and eateries. Doug and Anne Gerdts have graciously offered to arrive early Saturday and block out our area for us. More info will be available in the March Runnin’ Hot.

Trailer Snagged
As you can see by the cover of this newsletter we are now the proud owners of the VBACMBCC (Valley British Auto Club Mobile Command Center) or for normal people, an enclosed trailer for all our club stuff. Steve Phillips found the trailer at Shell Rapid Lube on Kings Canyon Rd. near Chestnut and negotiated the deal. It turns out the trailer is only 12 feet long instead of the 14 to 16 foot trailer we were looking for,

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but after the VBAC technical team of beer soaked engineers ran the vast stacks of data through our super computers at the VBAC worldwide headquarters we found that if you knock off about 6 inches off the 12 foot flag poles everything will fit. Duh? Now add in the fact that the trailer is only 2 years old and around $1700 out the door and we've got ourselves a trailer.

Since the trailer was so relatively cheap, we will now have the money to put in the storage racks, beer kegs (just joking) cabinets and put the VBAC logo on the sides of the trailer.

I have room to store the trailer at my house, so there won't be any storage fees and the trailer is registered to the VBAC so anything having to do with ownership of the trailer has to be signed off by 3 members.

So on behalf of the VBAC, many attaboys to Steve Phillips for putting this deal together. Now all that's left is to finish putting this trailer together. Kurt Lanse

Healey Marque
Roars Back!
February 1, 2006

One of the most famous names in British sports car building is back. The legendary Healey badge is set to return in 2007 after an absence of more than 30 years. New company managing director Tim Fenna has described himself as "ecstatic" with the achievement, which is the culmination of at least two years of negotiations between himself, the Healey family and investment group HFI.

"Our business plan is still confidential," said Fenna. "However, we are looking at factories in Wales and the Midlands." Once the firm is at full production, it expects to hire at least 400 employees. "The exact location will ultimately be decided by the skill set of the local people," confirmed Fenna.

Rumors suggest that the firm could choose Warwick as its home, taking the company back to the city where it was first established by Donald Healey. The announcement of the Healey family's deal with HFI and Fenna is likely to have a major impact on the GB Sports Car Company's pitch to revive the Austin-Healey brand with the help of Chinese company Nanjing Automotive. There had been speculation that GBSCC would reveal a concept based on the MG SV at the British Motor Show in London in July, and be delivered to customers in 2007.

"The new roadster is a modern design, but when we put it on show, it will be immediately obvious that it's a successor to the 3000," said Fenna. "The car will be powered by a 3.0-litre straight-six, and we've already got a prototype under development."

Firm details on the car are still scarce, but it's expected to be pitched as a British-built alternative to the Porsche Boxster and Mercedes SLK. However, there's no word yet on the vehicle's price. As with the Healey 3000 from the Sixties, the new machine will be a front-engined, rear-wheel-drive two-seater. It's expected that the chassis will be hand-built, as will much of the bodywork.
the British Motor Show.

Despite the obvious rivalry with GBSCC, Fenna said: "I don't want to talk about its plans because it's not in anyone's interests to get into a slanging(?) match. I would rather focus on the future of our company. We've got a running prototype for a first car, and have started work on a second vehicle.

Article from "Auto Express" by Dan Strong

The VARA British Extravaganza
Buttonwillow Raceway, California - Sponsored by Moss Motors
April 29th and 30th 2006

The Event

This is a weekend long program of Vintage Racing featuring British, European and American sports and racing cars from Pre-War to the 80s. You are invited to join in the fun with your sports car at an event that harkens back to the glory days of Southern California Racing.

Enjoy a laid-back weekend of tire kicking, bench racing, BBQ eating and the now infamous Karaoke night of song and laughter. For the more adventuresome there are lunchtime track drives and on Sunday you are invited to participate in a popular choice car show. The intent of this event is to give the local car clubs a place to congregate and compare notes. Bring your banners, registration tables and picnics.

Features;

British Feature Races: Sprite/Mini Challenge, MG/Triumph Challenge

Large Pre-War Contingent: Both vintage racecars and historically correct vehicles have been invited to participate in what has become one of the biggest Pre-War events in the country. Many thanks to the Morgan Three Wheeler crowd for promoting this exciting aspect of the event.

