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**MISSION STATEMENT**

The British Auto Club of Las Vegas consists of British Car owners and enthusiasts dedicated to promoting the hobby of British automotive sport. The Club promotes Information and networking and revels in the social elements of British car ownership. You don't need to own an LBC (little British Car) to be a member, just love & admire them.

Club members, prospective members and British car enthusiasts are encouraged to attend our meetings and events. We discuss events and activities, swap Lucas stories, exchange advice on repair problems and enjoy socializing with one another.

Membership Meetings are held at 9:AM on the last Sunday of each month at

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Any change in location will be noted in the *SPANNER* and our website.

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**President's Message**

By Jonas Payne

**H**ard to believe that we are at the half way point of 2020. I hope the 2nd half of the year is an improvement for everybody. It is that time of the year when the BACLV needs to look forward to the upcoming year. As most of you know, the Board is comprised of elected volunteers, and other club committees (Membership, SPANNER, and Webmaster) are also volunteers. Coming into 2020, the BACLV had a significant amount of momentum and interest from our membership to offer their time and talents to managing the club and insure that it is a fun, interesting, caring and safe place for our members to enjoy our common interest in the British Car Hobby.

Last year out of the 8 Board and committee positions, we had an unprecedented 6 of these positions staffed by new volunteers. Traditionally, it has been a small group of dedicated veteran members filling these positions again and again, year after year. The BACLV club management energetically set forth an exciting vision for 2020, with lots of fun events, volunteers to host events, and then, well, we all sorta got the rug pulled out from under us.

Things have finally started to loosen up a bit, but as you all know, Summer in Vegas is typically the time to do maintenance on your British car, not drive them. If you have an older car, being out any time after 10 AM in the summer is a recipe for discomfort and trouble. As such, our calendar doesn't include a whole lot of driving events in the summer, as most of the membership doesn't want to get up at 5AM to go for a ride on the weekends.

Indoor events are canceled for safety reasons, we like to joke that this is a "Drinking Club with a British Car Problem", and this group loves to grab a bite to eat and enjoy a few libations. Not this year.

The reality is that the folks who volunteer or are motivated to volunteer to serve the membership of the BACLV are typically motivated by our events and a desire to share that fun and fellowship with others. Folks see the leadership of the club having a good time and are motivated to be part of that.

I volunteered for membership at the 3rd club event I attended, I was motivated by what I saw – the BACLV looked like fun and the people were friendly. A few members had already offered technical assistance with my car. My experience in this seems pretty typical of the folks who volunteer to serve.

That brings us to the issue at hand. You see, we are just 3 months away from our annual change of the Board/elections, and we would very much like to see some new faces on the Board and committees. Changing of the guard brings in fresh ideas and energy and makes the BACLV a continued success. In a hobby that has seen a significant number of Car Clubs fail in the past 5 years, the BACLV has continued to grow in size, number and quality of events.

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*Cover: Featured photos from Hap Polk, Neal Westfall and Ron Sandgren. See more starting on page 4.*

Consider submitting an article to the *SPANNER*. Submissions are preferred in a non-formatted Word document, 500 to 1,000 words. Photos are also welcome and should be sent separately in .jpeg format, with appropriate cut line/caption descriptions. The deadlines are typically the 15th of the month prior.

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While those of us who have been around a while understand that the BACLV is a great organization, we have a fair number of members who have joined in the last 6 to 8 months that have been denied an opportunity to experience all that the BACLV has to offer, and resultantly that promise of fun and fellowship that serving the club offers.

We are looking for nominations and volunteers for the Board and Committees. We are also looking for folks to volunteer to organize and host some early morning weekend drives over the next 3 months. A lot of them. While we can't do some of the things we'd like to do, we need to get out of the house and do something. We can do that safely and responsibly. Let's get out and have some fun. Let's hang out with our friends. Let's get excited about the BACLV and let's get motivated to move forward.

Volunteers Needed!

