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The Spanner



Mountain Falls Car Show & Brunch

By Al Seminatore

On Sunday September 11th the annual BACLV drive to Pahrump for brunch and car show was held. The day was fantastic. Not too hot so the Little British Cars had no problem coming over the 6000 foot Spring Mountain that separates Las Vegas and Pahrump.

The arrived at the Grill Room in Mountain Falls at about 11:00am.. Only two folks who attended did not come in an LBC. Dave Ogle's Triumph was inoperative. Julie Dow and the Leflers came to support the club and meet the many friends she has made over the years. The James's brought their Triumph. The Klenks arrived in their Lotus. Sallie McClary brought her beautiful Jaguar sedan. The remaining folks, the Shopes, Goldbergs, Rosoffs and the Seminatore brought their Austin Healeys. The cars were parked on the golf course grass as they arrived.

After everyone said "Hello" they went into the Grill Room where Pat Seminatore led the group in a moment of silence for those lost on 9/11. An area was set up by the staff of the Grill Room for the BACLV attendees. Three tables were set to allow all the folks to talk to each other and have a fabulous meal. On one side of the room was a salad bar with the typical bunny food, salad, potato salad and garden salad. On the other side was hamburgers, chicken burgers, beans and the associated rolls. In a third area were brownies and cookies for those who felt they needed that last bit of energy to make it home. It seemed like everyone made a very positive comment about the quantity and quality of the food.

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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. Membership Meetings are held at 9:AM on the last Sunday of each month at Wild-horse Golf Club, 2100 Warm Springs Rd. Henderson, 89014. Any change in location will be noted in the Spanner and our website: www.baclv.org During our meetings, we will discuss events and activities, swap Lucas stories, exchange advice on repair problems and enjoy socializing with one another.

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November Birthdays

- 3/ Jared Carithers**
- 3/ Susan Barker**
- 8/ Gavin Pepper**
- 15/ Kathy Newbold**
- 16/ Sandy Kilgour**
- 17 Rita Bowman**
- 19/ Pat Seminatore**
- 19/ Bryan Lawe**
- 21/ Bonnie Brown**
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- 18/ Jim & Christine Shope**
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Editors Notes.....

Sandy Lashua Spanner Editor



Its hard to believe that this year is almost over. The Annual Awards' Banquet will be held at the Revere Golf Resort in Anthem this year. It will be Sunday, December 11, 2016 from 11am ~ 1pm. We will have the traditional "gift" exchange. Watch for information in your emails and on the website.

For those who do not have Facebook, other news is the new Mrs. Katrina Goodman. After many years together Bill and Katrina finally decided to tie the knot. They have always seemed to be the perfect couple anyway. Best Wishes Katrina and Bill Goodman.

Cars and Coffee is moving to the "M" soon. That is a longer distance for some of us. But there is another venue that will be closer for some of our members in the south part of the valley. Railroad Pass Casino will be hosting an event every Sunday similar to Cars and Coffee. The Grand Opening for this event will be Sunday October 23rd at Railroad Pass Casino. Everyone exhibiting their vehicles will be able to get a Champagne Breakfast for \$4.99. This begins at 7am. So come early, show your LBC and have a great breakfast!

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While everyone was eating Teri, manager of the grill room, took her staff out to judge the cars. This was the highlight of their day. They scrutinized every car before coming to their decision. The James' Triumph took third place in the company of Austin Healeys. Jim Shope's red Austin Healey took second place. First place was shared to the surprise of everyone. The Seminatore's took First with their white BT7 Austin Healey. To everyone's surprise Suzie Rosoff and her black BJ8 Austin Healey took first again this year. A bottle of wine was given as a prize.

After some chit-chat everyone adjourned to head home but it was not an uneventful trip. It seems that Jim Shopes Austin Healey lost a tire. The rim seemed to be OK but the tire was no more. I'm not sure what the rules are regarding the time to fix something like this BUT like a formula one team they got the tire changed in about 11 minutes. I am sure we will get more details at the next meeting. Hopefully Pat Klenk's hands didn't get too dirty and he could drive his cute little Lotus home. In all it seemed that everyone had an enjoyable afternoon.



