Speaking of new members, there is a new crop of members I would like to introduce to you. First is **Bryan Davis** from Fresno who among other talents is as a Chauffeur that drives Jaguar MK IX’s. Next are **Gary and Nancy Griesser** of Fresno bringing a 1955 Austin Healey 100-4, 1972 TVR and a 1969 MGB-GT to our stable and next are **Len Wilcox** and **Susan Counsilman** of Sanger who own a 1978 Austin FZ4 London Taxi. The VBAC is definitely glad to have you with us.

May is bringing more events to go to like the All British Car Show and Swap Meet in Dixon, put on by our good friends the United British Sports Car Club. This is a great show with over 225 cars and a large British car swap meet on May 20. If you don't want to go all the way to Dixon, the Good Times Jaguar Club is putting on a show in Visalia on the same day. Talk to **Jan Williams** for info on that one.

Of course we have our general meeting on May 15 to be held at Yosemite Fall Restaurant in Clovis and if you can't make any of these events don't forget that the last week of May is British Car Week in which the only thing required is to get your car out and drive it.

If you want to put your 2 cents in for planning an event or just suggest something, come be part for the steering committee if not but for one evening at Grogg's Pub we would love to have your participation.

Kurt

**A St. Paddy’s Day Cruz**

The road Gods were with the Valley British Auto Club (VBAC) again with a quick trip to the Santa Cruz Mountains. On March 16 – 18, 2007, the VBAC hosted a trip to the Santa Cruz Mountains. (Continued on page 2)
Cruz area for a lot of mountain driving through beautiful forested roads and a little bit of wine tasting.

Most of the people attending arrived in Santa Cruz mid to late Friday, checking into the Pasatiempo Hotel and going to a charming little local British Pub restaurant for a hearty dinner and a few pints of whatever. The next morning everyone got up at their leisure for a continental breakfast (donuts, rolls and coffee) and a driver's meeting at 11:00am. Leaving the hotel we were off the a 45 minute drive up the forested hills of Santa Cruz to Byington Winery overlooking the foggy low lands below for lunch.

The VBAC group continued the beautiful sunny and a little foggy day visiting three more wineries, driving approximately three hours with many stops and ending the trip with a safe drive back to the hotel. The next morning the group went their separate ways either going right home, back to Santa Cruz for shopping or off for more days of leisure.

People who in attendance were Doug and Anne Gerdts in their TR-6, Russ and Tammy Weber in their TR-4, Rick and Betty Rogers in their TR-6, Glenn and Kristen Salts in their TR-3, Wes and Melissa Creswick in their Jaguar Mark IX, Hal and Barbara Williams in their Bentley, Bruce and Nancy Pittman in their TR-250, and Mr. and Mrs. Williams (Betty Rogers' sister and brother-in-law) in something other than British (SOB) car. The Triumphs were definitely well represented on this trip. Not a MG, Healey, or Mini to be seen for miles. The bottom line on this VBAC trip was that everyone had a great time and that everything went well except for one flat tire which was only flat on the bottom side and one badly sprained right hand. Respectively submitted Russ Weber

China Faces MG Curse In Startup

There were red faces in China this week as MG’s new owners Kerching admitted that their car making scheme was not going entirely to plan. After making a great fanfare as it purportedly restarted TF roadster production in its home city, the Chinese company has now revealed that it is having a few problems with the designs and equipment it bought when MG Rover collapsed. “We had not fully understood what happens when you purchase something in a traditional British car boot sale,” admitted a Kerching spokesman. “Everything seems to be in order, but when you get it home you realize the instruction manual is missing and you have to guess where all the parts go. Some of these bits seem to be for a completely different sort of assembly robot and at least one of the welding machines is useless because the old batteries have leaked brown stuff all over the terminals”.

Whilst this confession is undoubtedly embarrassing for Kerching, it does at least explain why examples of their new MG7 saloon at the grand launch earlier this month appeared to be a strange mish-mash of parts from different generations of the Rover 75 and MG ZT. “We just had this box of bits and there weren’t any diagrams,” admitted a spokesman. “We unwrapped a load of sporty wheels and a grille but then the next bit was a wooden steering wheel that didn’t match at all. Plus, it looked cack. It’s very confusing”.

