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Pacific Tiger Club Newsletter

ROOTES OF THE PACIFIC NORTHWEST

The Prez Sez!

by Larry Atkisson

Spring is finally here! Time to get those parts you no longer need and head out to the PTC swap meet and sell or trade them for something you need to complete your Sunbeam project. PTC swap meet is April 19, 2025 at the Kingston building in Kingston, WA. Details were sent out in an earlier email to members. Any questions, give me or Dave Dunn a call.

This is a good time to do an overall check of your Tiger, Alpine, Hillman or other Sunbeams. Check your front suspension: make sure all bolts and nuts are tightened down. Check wheels (lug nuts) are securely tight. Check tires for correct air pressure, wear, and any flaws. Also, it is a good time to change oil and oil filter. Don't forget to check all systems for correct amount of fluids (brake and clutch masters, transmission, rearend, radiator, etc.

Thank you all that participated in the planning calendar meeting for 2025. We still have a few open dates. If you have any ideas, please contact me or Linda.
October 2024 became the new official renewal date for all club members. We've had a very positive response to this change. Please send your dues in to continue receiving the PTC newsletter and announcements for upcoming PTC events/meetings. If you have already sent in your renewal, your membership has already been updated. Any questions, please reach out to Linda, membership chair.

This is my last year as PTC President and Linda as PTC membership chair. We will be stepping down at the PTC Annual General Meeting (AGM) October 11, 2025. Please consider filling either of these positions. For information: contact me, Linda or Dick. We would be happy to give information on the positions. We are also looking for a secretary. Jim Clark is looking for a replacement, as he has held this position for many years. He had hoped to have a replacement last October but has agreed to stay on board till a member steps up.

Look forward to seeing you at upcoming events.

Larry

Sunbeam Swap Meet!

This annual event always surprises with rare and unusual Rootes parts!
When: **Saturday, April 19** 10am -1pm (Setup at 9am.) Where: Kingston Building: 8252 NE State HWY 104. Kingston, WA 98346
4th building on the left. Located at the Kingston Business Park. 5 minutes from the Kingston ferry dock.

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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).*
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Calendar - PTC Club Events

April 19 – 2025 Sunbeam Swap Meet Meeting 10:00 am. Kingston Building: 8252 NE State HWY 104 Kingston, WA 98346 4th building on the left. Located at the Kingston Business Park. 5 minutes from the Kingston ferry dock.

June 7 Griot's Garage 10:00 AM Tacoma, WA. New product demo

July 12 - Western Washington All British Field Meet – St. Edward State Park Over 400 British iron spread out across the lawn in front of the Lodge at St. Edward. Friday night Social. Online registration at wwabfm.com.

August 16 - Run to Sequim, WA Bring your picnic lunch. Details to be announced

September 13 - Flying Heritage & Combat Armor Museum (Free Admission) Details to be announced

October 11 PTC Annual General Meeting 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM Griot's Garage Tacoma, WA

November: Tentative: Tour of US Undersea Museum Keyport, WA Details to be announced

Other Sunbeam Events

June 18-21 Tigers United XLIV Monterey Peninsula, Laguna Raceway

Other Shows/Races etc

May 2-4 SOVERN Spring Sprints at Pacific Raceway Novice Day on Friday.
See SOVRENracing.org

May 17 Vancouver All British Field Meet
VanDusen Botanical Gardens. Vancouver, BC.

May 17-18 Monroe Swap Meet at Evergreen State Fairgrounds. Monroe, WA

June 26 Greenwood Car Show 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM. Seattle, WA. Show & Shine

July 20 Hansville Car Show 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM Show & Shine. Hansville, WA Buck Lake Community Center

~~Buyer~~ Seller Beware !!

Long-time PTC member Rob Carpenter has been trying to sell his Series V Alpine for a while. Tire kickers have been few so far, but Rob thought had hopes for a long-distance inquiry that seemed sincere – at first. Here's Rob's ad – and the "buyer's" follow-up. See if you can detect the subtle clues the buyer might not be on the up-and-up.

1967 Sunbeam Alpine. Health issues force reluctant sale. Engine rebuilt in 1998.

Overdrive, rebuilt by specialist John Roseby, added in same year, along with Martha Wheat seats. New carpet kit partially in-stalled. Rust? Two small bubbles, both of which have been there since purchased. Otherwise very straight. Always garaged. $12,999 obo. 360-674-0767 rootesalpine@gmail.com

Dear Robert,

Thanks for your detailed reply which I appreciate so much.

What is the last price of the car? I still want to invest into more similar cars for future resale! I believe you are in a better position to assist me achieve the plan. I cannot travel to inspect the car before payment. I would like you to personally help me handle the purchase of your car confidentially on my behalf and when the case is over, I will fly with my wife to meet you to finalize the sale one on one and as well have a peaceful retirement life with my wife.

Payment for the car will not be a problem because I have my life savings and gratuity deposited with a depository firm in London in my name Josef August Germann and I would like to make you my partner to enable you go to London in person and claim the funds as my partner and help me with the car purchase and relocation to your country. All documents of the funds would be transferred to your name as my partner to make the claim easier for you.

