



# Pacific Tiger Club Newsletter

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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



BY  
**Ed**  
**ERIKSON**

Well folks, here we are ending the “Dog Days” of summer. Where did our summer go? Fortunately, most of our meets have been on nice days, but for traditional summer top-down driving, it’s been hit or miss. One good thing, though, my lawn has been the greenest it’s ever been in years.



As we wind down the 2019 season, two events remain on our calendar. Our September 21<sup>st</sup> picnic at the Richmond Beach Salt Water Park will be held at 11:00 am. As far as the picnic is concerned, everyone is on their own—bring your own food and drink. I have not been to the park, but I have seen a picture of it and the

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**ANNUAL GENERAL  
MEETING (AGM) &  
SLOT CAR RACING  
GRIOTS GARAGE  
IN TACOMA**

**Sat, Oct 19**

**10-noon Slot Car Racing  
Noon-2pm AGM**

**Lunch from  
Old Spagetti Factory**

*(See Club Calendar for details!)*



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## Renewing your membership?

Members are asked to send all membership checks and correspondence to:

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**Annual Membership Dues: \$32.00 (US funds).**  
Make checks payable to: Pacific Tiger Club.

## Calendar - PTC Club Events

### October 19 – Annual General Meeting (AGM), Plus Slot Car Racing!

Griots in Tacoma will once again host our AGM, but first we'll walk across the street to 132 Slotcar Raceway for a full program of FREE racing.

Slot car racing starts promptly at 10am. Did we mention its FREE to our members? What better way to spend a rainy Saturday!

At noon we'll head over to Griots for the AGM, with lunch from the Old Spagheti Factory. 3333 S. 38<sup>th</sup> St. Tacoma,

### November 9 – Tour of VRM Racecar Collection - Redmond, WA

Details TBA.

### January 18 – 11am PTC Planning Meet

To be held at Budd Bennion's home in north Seattle. Bring your ideas for our 2020 activities. 14720 30<sup>th</sup> Ave NE.

### President's Corner – cont.

view over Puget Sound looks beautiful. Let's hope for a nice day as well as a nice complement of Rootes vehicles to be there. (Directions will be sent out by email.)

The final event of the year, our annual General Membership Meeting, will be held at Griots Garage in Tacoma on October 21<sup>st</sup>. At 10:00 am, slot car racing, organized by Dick Sanders, will start off the day located across the street from Griots. At noon, Griots will welcome the PTC and a catered lunch provided by the Spaghetti Factory will be served at 12:30. At approximately 1:15, our meeting will begin and new officers will be elected and installed. Glenda Clemans has offered to take over the Presidency for 2020. Our present officeholders have agreed to continue on into next year.

After the elections, there will be a drawing and you will be given a chance to win prizes.

-Ed

# *PTC Event Gallery*

## *Western Washington All British Field Meet*

*July 20 – St. Edward State Park*

Over 300 British vehicles of all sorts filled the field in front of the former seminary/ future hotel at St. Edward State Park.



Sean Johnson (center), a restorer of Austin Healeys and Tigers from Okanogan, converses with another Sunbeam owner. At left is Sean's father, retired KOMO-TV newsman Bryan Johnson.



At left, one of the best parts of the ABFM is the very end, as hundreds of British classics parade out of the park.



*Gallery cont.*

# *Tour to Olson's Gaskets*

*August 17 – Port Orchard, WA*

*photos courtesy of Ross Evans, Budd Bennion, Brett Simpson and Bob Bennion*



After coming across on the ferry, we first met at Ross and Genevieve's Port Orchard home where they had coffee and pastry ready. Members were coming from all directions so this was a good way to start. By the time Ed showed

Sandy then gave us a brief history of Olson's Gaskets: *"In the early 1970's, I purchased close to two hundred head gaskets. Early on it became apparent that gaskets for certain vehicles, such as, Packard, Pierce Arrow, Oliver, Mack, etc. were next to non-existent, therefore, we started reproducing them. At the same time, we started a hand cutting gasket service. This has set us apart from our competitors and has continued to grow our business in the obsolete market. In the late*



*1980's, we recognized a need that existed in the truck and tractor hobby. At that time, we had expanded our inventory to include antique trucks, tractors, industrial engine and stationary engine gaskets. This*

up we had 23 people and 13 classic cars, plus Sandy Olson was there with his 1928 Erskine (Studebaker) to lead us to his shop.