Whilst Kerching’s engineers continue to search the internet in the hope that someone has posted an online copy of how to re-assemble a Longbridge production line, some observers are puzzled as to how the company could make it appear that brand new TFs were successfully rolling out of their factory. “The truth is we found...”
three ready made cars in one of the boxes that came over from Longbridge," their key spokesman revealed. "Every time they appear at the end of the production line we just drive them round the back again and a few minutes later, oh look, three more new cars. We got the idea from an old episode of great British TV show Bagpuss with the mice and the chocolate biscuits. H a h a h a!" Rumors are now growing that Kerching may be forced to ask for their money back, if only they can find someone who did very nicely out of MG Rover. Unfortunately, he's safely out of the way at his massive house in Miami again.

Website Update

Check out the VBAC (www.valleybritish.org) website calendar for lots of upcoming events for 2007. You will find the most up to date information. Please check before any event for times and places to meet.

What a Joke

A blonde pushes her recently acquired Healey into a gas station and tells the mechanic, "It just quit on me!" He tells her to open the bonnet and then unscrews the float cover and sees that it is filled with sediment.

The blond asks, "What's the story?"

"Oh, just crap in the carburetor," he replies.

"How often will I have to do that!?" she asks.

Q. What do you call the shock absorber inside an MG?
A. Passengers

Two guys in an MG were arrested last night in London following a push-by shooting incident.

Did you hear about the new after market airbag for the MG? When you sense an impending accident you start pumping real fast.

My friend went to a dealer the other day and said "I'd like a gas cap for my MG." The dealer replied "Okay. Sounds like a fair trade.

(Please direct all email and calls to Kurt Lanse if you have comments about the jokes)

For Sale: 14 Foot Wells Cargo enclosed Car trailer with electric winch and ramps $3950. Call Kurt at (599) 352-7968.

For Sale: 1979 Triumph Spitfire, partially disassembled, extra motor and 1964 frame. Take it all for $800 Call Bruce 559-645-1760

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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Peerless G.T. 2 Litre

Price: £998

EXTRAS:
- Laycock De-Normanville Overdrive Gearbox: £42 10 0
- Dunlop Centre Lock Wise Wheels: £25 0 0

Specifications:

ENGINE: T.R.3 1091 cc. 4 cylinder engine. 83 m/m bore x 92 m/m Stroke, with overhead valves operated by pushrod from crank-case mounted camshaft driven by chain. Cast iron cylinder head and block with wet liners. Aluminium pistons give 8.5:1 Compression Ratio. 100 BHP at 5000 RPM and 117.5 BHP at 3000 RPM maximum torque. Borg & Beck 9in. clutch with single dry plate. Hydraulic control.

TRANSMISSION: 4 speed unit construction gearbox with synchro-mesh on 2nd, 3rd and top gear. Ratios: 1st—12.5:1; 2nd—7.4:1 and 3rd—4.9:1. Top—3.7:1. When overdrive is fitted, overdrive 2nd—6.07:1; Overdrive 3rd—4.02 and overdrive top—3.03:1. Layrub propeller shaft to Salisbury differential unit mounted on rubber suspension direct to chassis frame. Universally jointed Hardy Spicer half shafts to hubs on "De Dion" tube.

CHASSIS: Space frame in rectangular steel tubing electrically welded.

SUSPENSION: Independent on double wishbones with coil spring at front. "De Dion" tube carried on 1/2 elliptic leaf springs at rear.


SHOCK ABSORBERS: Armstrong Telescopic front, Armstrong Double piston at rear.

STEERING: Cam Gears worm and peg steering box, with transverse three piece track rod and slave arm. Left or Right hand to choice.

WHEELS AND TYRES: 15in. 4J Steel disc wheels with 5.50 x 15 Avon "Turbo-speed" tyres. Dunlop centre lock wire wheels with 4J run as alternative extra. Spare wheel fitted flat into floor of boot.

FUEL SUPPLY: 14 gall. in twin side mounted tanks of 7 gall. capacity each, fed through twin S.U. High pressure pumps to carburetters. Fuel fillers separate to each tank. Dashboard control for selection of tank.

HEATER: Smiths 2-1/4 kw. heater and demister fitted as standard.