All my bank accounts are frozen which rendered me financial broke hence the need for your assistance to claim the sum of seventeen million five hundred thousand us dollars cash I have in safe keeping in the vaults of a depository firm in London to enable me pay for the car in my wife's name, pay all the taxes and relocate my family and I will reward you personally with 10% of the funds for your confidential help. I want you to liaise with the depository firm for you to go to their office in person to claim and confirm the cash in their presence as my partner before banking.

After the claim in person, the depository banking agent will arrange van that will transport the cash to the bank where an account will be opened without questions and funds transferred to your nominated account as investment loan from London to your nominated account in any country of your choice and the balance shall be used for real investment with you and profit shared 50% 50% after tax. You will send me $157,000 from the funds after the claim for my wife's medical treatment and our relocation expenses. I will give you contact details of the depository and all valid claim documents for the claim once you confirm to me you can handle this transaction without betrayal.

Thanks

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Fill'er Up!

By Dick Sanders

Strange Universe!

The oddest car part website I've ever seen popped up a few weeks ago in an online discussion on the Sunbeam Alpine Owners Club forum. The outfit is called Metro Moulded Parts. Metrommp.com. They have rubber parts for a huge variety of cars. Sunbeam parts are more limited, as you might expect.

I have no clue as to the quality, but to give you an idea of the Sunbeam parts, they have a headlight gasket/ring seal, advertised by MMP at $119.95/pair, compared to $29.50 from Sunbeam Specialties. Trunk hinge pads: $91.49 at MMP vs a set of four at Specialties for $8.30. As so it goes. But sometimes they've got that part you really need, like those tiny hardtop holddown pads, selling for $27.49 – each. At Specialties they're listed as "NLA," as in no longer available. Yikes! They got us by the short-and-curlies at that one.

A 1966 Sunbeam Tiger? A hint here, a hint there. But no cigar. To top it off, the license plate reads "Sunfeam."

But besides the parts themselves are the guides for all the classic cars they sell to. That includes most Sunbeams, from1929 through 1976! If they don't have specific parts for that model, they'll include a long list of rubber, window channels, etc that *might* fit. But let's start off with the illustration of a typical Sunbeam, which accompanies all model descriptions:

There are lots of angles that, taken by themselves, *suggest* a 1950s-60s Sunbeam body, but in total doesn't even come close. Tigers look pretty much like Sunbeam Rapier, with slight changes to trim. The same goes for earlier generations. A 1930 Sunbeam illustration looks like it could be any model from any company circa 1930. MMP does say that "These illustrations use artistic license and may differ from actual historical models," but come on!

In the actual descriptions, it's obvious they know just enough to be dangerous. We're talking AI "writing." It's the most bland, generic writing ever, with just enough facts thrown in to suggest they're on top of it. But then there's the facts that aren't facts. Did you know that *"celebrity ownerships [of 1967 Alpines] have included names like Peter Sellers"*? Except he didn't own one. By 1967, Sellers was into Ferrari's, Rolls, etc. and is never known to have owned a Sunbeam. In the write-up on the Tiger, we discover that: "*A little-known fact about the Tiger is that there were several high-performance versions produced for racing purposes, including the rare Mark II model which featured an even larger engine."*

"The [1965] *Sunbeam Tiger had its share of limelight with celebrity ownerships including actor Steve McQueen."* Huh? Of the 1967 Tiger*: "…Celebrity ownerships included Dean Martin and Ian Anderson of Jethro Tull."* Per his bio, Ian Anderson never even took the driving test in his life.

Oh, well. I guess It's good that any new Sunbeam parts are coming out, but I don't feel like being a guinea pig - unless I absolutely hafta'.

WANTED:

I'm looking for Series V passenger seat in almost any condition. (Currently my Series V Alpine has a Series IV passenger seat in deplorable condition) Or, maybe both driver and passenger seats if the upholstery is good? Anyone have Series V seats to sell?

Email Bill at eromtihw@gmail.com

For Sale:

FOR SALE:

New soft top, Series I Alpine, 3 window, crushed grain, rear window/zipper.
$300.00 206-612-4850

FOR SALE:

1967 Sunbeam Alpine Series V, 1725 cc engine. 18 years with the same owner. Body is sound, no rust has been found during ownership. Some "Orange Peel" on fender top paint due to tarp thrown over the car too soon after painting (10+ years ago). Improvement and maintenance: ● Weber Carb, Gear reduction starter, Pertronix ignition. Head gasket replaced a year ago. ● Suspension has new bushing throughout and new tires. ● Brake calipers were rebuilt 3 years ago. New brake pads and shoes for the rear. ● B ● Gas tank was cleaned with all new connections one year ago. ● Electric fuel pump ● Alternator upgraded ● Higher compression flat-topped pistons installed. All the gauges work except the Ammeter (not wired). All the lights and turn signals are functioning. The pistons were from the prior owner and can make the car difficult to start when cold but it will start and runs well otherwise. The upholstery is good but the rear area needs work. Soft top is in good condition with two small tears on the side (typical for this model). The gasket between the windshield and the top needs to be installed. This is a good solid car that is used frequently in summer and good weather, not driven on wet roads or in the rain. It has been kept in a dry garage since acquired. Comes with title and spares. Cash only, "as is" sale. $12,500 USD gt6triumph@gmail.com.

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PTC will once again support the Western Washington All British Field Meet with a half-page ad (above) in their program.

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