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CLASSIC CAR RALLY BENEFITS
THE SOJOURNER CENTER



The weather was utterly perfect on Sunday November 7, as Brighton Motorsports hosted its 3rd Annual Classic Car Rally, benefitting the Sojourner Center. Over 300 people attended the event, in which some 70 drivers and cars covered the route. There were highly restored Europeans, rods and customs, American muscle and more. Highlights among entries included everything from a 1957 VW convertible, to a GTO Judge, to multiple 289 Shelby Cobras, a Ferrari 330 GTC, and a 1955 Chevy Bel Air that was last year's Brighton Rally Best of Show People's Choice award winner.

THE RALLY ROUTE

We joined the group as festivities began at Brighton's restoration facility and classic car showroom in the Scottsdale Airpark, located between Power Ford North Scottsdale and Hacienda Harley-Davidson. From there, we headed down Frank Lloyd Wright Boulevard, east on Shea Boulevard, then north through Fountain Hills, to the highlight of the route, the hilly and winding McDowell Mountain Road, along the east side of McDowell Mountain Regional Park to Rio Verde. From there, the route headed west on Rio Verde Drive, becoming Dynamite Boulevard, then north on Pima Road to Carefree and Cave Creek. The final leg was down Cave Creek Road and Tatum Boulevard, then back to Brighton Motorsports.

The event covered some 70 miles in all. By the names of the roads on the rally route, you can tell there was plenty of boulevard cruising, as well as plenty of open mountain and desert two-lane highway. And this pack of classics turned many a head all along the way. The cars mostly did not run in a pack, rather taking their own time and picking up cards for a poker run component of the rally as they completed the route. This led to some serendipity for the drivers, as well, as every once in awhile, we'd come upon a great cluster of... ourselves. Magic.

The Jaguar Club of Central Arizona held their Saloons in the Old West Road Rally concurrently, following along with the Brighton rally route and participants. (And on Saturday, the day before the road rally, the club held a JCNA concours event, as well.)

The drive portion of the rally concluded with lunch and live rock and roll back at Brighton Motorsports, along with an opportunity to tour the shops and work in progress on a variety of top-notch restorations.

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What began as Shane and Karen Mustoe's shared passion for European and American collector cars has evolved into 20,000 square feet of showroom, mechanical repair and body shop space, otherwise known as Brighton Motorsports and Brighton Ranch Paint & Body. These two entities work together seamlessly under one umbrella to deliver an old-world commitment to excel-

lence while servicing your vehicle and assuring your complete satisfaction. If you haven't stopped by their facility, you will definitely want to make a point to do so. And bring your checkbook if you dare. Brighton Motorsports is a premium candy store.

The crew at Brighton Motorsports realizes and appreciates the community that has helped make it all possible, and they enjoy every opportunity we have to give back. This year's Classic Car Rally once again benefited the Sojourner Center.

SOJOURNER CENTER

Since 1977, Sojourner Center has provided shelter and support services to thousands of individuals affected by domestic violence. Their principle is that through empowerment, families discover hope and have the



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opportunity to build a new future free from violence. As the nation's largest domestic violence shelter, Sojourner Center is a tireless advocate for domestic violence victims and survivors. With the continued support of the community and events like the Brighton Motorsports Classic Car Rally, Sojourner Center can help women and children overcome the impact of domestic violence, one life at a time.

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OUR RALLY CAR

Our chariot for the day was a 1968 Jaguar XKE Roadster with just 25,000 original miles, red over black, with a 4.2-liter V8 and manual transmission. This Jaguar E-Type roadster is commonly referred to as a Series 1.5 because it retains the same body and bumpers as the Series 1 car but has such Series 2 items as rocker switches, twin Stromberg carburetors, finned cam covers and an improved cooling system with a larger radiator and twin electric fans. While it does not have covered headlights, this body can be retrofitted with them if desired.

Brighton Motorsports is the third owner of the car. It was purchased new at Sunnyvale British Motor Cars in California, and the first owner kept the car in Fremont CA until 1977, when he sold it at 20,050 miles, after being stored from 1973-1977. The car went to Coburg, Oregon, where it was recommissioned and shown at some local venues but mostly stayed in the garage. The Sports Car Shop in Eugene OR had done a little work on the car and told Brighton about it. They acquired the Jaguar in 2005 at just 23,577 miles. Over the past five

E-TYPE
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years, they've driven the car just 1,139 miles. We added about 70 more.

The car is amazingly tight, and its great power and strong oil pressure reflect its low mileage. The suspension and brakes are both great, and this is really an enjoyable car to drive. The V8 gives perfect balance, better for most tastes than a V12.

Brighton adds that the car has never shown any rust, always kept nice and dry. They have receipts for all work done over the years (including some areas of the car where some small dents were repaired and spot painted with lacquer). While that paint looked pretty nice, there were some differences between the original paint and the touched-up areas. So, Brighton did a com-

plete tear-down, repaint and reassembly of the car with new moldings. Now the paint is stunning, while the original chrome and glass remain in great shape. The original seats were very decent as they arrived, though the team at Brighton Motorsports did note some wear on the back of the driver's seat from the top frame being dragged across it (a common user error). They had new leather seat covers installed but the rest of the interior is original to the car.

The original jack and tool bag are still with the car, as well as the owner's manual and service booklet. The Jaguar still has the original factory delivery stickers on the windshield including the Queen's Export Award dated 1967.

If you've ever had a jones for a classic Jaguar, this could be your new baby. —JS