



The Spanner

The official newsletter of the British Auto Club of Las Vegas

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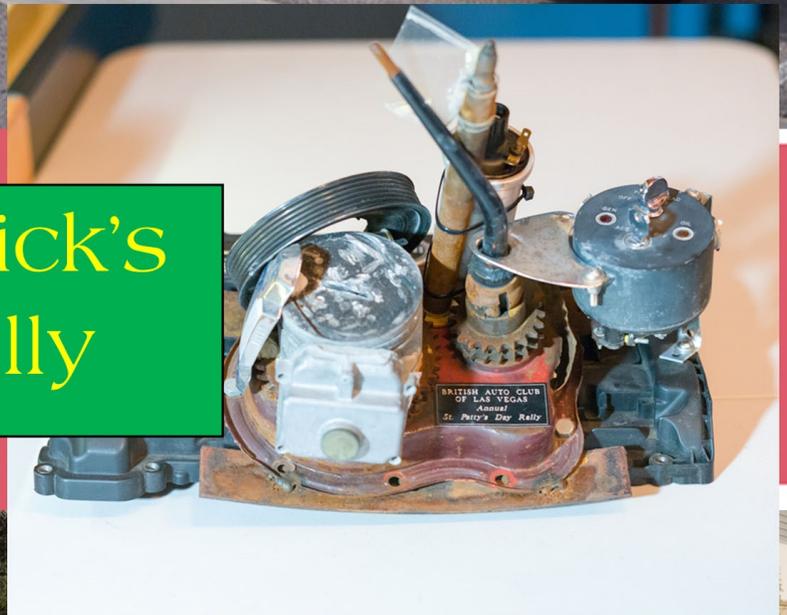
The May General Membership Meeting will be held on

May 21st.

Same time, same place.



St. Patrick's Day Rally



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

The Wildhorse Golf Club
2100 Warm Springs Rd.
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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 Sandy Lashua

As our Southern Nevada weather begins to warm into spring, the Snow-Birds are leaving the Valley.

Departing for the summer are Ken and Francois Baker, who will summer in France, and Sallie McClary, who will enjoy her home on an island off the Washington state coast. Also departing are Peter and Elva Berent. The Berents are returning to England for good. They have sold their home in Las Vegas, and will leave us the first part of May. We are sorry to see them go, as they have become good friends to Andrew and me, as well as many other members of the club. I wish them well, and I know they will keep in touch.

Around the country many car enthusiasts are dusting off their LBC's and other classic cars. We, however, are preparing ours for the summer hibernation. But, before you put your "baby" to bed, check out a few of the car events before the heat returns. Jared Carithers and Laurie Rosenau are hosting a run to Kingman, Pat and Al Seminatore will host the Mt. Charleston Run. There is talk of a drive-in theater night and a Beat the Heat Run. Still a lot to do before it gets too hot.

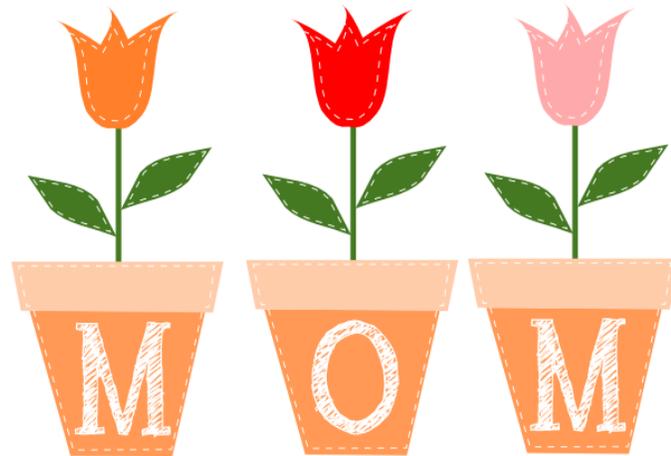
Enjoy your springtime and hope to see you all very soon.

Sandy and her husband, Andrew, have been members of the BACLV since 2006!