### ***Would you like to...***

- *RSVP for an Event*
- *See what the BACLV is doing*
- *Look at the photo gallery*
- *Get technical help*
- *Read past issues of the SPANNER*
- *Join the BACLV*
- *Have a comment to share*

**BACLV.net**

has everything you need!



Dianne Romano  
Marla Zwick  
Mitch Vamos

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## **July Birthdays**

Jane James  
Phillip Menser  
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## **Anniversaries**

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Clara & David Ogle  
Jay Lather



Steven Keltie  
Mark Bodner  
William Wellbaum

Judy & Ron Sandgren  
Marla & Mort Zwick  
Carolyn & Daniel Stillwell

## **From the Editor's Desk**

The Nobel Prize winning neurobiologist and neuropsychologist Roger Sperry was the first to discover the left hemisphere of the brain processes information in a rational, logical and overall analytical way. The right hemisphere tends to govern creativity, relationships and intuitive thought.

This led to the left brain/right brain theory that held sway for many years. I was declared to be right brained as I have used art to express myself since I was very young and was told by my eight-grade counselor that, no, math was not something I would ever excel at. Dang it, he was right.

This theory has since been debunked by a study at the University of Utah showing the brain is interconnected and the two hemispheres support each other in its processes and functions. I have also come to find out that, although I was never going to shine at advanced math, I do love analytics. Show me some data and I cannot wait to find out what story it tells.

Now, I really think this theory never did hold water. Just take a look at a well-designed beautiful car. You cannot look at one without appreciating the engineering (left brain) and the beautiful lines (right brain). Those

aspects have to work together for the car to be something one would want to own, drive, collect, and at times, obsess over. Over the years there have been so many outstanding examples. They are a feast for the eyes and a joy to drive. Many of our LBCs fall into this category. Some, I am afraid, might fall into the right brain category - beautiful to look at but perhaps not as well engineered.

Cars also offer photographers endless possibilities to capture the sexy lines of the chassis and the shiny details of the engine. This month we have given three of our talented *SPANNER* contributors the opportunity to share examples of cars they have photographed over the years. As you look at these photos I think you will see the passion they each show for their subjects and the appreciation for both the left and right aspects of the machines. Pat and I would like to thank them for letting us share these works of art and for their many contributions to the pages of the *SPANNER* in the past. Hopefully they will continue to do the same in the future.

If you are a photographer and would like to contribute to the *SPANNER* don't hesitate to let us know the next time you see us, or drop us a line at [baclvspanner2017@outlook.com](mailto:baclvspanner2017@outlook.com).