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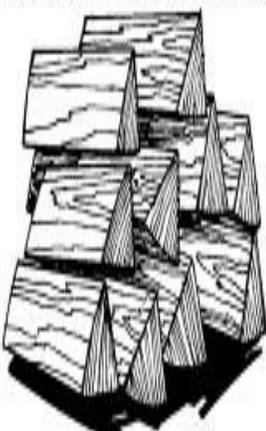
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Did You Know.....

The 1906 French Grand Prix was won by a Renault AK piloted by Hungarian driver *Ferenc Szisz* in 12 hours, 46 minutes and 26 seconds. The race consisted of 12, 64 mile laps. The winning auto had a 12,829 CC four cylinder engine. Of the 23 French automobiles entered only 7 finished. This was a tough course. Remember, this was 1906.



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TECH TALK

Roger Moore never actually drove the underwater Esprit.



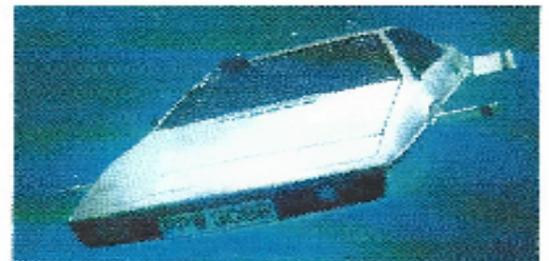
The Lotus Esprit Submarine Car

In July 1977 United Artist released the James Bond '007' action packed movie, "The Spy who Loved Me". The spectacular film, starring Roger Moore, was the tenth in a series of Ian Fleming's novels based on British secret agent: 007. The film's budget was 14 million, part of the budget (100,000), went into the construction of a 1976 Lotus Esprit submarine car. The car was used for an undersea film sequence of James Bond driving the Esprit off a pier and having the car submerge underwater to avoid villains chasing him. There were six Esprit's used in the movie but only one was used as a 'wet suit' car. The car was built by the marine engineering firm, Perry Oceanographic, Inc., based in Riviera Beach Florida.

The vehicle, using a Lotus Esprit Series 1 body shell, was propelled by four electric motors. The interior, which was of a wet environment, in no way resembled a road going Esprit. The Lotus consisted of a flat platform filled with an array of electric motors, pumps, levers, batteries, pipes and ballast tanks. Roger Moore never actually drove the underwater Esprit.

The crew consisted of two scuba divers equipped with auxiliary air tanks, the pilot, Don Griffin, was a retired U. S. NAVY SEAL. The stream of air bubbles that follow it through the water in the film are an example of cinematic magic - they were created using a large supply of Alka-Seltzer tablets. The underwater film scenes were shot in the Bahamas. After filming was completed, the Lotus aquatic car went on a promotional tour. At the end of the tour the car was

shipped to Long Island, New York, and placed in a storage unit. The storage unit was prepaid for 10 years; at the end of the lease no one claimed the contents, so the storage unit was placed on auction. The auction took place in 1989. A Long Island man who owned a small tool rental company acquired the contents of the storage in a "blind auction". He paid less than \$100.00 for the contents which contained the famous movie car. He had never seen a "James Bond" movie. All he knew at the time was that he had bought a strange looking white sports car that had no wheels.



He soon found out about the car's history and went out and rented the 007 movie. The new owner had the exterior restored and painted to its original color; the car then was occasionally exhibited between 1990 and 2013. In September 2013 the car was put up for auction by RM Auctions in Battersea, South-West London. Businessman Elon Musk purchased the car for just under one million dollars. Elon Musk, a South African born Canadian-American business magnet, founded Space X and co-founded Pay Pal and Tesla Motors. His Space X, became the first private company to deliver cargo to the International Space Station.