MOTHER'S DAY BRUNCH

This year's annual Mother's Day Brunch will be held on
May 13, 2017, at 9 am, at the [Paiute Golf Resort](#)
10325 Nu-Wav Kaiv Blvd, Las Vegas, NV 89124

This fun, well-attended event includes a breakfast buffet that has never disappointed. This year's price is \$18 ea; be sure to RSVP as soon as possible so that we are ensured enough seating for everyone! RSVP directly to the Event's Coordinator, Jim Oswald, or via the website.
Jim's email: greenozzie@yahoo.com Website: www.baclv.net



Kingman Run to Hualapai Mountain Resort

This is a great opportunity to get out of Las Vegas and discover Kingman. Meet at the Fiesta Casino Hotel Sign at 7:45 for an 8 am departure. We will end up at the Resort. This is the weekend for the Kingman **Rt 66 Fun Run**, so expect to see a few classic cars milling about. RSVP or call our hosts:

Jared Carithers - 702 353 5195 email Jared534@yahoo.com

Or Laurie Rosenau, 702 682 6336 email imanagerproperty@yahoo.com

From the Editors' Desk — Pat Klenk and Kate Payne

The *Spanner* has faithfully served the BACLV members for 26 years, and it evolves as its editors pass the mantle from one to another. The mantle is passing, once again, and we are coming to the membership with a new look and content. We may be the new editors, but our mission is to use this dynamic tool to serve you, the membership of the BACLV.

We tip our hats and say "Thank You" to Sandy Lashua. As the editor for the past six years, Sandy has given her time, talent, and enthusiasm to the club; she provided the BACLV with the *Spanner*. She has been dauntless in her consistency and dependability in the production of the *Spanner*, and we

want you to know that your work on the *Spanner* has not gone unnoticed or unappreciated. We have large shoes to fill.

To fulfill the task of editing the *Spanner*, to present a balanced and forward thinking newsletter, we are going to try something a little different. Kate Payne and Pat Klenk will lend their combined abilities to co-edit the newsletter. Each has a little different perspective.

Perhaps the May issue is an appropriate time to make this transition, as spring is a time for regeneration, new beginnings, and an opportunity to look forward to the months ahead. Our

commitment to you, the membership, is to keep the *Spanner* as new, fresh and informative as possible.

We look forward to receiving anecdotes about our prized LBCs, tips and pointers, recaps of events, photos from the photography committee, and articles of interest submitted by our amazing and knowledgeable membership.

In this issue, you'll find a few tech articles, a Rally recap, and more. Thanks go out to Hap Polk for his great Rally pictures. Lisa Shuber from the Mini Club, gives us a brief history of Sin City Mini's participation in the BACLV St. Pat's day rally.

Member's Corner May 2017

BIRTHDAYS

Dick Schneider
Angela Vaughn
Sally McClary
Andrew Lashua
Cat Biler
Steve Kilgour

(let us know if we missed your birthday, and we'll catch it next month.)

Andrew Lashua



A shout out to Membership Chairperson, Bill Wellbaum! We have upwards of 130 members, and he keeps track of them all.

He and Pilar have been members since 1996.

Anniversaries



Bill and Katrina Goodman



Cat Biler



Steve Kilgour



Member Spotlight

Jonas and Kate Payne

Submitted by Kate Payne

We are going to highlight a BACLV member every month in the Spanner. As a minor change, we'll not just be highlighting new members, but existing members as well. Not everyone gets to attend the monthly membership meetings where new members introduce themselves and many members have been active for years, but new members haven't met them. This will allow us to get to know each other and put some faces with names and cars! I figured that we (the Payne's) might as well start things off.