Popular Choice Car Show: Lots of trophies and prizes.

BBQ and Karaoke: Saturday evening, lots to eat and drink under the stars.

What's the Deal? Day-trippers to the event are welcome. There is a $10.00 per head gate fee charged by the Buttonwillow Raceway Park. Come on in and watch the fun. Once you have seen what a good time everyone is having, you might want to schedule to spend the whole weekend next year. The weekend deal is $35.00 per person, which includes two days admission, the Saturday night BBQ, admission to the Funkhana, entrance to the popular choice car show where you might win something, a dash plaque, lunchtime track drives and the chance to poke fun at the folks who only showed up for the day. Children under 14 are free.

Day trippers are welcome to join in the fun as BBQ tickets will be available for sale and a donation will be accepted for admission to the Funkhana or Carshow. After all this is all in aid of charity.

When: The gates will be open to pre-registered guests on Friday afternoon. Registration packets will be available from the VARA registration desk until 7pm. Latecomers must register after 8.00 am the following morning at the VARA registration table situated in one of the garage buildings close to the start/finish tower.

Race practice normally starts at 8.00 am and racing continues till about 5.00 pm with an hour break for lunch in the middle. Please realize that we are guests and that the organizers of the event are primarily responsible for the safe running of race groups. The fact that you were not able to get your car on the racetrack during the lunchtime run is not their most important concern. The nice folks in
the shiny racecars paid a lot of money to be able to get track time and incidentally entertain us.

Which brings us to Safety: The area set aside for us is within the Pit area, this means that we are going to be in the midst of the excitement. Children and other small animals must be under adult supervision at all times. Leashed dogs are allowed at the racetrack, but we strongly suggest that they be left at home as they will probably be unhappy with the noise and fumes around the racecars.

**Lodging:** There is a large area of green set aside for camping both in tents and RVs. This is the way to truly recreate the racing experience of the 60s. Check out a copy of the movie "Le Mans" with Steve McQueen. There are bathrooms and outdoor showers on site. Buttonwillow Raceway does have a limited number of rental RV hookup sites, please contact them directly for prices and reservations.

See the Buttonwillow Raceway web page for an up to date listing of local hotels. The Buttonwillow and Lost Hills hotels fill up very quickly, so Bakersfield is probably your best bet.

**Schedule:** Saturday the track is open at 8:00 am for race care practice. There will be practice sessions for each group. Check here for more information as the event gets closer. Lunchtime drive around is usually sometime around noon, the exact time will vary based on the length of practice sessions. The Popular Choice Car Show will be on Sunday from 8.00AM to 11.30AM. This is not a concours event and daily drivers are very welcome. Chances are the more interesting your car, the more likely that you will get recognition.

**Further Information:**

Buttonwillow Raceway:
Map and Directions, Lodging, RV hookup reservations, General Site Information http:// www.buttonwillowraceway.com

Vintage Auto Racing Association:
http:// www.vararacing.com

**So This Woman**
in a hurry gets pulled over for speeding in her Jaguar XJ S....

Woman: Is there a problem, Officer? Ma'am, you were speeding. Woman: Oh, I see. Officer: Can I see your license please? Woman: I'd give it to you but I don't have one. Officer: Don't have one? Woman: Lost it, 4 years ago for drunk driving. Officer: I see...Can I see your vehicle registration papers then please. Woman: I can't do that. Officer: Why not? Woman: I stole this car. Officer: Stole it? Woman: Yes, and I killed and hacked up the owner. Officer: **You what?** Woman: His body parts are in plastic bags in the trunk if you want to see. The Officer cautiously looks at the woman and slowly backs away to his car and calls for back up. Within minutes five police cars encircle the car. A senior officer slowly approaches the car, clasping his half drawn gun.

Officer 2: Ma'am, could you step out of your vehicle please... The woman steps out of her vehicle. Woman: Is there a problem officer?

