

Fall
Cambria Weekend
Includes Members of
PBSCC and Cypress British Car Club of Monterey

Close to 25 cars and about 45 members from both the PBSCC and the Cypress British Car Club (CBCCM) of Monterey went on a two-night excursion down to Cambria during the weekend of October 27 through Sunday, October 29. The tour was organized and led by Steve Kellogg, president of the CBCCoM and the current 'pinch hitting' web master for PBSCC.

The weather all three days was the epitome of warm, sunny Indian Summer perfection. We were all treated to beautiful California backroad scenery of fall colors; golden grasses, red, green and orange grape vines, rolling hills dotted with native oaks, eucalyptus and a rare flowering bush or two. We saw elk, long horn steer (we think), and a herd of what looked like baby boars.

Due to a dramatic thinning out of summer tourists, traffic was rare to almost nonexistent.

"It was as if we had the back roads all to ourselves and it was great," said Steve of the close to 300-mile round trip adventure.

We all met on Friday morning at the Crossroads parking lot in Carmel. After Steve reviewed the directions with the participants, we all took off on Carmel Valley Road.

Arriving at the Paso Pizza Kitchen around 1:30 pm, we all enjoyed delicious pizzas, huge blue cheese dressing drenched wedge salads and much more.

After lunch we all piled back into our various treasured autos, continued our drive southward and all arrived at the Cambria Pines Lodge a little past 3:00 pm.

Well, not everyone. Julie and John Tomlin, driving their red 19 something something Porsche 356 didn't quite make it to Cambria that evening. About a half hour before lunch, they hit a big cement rock in the middle of the road, most likely ripped a hole in their oil pan and lost all their engine oil rendering the well cared for classic undriveable. After more than 6 hours of waiting and many calls and disappointments, a flatbed AAA tow truck finally arrived just before 7:00 pm to rescue a very tired, hungry and cold John and Julie along with their beautiful, yet undriveable Porsche.

Looking at the bright side, Julie said, "We had so many wonderful people including two cops who stopped to see if we were ok. It was very heartwarming and gave us a renewed faith in humanity that so many people stopped to check on us."

After they and their car were delivered back home to Carmel Valley, Julie and John spent the night then woke up early the next day and drove their much more reliable, yet not as fun, SUV back down to Cambria to join us all again.

Saturday morning Tom Tallone led the group to downtown San Louis Obispo for a tour of the British Sports Car shop where we wandered through an amazing array of MG's, Jaguars (including an SS 100 from the 1930's), an old Bugatti, Triumphs, a vintage Rolls Royce and much more. Bicycles and tons of memorabilia hung from the ceiling and the walls. A very impressive collection indeed! After lunch on our own we then followed Tom to his and his wife Susan's home in Los Osos nearby for refreshments and a tour of their car collection including two MGA's, a Fiat 124 Spyder and a Fiat 124 Coupe, all in pristine condition. Many thanks to Tom for arranging the two tours, and to both he and Susan for arranging for chilled drinks and yummy cookies.

Back at Cambria Pines that evening at dinner several attendees dressed up for Halloween. After dinner Steve Kellogg awarded best costumes to Kathy O'Brian and her friend David Pickenpaugh. We also had in attendance Broc Collie and Collie Flower.

Next morning, we all left for home at our own pace. And as far as we know, no mishaps occurred on the way back to the Monterey Peninsula. Many thanks to both Steve Kellogg for creating the whole trip and to Tom Tallone for arranging the Saturday tours.

Attendees

Nancy McCroskey

Steve and Vicky Kellogg

Dennis and Kori Spencer

Barry and Kathleen Erickson

Tom and Chris Banks

Ken Jackson and Marie Weims

Dave and Francine Rodriguez plus 1

Francesca Murphy

Kevin Enderby

Larry and Debby Tack

Linda Humber and Kristan Neubecker

JT Rethke and Vourness Nolte

Sheri Glazebrook and Dr. Scott Berry

Steve and Wendy Fields

Buck and Eugenia Jones

Gary and Ingrid Reid

Tom and Suzanne Tallone

Kirk and Amy Prentiss

Dallas and Brooke Brown

John and Julie Tomlin

Tom and Kim Dunham

Mike Fitzgerald and Carol Young

Gil & Aprille Lucero

Cathy Lee O'Brien and Dave Pickenpaugh