Jonas and I have been married for 21

years, having met at Penn State. We have 3 great kids, a dog, 2 cats and a one-eyed hamster. The LBC garage includes: '61 Morgan drophead coup, '13 Morgan 3wheeler, '59 TR3, '60 TR3, '71 TR6, and a '69 Jaguar XKE. They have arrived to our house in various methods: crated via British Airways and driven home from McCarren, towed, driven from previous owner and my least favorite...delivered in a pile of parts, boxes and Danish butter cookie tins. For years I joked that whenever he got a new car, I got a new pet. He won that contest, as I am resistant to ending up as a crazy cat lady.

is access to other LBC enthusiasts and their combined automotive experience. We both know that even the



Jonas and Kate Payne

We joined the BACLV in the fall 2006 after seeing an ad in the paper for a Membership Picnic and Car Show. Jonas spent some time talking to Ibsen Dow and decided that it was a great club to join. The first event that I attended was the Christmas party where I remember sitting with Steve and Ally Kennedy. The club has been a great source of new friendships, fun activities and a great way to learn more about LBCs. My favorite part of the club is the socializing while Jonas said that his



Cole helping out in the garage

most catastrophic engine failure is more bearable when surrounded by BACLV members. We both found that serving on the Board was a great way to get to know other members better.



Evelyn and Jonas at the meeting point getting ready to go to Boulder City!



Isabelle bleeding brakes on the Healy



ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY RALLY—submitted by Jonas Payne

For those that haven't been keeping track, this year's running of the St. Paddy's day rally marked its 10th anniversary. I don't recall seeing a better turn out at any of them, with so many cars in attendance.

This year, the Rally was actually run the day **AFTER** St. Paddy's day. This is important to note, because several of the attendees, myself included, were notably "frayed around the edges" from festivities the day before. My morning in particular got off to a rough start because my loving wife Kate got up at the crack of dawn to head off to a "crafting event". I'm not exactly certain what happens when a bunch of women get together to "craft", but I imagine that there are candles, pentagrams and incantations involved. But I digress. When she left, she turned off the alarm, and since I was in no condition to be up 4 hours before the rally started, I promptly fell back asleep. If not for a call from Healeyman, I would have dozed through the rally.

I pulled into the parking lot after about half of the entrants had already started and found Pat Klenk wandering around looking dazed and confused, this is normal. As are the bloodshot eyes. It was like looking in

a mirror. Bill Wellbaum was in similar condition, and eating aspirin like Pez.

Because Kate was off practicing Witchcraft, Pat had agreed to be my navigator. We were both looking forward to being on what we considered to be a "Dream Team" and showing the Mini Club (The Hun) a thing or two about rallying. You see, Pat and I are both "professionals" and just egotistical enough to think we are pretty smart guys.....the rest of the teams wouldn't have a chance against our cunning, supreme intellect and driving acumen. We were a shoe in to take the podium. Frankly, I was surprised that anybody had even shown up, knowing that we were competing together. Surely, once they were aware of this team, they would forfeit and not just concede victory, but shower us in free beer and adulation.

Pat and I put on the safety belts and proceeded to the start of the rally, where we received....the **Scan Tron Test From Hell**. I'm not sure how many of our members recall taking the SAT, or LSAT, but the Hun's Evil Doctor clearly had something up his sleeve here, and I had a brief flashback to oversleeping through several college midterms. He even provided

us with #2 pencils..... he asked us if we had understood the Rally master's instructions.....which I had slept through.....I look over at Pat, he silently mouths "Instructions?" with a puzzled look on his face.

How hard could it be? We laughed.....and promptly took the 1st turn of the Rally. **Incorrectly.** We joined 15 cars lapping the parking lot. At this point we note that it is getting warm. Very warm. How could it be 90 degrees at 10:00 AM in March? Once in 10 years has it been this hot.....It's rained, it's even snowed..... **(Cont'd pg. 7)**



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Tech Talk

By Ron Couturier



Ron has been writing tech articles for the club many years. He and his wife, Dottie, have been with the BACLV since **1997!**

Visit the club's website to view more of his articles.

Thanks, Ron, for your dedication to the club.

<https://www.baclv.net/tech-articles>

The Benefits of Grease

The foremost problem associated with grease is that it can be so messy. It seems like we, in the motor/gear head world, have at one time or another joked about the fact that we would be lost if we didn't have a roll of duct tape or safety wire in our tool box. How about grease!