– Judy Sandgren



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## THE JOY OF SHOOTING CARS

# Photographers of BACLV

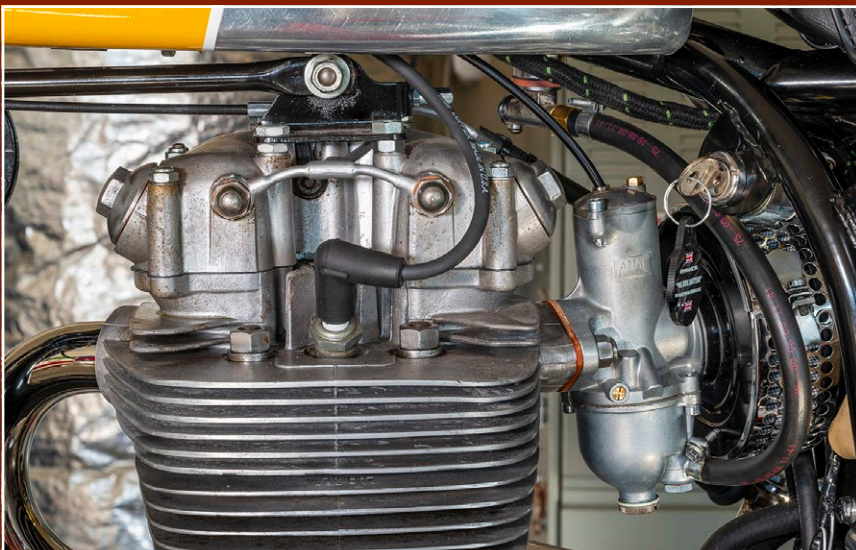
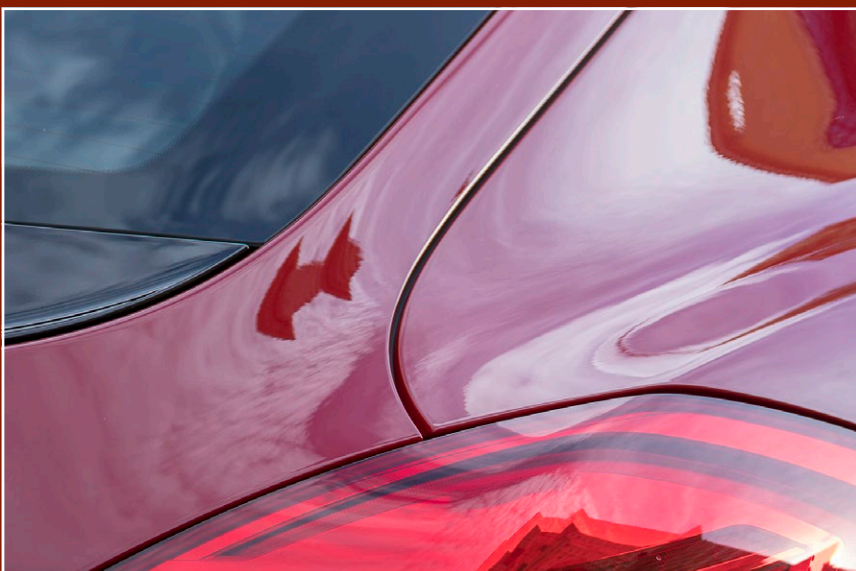
Over the years you have enjoyed seeing a great number of photos in the pages of the Spanner. Our volunteer photographers have provided photos of events, club members and featured cars. What you will see on the following pages are some of the beautiful photos that have been taken for the pure enjoyment of shooting wonderful cars - not to illustrate a story or to document an event but to express the passion of photography and automobiles. Not all the cars are LBCs, but they are all amazing.

Our featured photographers for this issue are Hap Polk, Neal Westfall and Ron Sandgren. Please enjoy!

## HAP POLK | PHOTOGRAPHER

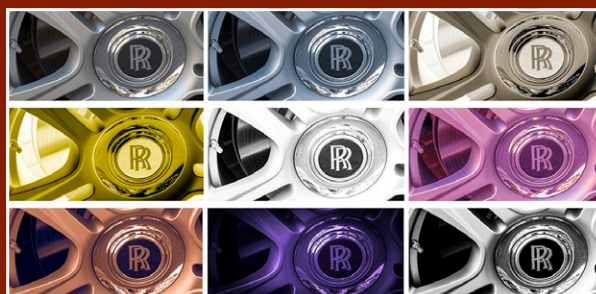






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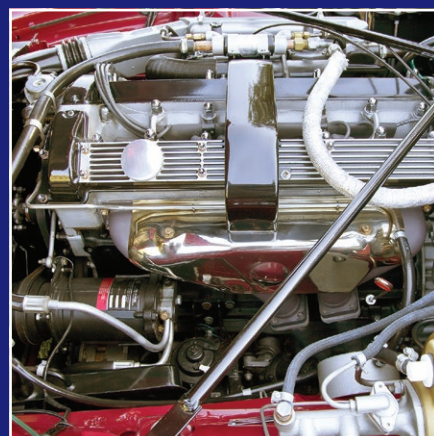