Sandy first told us about the Port Orchard area, the Puget Sound Mosquito Fleet and the industry around Port Orchard which supported the WWII effort, including a fuel dump.



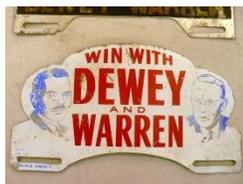
*now accounts for about fifty percent of our business. More recently, we have ac*

quired a market for the gray market tractor gaskets and the 1960's and 1970's foreign car gasket."

We then were led on a short tour of Olson's Gaskets. This was at his homestead property where he has



a number of buildings to house his business. This is not just he making gaskets. He has four employees and a large warehouse of both NOS



and newly made gaskets. He can provide

a single gasket or a set made for a whole engine rebuild. Don't ask for a Ford 289ci engine gasket set as you and go any number of today's auto supply shops to buy there.



After about an hour and a half the tour was done and we drove back to Ross and Genevieve's home where they hosted us again, providing a BBQ lunch. Every

thing from BBQ chicken and sausage links, salads, chips and beverages. The weather was perfect and we all enjoyed the next hour eating and visiting with many club members.

- Budd Bennion



Ross & Genevieve Evans played host to the club twice(!) in one day.

*Gallery cont*

*PTC Picnic at Richmond Beach  
Saltwater Park - September 21*



Prospective member Mike Price has done much work to this Mk I Tiger in the year he's owned it.



Mike's passenger is ready for high-speed cruising!

*Gallery cont*

*Exotics at Redmond Town Center –  
British Day - August 3*



Kevin & Judy Jewell's Tiger represented PTC among a field of truly exotic British iron. Looks to be their son Clark at the wheel here entering the show.

*Spotted!*



Spotted at Bonneville Salt Flats in August. This Sunbeam reportedly has a Chev 350 under the hood. No word on results – track conditions were less than ideal this year due to rains.

# For Sale

## 1967 Sunbeam Tiger MK 1A

Powered by Ford 289 CID. Comes with hard top, extra LAT 79 engine hood, orig. 260 engine and original transmission. Shelby racing wheels. C4 automatic transmission, cruise control, custom steering wheel. Custom Drive Shaft (for automatic trans.) Rear end Dana 44, 2.88 gear ratio. Front seal drip on tranny, likely from sitting too long.



New windshield, new rear-window in hardtop, new rubber seals on doors. Carol Shelby's authenticated signature under hood. Has been certified as a genuine Sunbeam Tiger and is in the Book of Norman.



Modified for handicapped use with hand controls (easily removed), Driven (not trailered) to Sunbeam meets including; Park City, Colorado, Rapid City, S. Dakota, Osoyos, Victoria, and Whistler, B.C.

\$51K firm  
Call Deb @ 360-694-3586  
Vancouver, WA

# For Sale

## 1-Owner 1960 Sunbeam Alpine Series 1

OFFERS for unique car in wonderful condition after authentic restoration, diligent maintenance. B.C.-licensed and driven regularly, dry days ONLY since 1988. Sale by widow.

1980's highest quality restoration to original except Series-5 block. New wires, hoses, carpeting, soft-top. No filler, new steel. Basecoat-clearcoat. Restoration photos.

Original: Zenith carbs, manifold, steering, seats, hardtop, gauges, tonneau, wheel covers, window-cranks, filler cap, wiper-arms, mirror, hardtop, horn, manual, toolkit, more. Many receipts. Accident-free, low mileage.  
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# Spotted!



*Series III Alpine currently reposing at Gunner's Auto Wrecking in Lake Stevens, WA.*



***Billboard Bonanza! At left, an Alpine owner in Atlanta, Georgia recently spotted a Series II Alpine adorning an ad for a regional credit union. Has anyone ever seen another billboard featuring a Sunbeam? At right, long-time PTC member Carol Christensen of Portland, Oregon helps promote the Oregon Humane Society. She volunteers her time and her home to foster pups and pussycats!***



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