Grease used properly and sparingly can be a surprisingly handy tool and can help prevent a lot of problems that occur from time to time on our British cars. The foremost problem associated with grease is that it can be so messy. Here is a good solution. Buy a tube of grease and cut it in half. Use a small cheap 100% horse-hair brush to apply the grease sparingly. By doing this, you will eliminate a lot of the mess. Be sure to wear an old shirt and put on a pair of throwaway type rubber gloves. You can lubricate various parts such as door, hood and trunk latch mechanisms, throttle linkages, seat slides, and threads on bolts. The grease you apply will also help prevent rust and corrosion from forming.

Grease is an excellent anti-seize compound. It makes sense to apply a thin coat of grease

to the inside ends of coolant and vacuum hoses so they will come off more easily in the future. You can even use a thin coat of grease on electrical contacts to keep them from corroding.

As far as the engine is concerned, grease is a great gasket-sealing tool. Water pump and thermostat gaskets coated with grease won't leak and are reusable many times. You can use grease on carburetor-to-intake manifold gaskets without worrying about leakage. Don't forget about using grease on valve cover gaskets. Attach the gasket to the valve cover with silicone, and grease the side that touches the head. It should not leak and you can pull the valve cove off without ruining the gasket. One other trick is to use a little grease on the end of a screwdriver to hold a screw in a tight working area.

Some of the places you would not use grease would be in high heat areas such as exhaust manifolds, headers or turbos. There are some types of suspension bushings where grease should not be used. Specifically low-grade

bushings made from recycled rubber.

Now the big question. With all the different brands of grease on the market, what grease should I use?

First of all stick to a name brand such as Shell, Mobil, Valvoline, Quaker State, and Pennzoil; just to name a few. All major brands produce excellent grease lubricants, which conform to the standards set forth by the (SAE) spec J310, which is the standard for "Automotive Lubricating Greases". These lubricating greases conform to the (NLGI), National Lubricating Grease Institute standard. These greases all possess good qualities such as excellent stability, good high temperature characteristics and water resistance properties. NLGI #2 Grade Lithium Complex EP Grease means the lubricant meets the requirements for American, European, and Japanese cars. This grease can be used on wheel bearings, steering linkage, chassis, suspension, and universal joints. Remember cheap brands are cheap for a reason. Don't compromise on quality.



Rally, from pg. 5

but 90? I look towards the Henderson Convention Center for obvious signs of Necromancy, but nothing was to be seen. No worries though.....with Pat navigating and my Stirling Moss like driving skills, Pat and I will be collecting 1st prize and working on tomorrow's hangover by 11:30.

We saw lots of other cars, many going the wrong direction (we thought) and in our arrogance assumed that only we knew the correct route. Until we had to make a U-Turn in Reno. At this point we are 3.5 hours in, and our spirit was getting low on BAC, (Blood Alcohol Content, not British Auto Club), and things were looking pretty grim. So grim, in fact, that for a while at first I happily thought we were being circled by Flying Monkeys that the Wicked Witch of the Crafting sent to find us. Unfortunately, it turned out to be worse.....much worse.....Pat and I were lost in the desert and being circled by Vultures expecting us to expire at any moment. Despite Pat's protestations that nearly ended in a knife fight, I decided to throw in the towel, tuck my tail between my legs and head to the bar.

Apparently, while we were off in Northern NV doing our imitation of the Donner Party, every single other team had finished and was enjoying beverages and lunch. We pulled in as most of the participants were leaving, apparently the still circling vultures scared them off?

We missed the awards ceremony, lunch, and pretty much everything else (I'm sure the editor has the details, which they will fill in for me). But that's OK, we had a great time, as ever. It was good to see my friends (even if only briefly as we



waved at them by going the wrong direction).

Looking forward to next year, the Mini Club is hosting, and Pat and I are looking for an elusive win.

More photos can be found on the website:

<https://www.bacvl.net/event-photos-1>



Claudia & Harald Albrecht



Steve & Aly Kennedy

St. Patrick's Day Rally, a Mini Perspective —submitted by Lisa Shurber

Dave and Chris ran the first Annual St Patrick's Day rally the British Club held in 2008! They have won your rally 2 times together and Dave won it once by himself! Together they also took 3rd place twice and they won the coveted 2nd place once together in 2012.



