

ROLLING BRITISH CAR DAY

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The 18th Annual Rolling British Car Day took place this year on Sunday, April 18th and, like last year, used starting points in both North and South County: The Escondido Promenade Shopping Center and Mission Valley Shopping Center. Each group mustered for up to an hour comparing stories and jokes about our cars. [Example: "Why didn't the British invent the microwave?" Answer: "They couldn't figure out a way for it to leak oil!" While this may be true for some of the older cars, it is certainly not the case with our newer Jags].

After departing the respective launch points, each group enjoyed a drive over diverse streets and back roads until we met up at the Claim Jumper off Carmel Mountain Road, a mere stone's throw from Costco. From there the combined group of 160 cars and 350 people headed northwest to the beautiful garden estate of club members Craig and Dannie McLaughlin. Craig is an SDJC Director as well as President of the British Car Club Council. Dannie serves as the SDJC Secretary and master gardener par excellence. We were transported from our cars to the beautifully manicured (continued)



The muster in Mission Valley



Host Craig McLaughlin's XK120



Chuck Leuthen, Dan and Jorgene, and Grant and Nedra



From the Rummell's cockpit

Photos provided by the Jensens, Rummells, and Partains



Debbie and Bill Woolley



Nedra and Grant Rummell



George and Karen Penniman



Bob and Ali Proctor



Group on the tour



Katherine and Mike Partain



Part of the McLaughlin's collection of fine cars



At the McLaughlin's



The garden tour



Enjoying the gazebo



Garrett Stroud and date



Danny and Craig



grounds via motorized carts to help us navigate the rolling terrain near the McLaughlin's home. There, members of SDJC and other British marques enjoyed picnic lunches, specialized food by GOD SAVE THE CUISINE catering and other vendors, and the beautiful display of the McLaughlin's numerous stunning, prize-winning cars in their collection, British and American. As well as the camaraderie of fellow British car lovers and the generosity of the McLaughlins, the walking tour of the stunning garden that Dannie maintains will surely be remembered by many as a high point of the day.

Thanks again to Dannie and Craig for their over-the-top hospitality. To gain an appreciation of their commitment, Dannie let us in on a secret – they had hosted a huge crowd of garden lovers the day before. Boy, I bet they were tired Sunday evening!