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Fathers' Day Car Show

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Father's Day Car Show at the Ventura

of entries for this maiden event, the organizers asked if both Norma and I could show our respective MGs. We were happy to comply, and besides, it would be the first time both cars would be mobile and detailed at the same time.

To insure a good turnout, the Club bar-B-qed some ribs and a nice roast beef, and for extra insurance, they added a Chili Cookoff which drew eighteen mouth-searing entries.

To everyone's surprise, we also had 21 entries ranging from "interesting" to "to die for." There was only one prize, a Members' Favorite, which was won by a freshly assembled, 1940 Ford Pickup with a stock, flathead V8 in plain-jane factory condition. Very rare indeed. In fact, I might have voted for it had it not been for that pretty, little, yellow, MG TC.



In the lineup were three, count'em, three Austin Bantams: a saloon, a convertible, and of all things a Bantam-powered midget racer. Also of interest was a '56 Morgan driver, and a Jaguar XKE and a '54 Corvette, both in concours trim.



The "old timer" award, had there been one, would have gone to a very respectable 20s Rolls Royce which gave rides around the area for a \$15 donation toward the Club's new elevator. (We're all getting older, you know?)

A dozen or so other worthy examples of German and U.S. manufacture rounded out a very successful exhibit with plans for another show in '07 with a couple dozen additional members who "wished that they had participated." Who knows?

This modest little members' "show-and tell" might just grow into a true concours-d'elegance in the not too distant future. **