In 2013, Dave and Chris were the rally masters and I thought it would be fun to participate. My copilot was Ian Ryan a coworker. We were so excited for our first rally until we realized that we won the coveted 2nd place. So, we (Ian and myself) planned the 2014 Rally – some-

thing for which I was quite proud of – a rally master! I missed 2015 due to a work conflict.

In 2016, Chris had to work. Normally, Chris and Dave would drive together. Since Chris was working, his dad asked me to be the copilot - a decision he would later regret, as we took 2nd place and were the next year's rally masters! For a full year, I heard how Dad and Chris would have taken 1st place, but because Chris had to work, Dave had to take me instead – and we lost.

Now, fast forward to 2017. With some inspiration from Philly Mini, we (Dave and myself) combined their textbook style to your rally traditions and came up with an outstanding fresh look to the Annual St Patrick's Day rally.

Dave has participated in a pro-rally circuit with his copilot, Allen, through the late 70's-80. Their team was called Plaid Frog Racing. Chris and



Dave have participated in one of your rallies – in one way or another. So, thanks to the BAC for having the annual event - we have had a blast doing this for years. Again, it was our pleasure to prep your rally and fulfill our Murphy's Law Duties.

<http://www.sincityminiclub.com/>

Mona & Ed from the Miata—2nd Place winners and next year's Rally Masters



The coveted "Prize". 9 years of car parts added to this treasure. Don't miss next year's rally and your chance to win this!

Jared, with his Sin City Mini team took 1st. (Margaret Klensk handing out prize)



Simon & Jane from the BAC took 3rd



Dave Ogle tossing while Dave Tunison looks on



Ule Shope & Jonas Payne at Rally's end



Steve Kennedy looking festive.

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Triumph Door Repair

Submitted by Bill Sinclair, owner of British Restorations

Over the years, a percentage of my Triumph customers have brought their cars to my shop for a repair the *check strap pin holder*. I have the repair the piece when it pulls out and then perform the subsequent door skin crease repair. I am the first to admit that in the past, I did the repairs badly.

Whenever I visit Las Vegas, I spend lots of time shopping at Nevada Pic A Part. On one particular trip, I noticed a door check assembly on a Toyota. So, I bought a couple and brought them home with me to BC. Of course, like most inventors, I overthought the process. It finally occurred to me what to do, and I have been using the Toyota part ever since – it is a cost-efficient, strong solution. I've used this solution on Triumph doors ever since.

Here is what I do:

- ⇒ Take a check strap from a Toyota Corolla, drill out the pin and separate the two pieces.
- ⇒ Drill a new hole in the bracket to match the location of the Triumph pin position (this gives you the proper door swing)
- ⇒ Remove the door panel using masking tape on the door to protect the paint and be able to mark the center pinhole location on the door
- ⇒ Take a hacksaw blade or cut off saw and cut off the broken door pin ears on the door. (I suggest removing the door if you are not familiar with tools)
- ⇒ When you have done this, center the Toyota bracket on the door and mark the attaching bolt hole from the bracket to the door.
- ⇒ Drill a small hole. Note: there is a reinforcing bar that you have to drill through, so be sure to go slow.
- ⇒ Once you have drilled a pilot hole, proceed to drill it out to 5/16" bolt, (I use an Allen head bolt) the Toyota bracket to the door and drop in a 1/4" bolt or re-pin as the factory did. I do not shim the check strap; I let it float.
- ⇒ Test and then replace the door panel. Make sure the post check strap is in good shape. If not, order a new one and replace the old one.

I have been doing this repair for many years with no comebacks. Feel free to repair the door skin.

Send me an email if you've got any questions.