Officer 2: One of my men told me that you have stated that this is a stolen is car and you murdered the owner. Woman: Murdered the owner? Officer 2: Yes, could you open the trunk of your car, please. The woman opens the trunk, revealing nothing but an empty trunk. Officer 2: Is this your car, ma'am? Woman: Yes, and here is my registration. The officer is quite stunned. Officer 2: One of my officers claims that you do not have a driving license. The woman digs into her handbag and pulls out a clutch purse and hands it to the officer. The officer examines the license. He looks quite puzzled. Officer 2: Thank you ma'am, one of my officers told me you didn't have a license, that you stole this car, and that you murdered and had hacked up the owner. Woman: Bet the liar told you I was speeding, too!
Registration for Open Roads 2006 at Lake Tahoe Now Open

SUNNYVALE CA - August 22, 2005 -- Registration for Open-Roads 2006 at Lake Tahoe—an all-British weekend sponsored by the Golden Gate Austin Healey Club—is now open and registration numbers are now being issued. The Open Roads 2006 weekend meet will be held June 9 to 11, 2006, at the Horizon Casino and Resort in Stateline NV on Lake Tahoe’s South Shore. The meet will start on Friday, June 9 with a reception and welcoming party at the Horizon. On Saturday there is a day of auto crossing and touring planned with a banquet Saturday night. On Sunday, there will be a car show and departure. “The roads around Tahoe this time of year are at their most scenic and traffic is at a minimum,” said Event Chairman Dave Nock. “It’s a beautiful place to bring a British car.” Price for the weekend is $45 per registration and includes two adults and one car. For a registration form, for more information on the meet, the Horizon and the Lake Tahoe area, go to the Golden Gate Austin Healey club web site at:


British Car Classified

For Sale: Red, 1968 MGB/GT Asking price is $2750/OBO For information call Ray Gabler @ 559-324-9096 or email him raygabler @direcway.com

For Sale: 1985 Lotus Turbo Esprit in decent condition. Carburetors are running rich so it currently does not pass smog. I have a name and contact telephone number of a place in Southern California that guarantees to rebuild the carburetors back to factory specs. $5,000 as is. Call Gary at (559) 276-8118 or e-mail him at gdfp@att.net.

For Sale: 1967 MGB All apart, garaged for 10+ years. Wheels on body, rest in boxes. Restorable. Don’t think husband is ever going to get around to it! $500/OBO. Call Dennis or Lindsey Martin 559-222-3014

For Sale: Two (2) Triumph Spitfires - 1964 and a 1979 perfect restorable condition. The 1964 runs very good. The 1979 has a removable hard top valued at a couple hundred dollars brand new. Needs paint, radiator and minor mechanics. Selling both cars together. Comes with a spare 1500 engine and transmission. $2800 OBO Call Aaron Vanderputten @ 559-681-5345

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Wine: Definition
The fermented juice of the grape, containing up to 15 percent alcohol by volume, used as a beverage and in cooking; the juice, fermented or unfermented, of various other fruits or plants, used as a beverage; a dark red or white color, as of some red or white wines.

I think we should explore this "Wine" thing a little more, so come join the Valley British Auto Club (VBAC) in their annual wine tour throughout different parts of California. This year the VBAC will be exploring the area around Murphys which is located in the central portion of California in the region of Calaveras County within rolling hills at the foot of the Sierra-Nevada Mountain range. Numerous wineries such as: Ironstone, Stevenot, Zucca Mountain, and even one named Irish Vineyards are located in this region just to name a few.

When: March 3, 4 and 5, 2006

Location and Motel: The Murphys Suites in Murphys, California

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Phone Number and Address:
Murphys Suites
134 East Highway 4
Murphys, California
Ph - 1-887-728-2121

Friday (3/3/06) Arrive sometime during the day or night. Talk it up to have dinner with friends.

Saturday (3/4/06) A Tour will be mapped out that will leave the motel approximately 10:00am to sample wines at several different wineries within the region. Talk it up to have breakfast and/or dinner with friends.

Sunday (3/5/06) This time is yours. Hit some of the local stores or there is always some more wineries on your way home.

The VBAC club have approximately 15 rooms on hold until February 20th. When ever or where ever you have the combination of the VBAC people and a little wine, it is bound to be a good time. So don't be left out.

A map is attached on the back of this page. If you are still confused call Rick Rogers at 626-4250 for detailed directions.
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Next Meeting - Feb. 22
Wed. - 7:00PM

Next Event - March 4,5,6
Annual Wine Tour - Murphy’s Flyer inside!

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