

DRIVING MALLORCA & CLASSIC CAR CLUB



An Anglo – German love affair!



● Weekly Car Show 13 April 2016.

by NICK JONES

CLASSIC British machinery and German weaponry, old and new, made a historic alliance at *The Boathouse Restaurant* on Palma's Paseo Marítimo last Wednesday – and world peace was the order of the day until a couple of interlopers from America and Japan growled into the car park to stir things up a bit! Forgive the historical analogy here though, as this was a true motoring alliance to once again delight the visitors to this popular weekly event.

So in the blue corner we had the Brits, well represented by gorgeous exam-



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ples from MG, Triumph, Lotus and Austin Healey amongst other. While in the red corner, the German contingent comprised fine cars from Porsche and Mercedes Benz, including 3 generations of the sleek SL convertible – fascinating to admire the evolution of this now iconic roadster in the flesh.

And finally, those interlopers. America stormed in with the iconic Ford Mustang, full of stance, brute force and booming presence, complemented nicely by the Nissan Skyline GT-R from Japan, a tech-fest of turbocharged, electronically controlled 4-wheel drive, and computerized gizmos (think Playstation) - this particu-

lar car throws out some 450 horsepower. Powerful allies indeed!

The weekly show is hosted by *Driving Mallorca* and the *Classic Car Club*, with support from other clubs on the island. Everyone is welcome to come along to *The Boathouse* restaurant on Paseo Marítimo from 6pm each Wednesday and if you have an interesting, classic, or just fun car, then come along and join the party!

Driving Mallorca can be found at www.drivingmallorca.com and on Facebook by searching for Club *Driving Mallorca*. The *Classic Car Club* can be found at www.ccc-mallorca.com. The *Boathouse* is at www.the-boathouse.es.

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CAR OF THE WEEK

AUSTIN HEALEY 3000 MK2

This week's car was a simple choice, to be honest, given the number of people gathered around to admire it's almost new condition. Austin Healeys have become very much sought-after by collectors and driving enthusiasts worldwide, and this particular car must be amongst the most desirable on the market! That's right – it's currently for sale! And let me tell you why. First registered in 1961, it is an Austin Healey 3000 MK2 BT7. With triple SU carburetors and overdrive gearbox, it is an original "matching number" example, with left hand drive, and a valuable Factory Heritage Certificate. Not only that, it has been upgraded to Fast Road Specification, with upgraded brakes & suspension, sports exhaust, oversize tyres and a works hardtop. Baffled by all that technical stuff? Let me put this simply. It's the real deal! And having had only 3 owners from new, with only 29,000 miles on the clock, and with an unrepaired body, I challenge you to find a better example anywhere, let alone on our lovely island!

(To find out more about this car visit
www.classiccarshop.co.uk)



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