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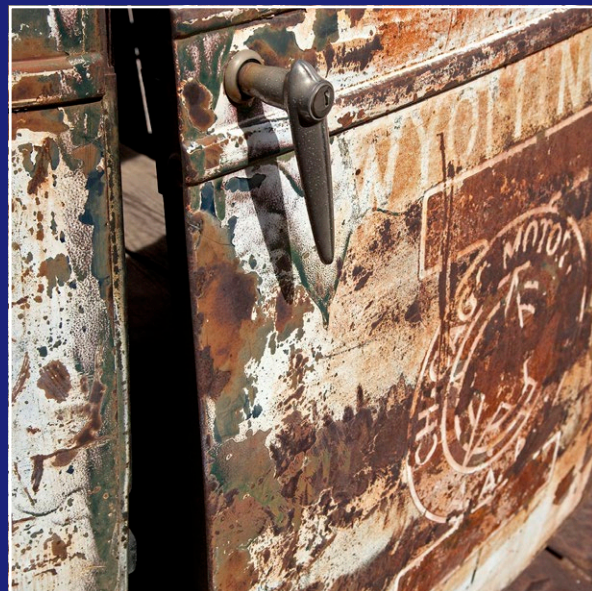






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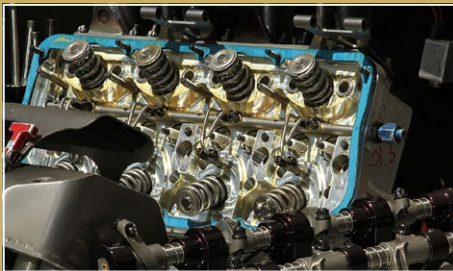




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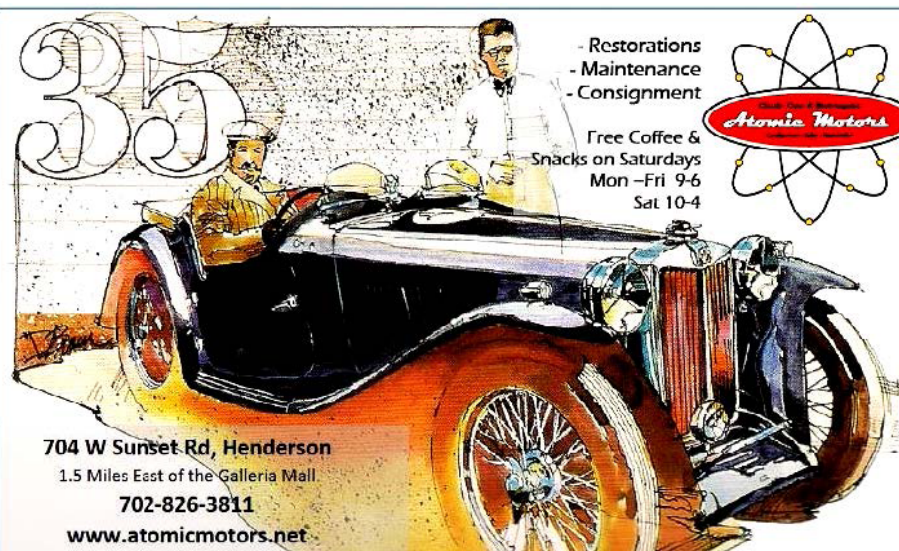
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## 2020 Upcoming Events

*Watch the website for more information on all events*

***DUE TO THE CORONAVIRUS, PLEASE WATCH YOUR EMAIL FOR INFORMATION ON ALL EVENTS.***

### **SATURDAY, JULY 11TH “BEAT THE HEAT” DRIVE THROUGH RED ROCK CANYON**

This event currently needs a host. Please contact Charles Williams (vice\_president@baclv.net) if you are interested in hosting.

### **30TH ANNUAL RIO GRANDE VALLEY REGIONAL RENDEZVOUS BRITISH CAR MEET- NEW MEXICO SEPTEMBER 25-27, 2020**

This (usually 3-day) event includes a car show, road rally, tours, and a banquet with awards, located in a picturesque locale of New Mexico. This year, the venue is subject to change, considering the present public health situation, but mark your calendar. Please monitor [www.baoa.org](http://www.baoa.org) for updated information, registration form, and hotel accommodations.



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