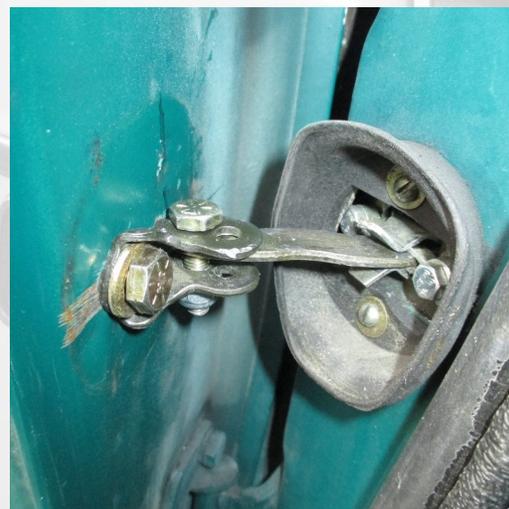
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Meeting Minutes

[The minutes are also posted to the website](#)

Board Meeting – 3/8/17

Attendees: President Sandy Lashua, Vice President James Oswald, Treasurer Laurie Rosenau, Officer at Large Jim Lefler, Secretary Brett Harris, Nelda Lefler

Julie Dow is invited to attend all local or one-day events free of charge and receive free membership. This is estimated to cost \$100 ~ \$200 per year and can be covered with the proceeds of 2 or 3 raffles. Julie will be notified in a letter from the board with a signed card. - Board approves

Photography Committee - Formation of a Photography Committee will supplement photos taken by the webmaster/Spanner editor, as well as, offer photographs in their absence. AJ Dowden and Barry Lagan are both pro/semi pro photographers and offered their skills to this committee. Hap Polk is also being considered for the committee. Hap has accepted the invitation to join the committee between the date of the board meeting and the typing of these minutes. Board Approves

Name Badges - new members - New member name badges should include "Member since (year)". This will help the existing membership notice and welcome the new members. Abbott

Trophy said there is no extra cost to add this second line. Board Approves

Holiday/Awards Banquet - Time Adjustment - Possibly move the banquet from a brunch to a more upscale afternoon/evening atmosphere. Board Approves. Final vote by General Membership - Contingent on venue availability

New Subscriber - Shirtz Logo & Promos in exchange for offering members a 10% discount will receive a 1/2-page ad in the Spanner and an ad on the website. This discount has already far exceeded the cost of those ads. Board Approves

Wild Horse Microphone Update - Eric McFall, and audio engineer teacher at Las Vegas Academy correctly adjusted the frequencies of the microphones in exchange for Wild Horse taking an ad out in the program at LVA's next show.

Officer At Large - Jim Lefler There are two corrections to be made to the February 2017 Board Meeting Minutes regarding Standing Rules III: 1 and IX. Brett will make these corrections and submit to the Webmaster and Spanner editor. Points are up to date with Shope and Seminatore within 50 points
Jim Oswald - Events- offered help for St Patrick's Day Rally. A host was

asked for at the General Membership Meeting. A host is needed for Mother's Day Brunch. Oswald will call Paiute to get price. Host to set up prizes. No money in advance. Laurie and Jared will host the Kingman Run. Idea for a Loop drive with a potluck picnic at a park. (Cornerstone Park?). Will ask Seminatore about a Mt Charleston run on/around June 10

Treasurer - Laurie Rosenau - Monthly Report - Income \$1,225.00, Expenses \$1,241.86, Net Balance -(16.86) PayPal- Income \$278.43. Checking account - Total \$8,191.84. Reports will be given to the General Membership in full. Badge income, currently listed, as extra income needs to be tracked specifically. Add raffle to monthly report

President closing remarks - will ask Soloman Braun from Cars and Coffee be a guest speaker at an upcoming General Membership Meeting. The club has been invited back. We have been invited back to the Veteran's Home. Another Boy Scout Troupe wants to do a rally.

Meeting Adjourned - 7:32 PM

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Membership Meeting—3/26/17—Call to Order: 9:05 AM

Sandy Lashua - President: Welcome New Members & Guests - Doug & Hailey Kraft bought Gavin Pepper's AC Cobra from Atomic Motors. Lorenzo Lapopolo owns several MGB GTs. Jonas Payne's parents joined our meeting. They belong to a British car club in South Carolina. Goodbye to Peter and Elva Berent. They are moving back to England and gave away a bunch of British car magazines after the meeting. Goodbye for now to Sallie McClary.