Wurstfest 2016

by Sandy Lashua



Such a beautiful day in the park! Andrew and I arrived shortly after 8am and Alan Bowman had already roped off a section ~ the same place as previous years ~ for us to park. Jim Shope and his Healey, Simon and Jane James in their right hand drive TR-6, Jim Oswald in his Robins Egg Blue Triumph and us in our Russet Brown MG Midget. Small crowd, but a lively one. As promised, there were a number of food trucks and the food service was fast! There was a very interesting fire truck that had been converted into a Pizza Food Truck. The Good Humor Man was there, selling ice cream. Beer trucks, and everything else that a hungry car enthusiast might want.

There were hundreds of vehicles in all shapes, colors, models and years. It would take all day to really see each and every one! We took turns walking and looking at the cars as well as chatting up the other drivers. But someone was always with our group to answer questions. We did have a lot of people stop to take pictures of our LBC's and many asked questions. We have several potential members. We gave out BACLV cards and invited many to attend our meetings. "I need those extra points" Jim would say. We left around 2pm with Jim Oswald staying behind. "Just in case". And it proved to be a good move because he was able to report that Jane and Simon James took a trophy for their TR-6.

Our group today was small, but our THANKS TO AL BOWMAN is BIG!



Good Humor Dave

Thank you AL for your participation in this event and for always saving the best spot in the park for us!



Red Hot Pizzas



The Other Guys



BACLV Entry

Winner!

Congratulations to our BACLV Winners!

2016 Red Rock Concours Winners

The following are the trophy winners, with a brief description of the cars.

Special Interest Classics

- 1st Michael Fecchino. 1941 Plymouth Coupe, black
2nd Douglas Guerriero. 1956 Chevrolet 150 Sedan, green
3rd Andrew Simmons. 1967 Mercedes 250 SL, white

Classic Sports Car

- 1st Mark Sczcygiel. 1959 Alfa-Romeo Giulietta Spyder, red
2nd Wayne Headrick. 1965 Austin Healey 3000, blue/cream
3rd Joel Lubritz . 1961 Jaguar XK 150 Drophead coupe, silver

Modern Supercar

- 1st Lindsey Freeman. 1986 Ferrari 328 GTS, red
2nd Eric Chin. 1996 Porsche Carrera RS, yellow

Pre-1960 Classic

- 1st Greg Wood. 1933 Rolls-Royce Phantom II, maroon**
2nd Candice Paulino. 1935 Auburn Boat Tail Speedster, red

Peoples' Choice (vote of the spectators)

- Greg Sadoian. 1971 DeTomaso Pantera, yellow

Best of Show. Hemmings Motor News Trophy

- Greg Wood. 1933 Rolls-Royce Phantom II, maroon**

Peter Brock Chairman's Cup

- Bob Stafford. 1929 Packard Phaeton, green

The Judges:

Ray Belak, Lindsey Freeman, Scott Hatcher, John Kindell, Mickey Mathews, Tony Mazzagatti, Jim Miller, Doug Pierce, John Ratto, Phil Reese, Brian Schmidt, Richard Viktora.





Wayne Headrick

is having a great year! He has won another trophy! Here is Waynes Healey at the *Show & Shine Car Show*. I am proud that Wayne is a BACLV member. Wayne and Barbara have been members for quite awhile.

CONGRATULATIONS WAYNE.

You took 2nd place at Red Rocks Concours d'Elegance and now First place at Show & Shine!

Great Job!

Listed in the columns to the right are the dates for the General Membership Meetings and the Board Meetings for 2017.

All membership meetings will be held on the last Sunday of the month unless it is a holiday weekend. The meetings will begin at 9am and are held at the **Wildhorse Golf Club** 2100 Warm Springs Rd., Henderson 89014.

Board Meetings are held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month. All Members are invited to attend the board meetings, participate in the conversations and/or present an issue for the Board to review. However you **MUST RSVP** to a Board Member as venue space is usually limited.

