

29th Annual San Diego British Car Day & Picnic, 2008

(Three photo montage pages attached)

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The 29th annual San Diego British Car Day took place at our new venue this year; Admiral Baker Field, the US Navy recreation center for the local area. The move was necessitated after many successful years at a horse training farm in Fallbrook because of increasing traffic and parking problems. The new facility is much larger and more centrally located and, for the most part, was approved by the southern California British car community.

While a number of factors contributed to a slight decline in overall attendance this year, over 350 cars came to join the festivities. Trophies were awarded in the individual marque classes, with additional awards for "Best British Picnic", "Best British Beater" and "Best Club Display". An unusual racing bodied Bentley was judged "Best of Show".

After a night of rain (unusual in these parts) the day dawned wet and foggy for the early birds who arrived at the park before 7AM for set up. The fog burned off and by 8AM the sun came out and provided ideal "show weather" the whole day. The large grassy area allowed us to set up the marques distinctly separated into little "islands of particular interest". The honored marque this year was the Austin Healey Bug-Eye Sprite and that group was organized in a giant circle around the club's tent.

We were very happy with the new location of British Car Day and look forward to it at the same location in 2009, first Sunday in October.

Mark your calendar!