LUGGAGE COMPARTMENT: 8 cubic feet of luggage space will accept one very large suitcase and soft bags or two normal size suitcases. Top mounted boot lid locked from interior of car.

TOOLS: Tool kit recessed into spare wheel carried flat in boot floor. Wheel changing tools and jack in clips beside spare wheel. Jacking points at centre of chassis each side.

BODY: 2 door, FULL FOUR SEATER coupe body, with curved windscreen in laminated safety glass, and toughened rear and side windows. Quick action windscreen mechanism in door, hinged rear quarter lights for ventilation. Twin bucket seats, adjustable, for driver and front passenger with ventilated back rests, hammock type rear seat with padded arm rests and centre division. Seats upholstered in real hide with matching P.V.C. trim to non-wearing surfaces, quarter panels and door panels. Foam padded P.V.C. head lining in pale colour, washable. Black carpets bound to match seats. Padded curved dashboard with lacquered glove box. Large trays in bottom of doors for maps, etc.


INSTRUMENTS: 5in. speedometer with trip, and matching Revolution counter, oil pressure gauge. Water temperature gauge, ammeter and fuel gauge in recessed black non-glare panel.

COLOUR: Choice of:—Ivory; Blue; Scarlet; British Racing Green and Grey.

Grey leather and trimming with black carpets piped in Grey.

Dimensions:

Overall Length: 13ft. 6ins.
Overall Width: 5ft. 1in.
Overall Height: 4ft. 2ins.
Dry Weight: 17cwt.

Wheelsbase: 7ft. 101/4ins.
Track: 4ft. 3ins.
Ground clearance: 6ins.
Kingsburg Car Show - April 21
### Valley British Auto Club 2007 Calendar

General Meetings at 7:00 PM - Steering Committee Meetings at 6:30 PM

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| May 18,19,20| **North Meets South - Mission Country 2007**  
Hosted by Paradise British Car Club in the Santa Ynez Valley - Saturday Car Show  
lorinmga@yahoo.com 805-929-0087 | Lorin Cuthbert |
| May 20     | **All British Car Show & Swap Meet** - Dixon Fairgrounds www.ubscc.org                      | Kurt          |
| June 8 - 10| **Open Roads British Car Show** - Lake Tahoe                                                   | Kurt          |
| June 12    | **Steering Committee Meeting** Groggs Pub                                                      | Kurt          |
| June 19    | **General Meeting** - Santa Fe Basque Restaurant, 3110 N Maroa, Fresno 7:00PM                  | Dan Dunham    |
| June 24    | **Breakfast Run to Humphrey's Station**  
Meet at Kings Canyon and Clovis Ave, Clovis                                                | Kurt          |
| July 10    | **Steering Committee Meeting** - Grog’s Pub in Clovis                                         | Kurt          |
| July 17    | **General Meeting** - Michelangelo’s Restaurant, Clovis                                       | Martin Connoly 299-6828 |
| July 16 - 20| **NAMGBR Annual Meet** - www.mg2007.org                                                      |               |
| July 22    | **Breakfast Run to Blossom Trail Café** - Meet at Fowler at Ashlan                            | Kurt          |
| July 22    | **Ventura County British Car Show** - agdj6@verizon.net                                       | Kurt          |
| August 14  | **Steering Committee Meeting** - Grog’s Pub in Clovis                                         | Kurt          |
| August 21  | **General Meeting** - Spike and Rail Steakhouse, Selma                                        | Kurt          |
| August 26  | **Breakfast Run** to Ducey’s Lodge, Bass Lake                                                | Kurt          |
| Sept 9     | **Chico Concours d’Elegance for all Marques**  
www.chicoconcours.com 530-345-8545                                                           | David Rocci  |
| Sept 15 - 16| **Palo Alto All British Car Meet**                                                             | Rick Feibusch |
| Oct 7      | **Niello Concours at Serrano** - All Marque Concours                                          | 916-635-2445  |
| Oct 13 - 14| **Clovis British Car Roundup sponsored by the VBAC**                                          | Wes Creswick  |
| Oct 20 - 21| **California Autumn Classic** - San Juan Bautista - Bill Meade                                | 831-722-7253  |
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