Membership Meeting for 2017
The Last Sunday of the month except when a Holiday is that weekend.

- January 29
- February ~ 26
- March ~26
- April ~ 30
- May ~21 *Early Due to Memorial Day*
- June ~ 25
- July ~30
- August ~ 27
- September ~24
- October ~29
- November ~ 19
- Early Due to Thanksgiving*
- No Meeting In December*

Board Meeting
The 2nd. Wednesday of the month.

- January ~ 11
- February ~8
- March ~ 8
- April ~12
- May ~ 10
- June ~ 14th
- July ~12
- August ~ 9
- September ~13
- October ~11
- November ~ 8
- No Meetings in December*

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PRESIDENTS MESSGE

Bill Wellbaum



I was using some compressed air on one of the carbs on our TR-6 and inadvertently blew out the float bowl drain plug. I watched it ricochet off one of the exhaust tubes and then lost track of it until it banged off the inside of the bonnet. Two days later neither Pilar nor I could find it. Trust me—me looked everywhere. I sent out an SOS to the fellow TR-6 owners on the 6 Pack list asking if anyone could supply me with one. One owner said they sold them at Victoria British, one of the big three parts suppliers for British cars. And, best of all, Dale Osterndorf of Roanoke, VA., said he had a couple squirreled away and would send me one—free of charge. Sort of a pay-it-forward thing. I got it in the mail three days later. He would not accept any sort of compensation—even for the modest postage fee. Goes to show you that British car owners are indeed part of a unique fraternity.

We were recently cruising down the highway between Valencia and Zaragoza and I mentioned to Pilar how civilized the drivers were there in Spain. It reminded me of our road trip to Oregon where the drivers are surprisingly courteous—no speeding, no weaving in and out of lanes, no abusing the horns, and no one flipping you off for committing some imagined offence. The Leflers explained that that is the way things are in the great liberal northwest. It was actually shocking at first and then became a welcome change—having spent the past 20 years navigating the streets in Las Vegas. Kind of restful, actually.

Our last night in Spain we were invited to some friend’s house for supper and a few drinks. They picked us up at our hotel in a new diesel powered Alfa Romeo and drove the few blocks to their house. After supper I asked them if they could drive us back to the hotel as we had an early flight back to the States. It got very quiet and our hosts sort of looked down at the table and got very quiet. Curious, I asked them if I had asked the wrong question and they replied they wouldn’t be caught dead driving after having as much as one beer. It seems that in Spain if you are stopped after consuming one beer and asked to ‘blow’ you are considered drunk and you go to jail. We ended taking a cab back as no one wanted to risk it. Spanish police have a zero tolerance policy to alcohol consumption and driving. That applies to the national speed limit of 120 kph as well—72 mph, and believe me it is a law respected by all drivers. I don’t mean 73, I mean 72 mph. Amazing.

Enough of this idle chatter. Pretty exciting to think that by the time you read this the BAC will have a new President, Vice President, Secretary, and Officer at Large. And this will probably be my last President’s message. It has been a pleasure to serve as your President and to work and play alongside the other hardworking Board Members. As they say in Ireland “good craic.”

BW

November Events Schedule

9th 6:30pm Board Meeting TBA

This is a combined meeting of the 2016 & 2017 Board Members. Membership Welcome!

19th Nevada Veterans Car Show Hosts Dave Ogle and Andrew Lashua

**20th. 9am Membership Meeting
THIS MEETING IS EARLY DUE TO
THANKSGIVING THIS IS THE LAST
MEMBERSHIP MEETING OF 2016.**



December Events Schedule

**11th 11am Awards Banquet
Revere Golf Resort**

**No Board Meeting in December
There is no meeting in December.
Next Board Meeting January 9, 2017 TBA**

**The next Membership meeting will be
JANUARY 29th, 2017**



PLEASE NOTE: Events schedules are posted one to two months in advance. Events, dates, times or locations are subject to change. Please contact Sandy Lashua for updates.

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Noted Members and / or their Vehicles