Photography Committee - AJ Dowden, Hap Polk, & Barry Lagan are the new Photography Committee. They will be submitting to the Spanner Editors and Webmaster. New member badges will have the year joined. The awards banquet has been moved to the afternoon to make it a more elegant event than a brunch. Shirtz Logo & Promoz is a new subscriber in the Spanner and on the Website.

Jim Oswald - Vice President - Treasurer Report (in the absence of Laurie Rosenau): Income - \$470.00, Spent - \$1,320.85, Balance - \$7,491.84. Please contact Jim Oswald if you would like to see this month's itemized report.

Upcoming Events - April 9 - Run with British Iron Rebels through Valley of Fire. April 29 - Highland Games at Floyd Lamb Park. We have 11 cars confirmed and need a minimum of 20 to attend. Otherwise, we have to cancel. May 7 - Kingman/Route 66 run. Meet under the Fiesta Henderson sign at 7:00 AM. May 13 - Mother's Day Brunch - Piute Club no longer does a public buffet on May 14. June 10ish - The Seminatore's will be hosting the Mount Charleston Lodge run. Bring your furry navigator. July - possible beat the heat run. August - 51's Game. September 24 - Triumph Fest in Flagstaff AZ. November - Veteran's Home - Lunch at Boulder Dam Hotel. Solomon Braun will try to resurrect the Beat Run. We have been invited back to Cars & Coffee. Simon James mentioned the Diamondback Run.

It's 3 days, April 21-23, \$295 per car. Not BAC related. Past Events- Simon & Jane James too 3rd Place at the St. Patrick's Day Rally. The Miata club came in second, with Mini in first. Do we want to do a mini rally at some point with just the BAC?

Brett Harris - Secretary - Nothing to report

Bill Wellbaum - Membership Chair - Member Count is 135 current members; soon to be 139 once new applications are processed. Most are from the Internet and Bylars. Email bill for an updated membership list. We have Tri-Folds, Business Cards, and Windshield Decals for anybody who needs them. There are still grill Badges available. \$35 Each

Website—Margaret Klenk -. The RSVP section on the website can collect data to make it easier to track who RSVP's for which event, and when. A former member is selling 2 MGBs. See Margaret for details.

Spanner - This was Sandy's last Spanner - passed on to Pat Klenk and Kate Payne. The editors are looking at articles of interest to members, and a Letter's to the Editors section. Alan Rosoff suggested bios from new members. Kate Payne will be interviewing existing members. Submission deadlines are the 6th of the month at the BACLV email. Please use Word format. Not PDF.

Steve Kennedy - Badges - Steve has badges for McGaw, Madden, Gill Jackson, Glen Anderson, & AJ Dowden

Jim Lefler - Officer at Large - Points - Shope needs to step it up! Seminatore is Smokin'

Raffle: \$145.00 in. \$75.00 to the club. \$70.00 + thermos mug set to the winner. winning ticket 557216. Meeting adjourned.

A shout-out to Brett Harris, member since 2016, our club Secretary!

U p c o m i n g E v e n t s

April 2017

29th 8 am—[Highland Games Car Show](#)— Floyd Lamb
St Park. Jonas Payne Host.

May 2017

6th 7—10 am—[Neutron Jam @ Atomic Motors](#). Cof-
fee, snacks, music, fun

7th 7 am—Kingman Run—depart Fiesta Casino sign.
End up at [Hualapai Mountain Resort](#)

10th 6 pm - Board Meeting, location TBD

13th 9 am—Mother’s Day Brunch, [Paiute Golf Resort](#).

21st 9 am - General Membership Meeting

June 2017

10th 11 am - [Mt. Charleston Lunch Run](#)

14th 6 pm—Board Meeting, location tbd

18th Anthem Car Show (details tbd)

25th 9 am—General Membership Meeting

September 2017

21-23 Triumphest—Flagstaff, AZ (details to follow)

Pahrump Car Show (details to follow)

Check the website, your email box, or email Jim Oswald for updates. Email the Editor if anything is missed.



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