



Tri-State Triumphs Cruise In

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The Triumph Cruise was a huge success! Well done Aaron!

The BCCGC group met up at Cars & Coffee in the morning. We debated the route to get from Montgomery to the west side but eventually we all agree Cross County Hwy was the way to go. I led the group tentatively onto the freeway so as not to lose anyone and once we had a quorum we set about at a brisk pace. Ultimately we ended up with 9 BCCGC member cars at Aaron's place.



1. John Coutan – 1959 TR3A
2. Bob Meyer – 1980 Spitfire
3. Joe Gerst – 1976 TR6
4. Imran Sham – 1975 TR6
5. Sharon Goodall – 1961 TR3A
6. Larry Srtransky – 1957 TR3
7. Dan Deutsch – 1968 MGB-GT
8. Larry Bowser – 2005 Lotus Elise
9. Jim Steputis – 1971 VW Super Beetle

There was some discussion about whether or not a VW could participate in a Triumph cruise but we all decided that since we were going to a German pub for lunch a German car made total sense! We just pretended Jim Imported it from the British sector of East Berlin!

We arrived all in one piece at Aaron's place and proceeded to socialize and explore Aaron's garage. We found exhaust parts and sundry stuff typical of the LBC owner and spied a BMW Z3 under a cover – Sell it Aaron and get another LBC!



Aaron wandered around the yard with a wheelbarrow handing our summer squash. I haven't made soup in ages so was tempted but knew I would never get around to it.

Eventually the lost eagles arrived and we proceeded to turn cars around without bumping into each other and set a long line up Aaron's street and waited for everyone to get in formation and proceeded out of the neighborhood.



It ended up being a long line with a total of at least 20 cars. I took a selfie from near the front of the pack but forgot to keep my eyes open – LOL.

We met one additional traveler on the road and proceeded around the route. It worked out really well but at a couple of stop signs and left turns Aaron would pull the line over to wait for the tail to clear the intersection – He'd jump out of his car and wander back looking for a super bright orange bug bringing up the rear. Good drive leadership on Aaron's part and good to have Jim's brightly colored marker!

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E-type

MGB

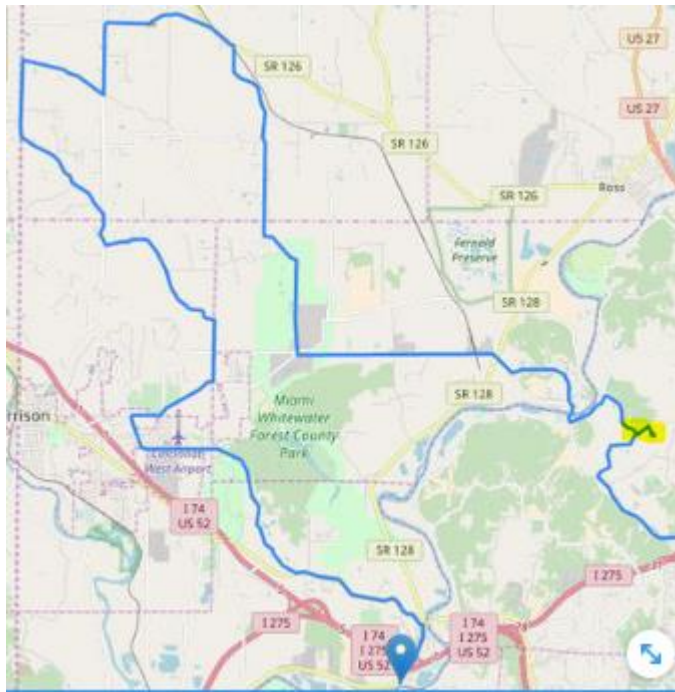
elise

TR6

Midget

Healey 3000

Spitfire



I was following Larry and he peeled off at a couple of silos and at first I thought something was amiss but he waved us all through. We never did find out what he stopped to investigate and he didn't show up at the lunch.

Bill Bowser was using MotionX-GPS on his iPad – This is a pretty cool piece of software, allows you to track your motion and then share it with people.

Now that we are squarely in the 21st century paper maps blowing out of your convertible should be a thing of the past. I never know where I am going or where I was anymore. People ask, “Did you take route 36?” My answer almost always is, “I have no idea. I was just following “Bitchin’ Betty’s” directions from my phone!”

There are a couple of other apps I use so look for an article coming soon about how modern apps can make group drives awesome!



After about an hour on the road we arrived close to where we started and stretched out legs. I took the opportunity to shoot photos of all the cars and loaded them on the website.

We were getting a bit hungry by now so we settled into the basement room of the restaurant. The restaurant was pretty cool and had a walk out basement to the courtyard with several outdoor areas and levels.

Most folks opted out of “full meals” and went for something in the sandwich variety. I had the Pork Schnitzel sandwich and it was huge! I didn't read the description very well and it came with a sweet barbecue sauce on it. I love Schnitzle but I prefer hot German mustard on it! Oh, well, next time.

settled into the restaurant.



While we waited for lunch Aaron made speeches, the gang gave Aaron toasts and we all enjoyed some ale. Many thanks to Aaron for setting this up. If you haven't done a drive lately please come on out and join the next one. If it's your first time, let us know and we'll put you near the front where it's hard to get lost!

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