



BRITISH AUTO CLUB OF LAS VEGAS

British Auto Club of Las Vegas *** Founded 1990 by Ibsen & Julie Dow *** www.baclv.org

You don't need to own an LBC (little British Car) to be a member, just love & admire them.

August 2016

Presidents Message



I was sitting at the restaurant called ***Joe's Stone Crab*** with Pilar on Sunday, July 3rd, drinking a dry Martini and watching the throngs of people walking up and down the corridors—admiring the many sights and enjoying themselves.

How could you not have a good time in the amazing facility that is called the Forum Shops. And what an incredible mix of ethnicities and cultures we have in this city—visitors and residents alike. If you like 'people watching' this is a great place to be.

But my mind drifted off to the terrorist bombings of the few days prior to our day of Independence—bombings in which hundreds of innocents were indiscriminately killed or maimed. They happened to be in the very place where these animals chose to detonate their weapons of massacre. Bombings in Baghdad killed over 200. Turkey suffered over 50 deaths in their airport. More bombings occurred in Malaysia, Bangladesh, Saudi Arabia, Yemen, and Indonesia. All in the same week. Bombings took place in Markets, cafes, bazaars, office buildings, and restaurants. Usually where large numbers of people congregate just trying to take care of the business of life. Just like those people we were watching walking up and down the halls at the Forum Shops.

Maybe it was the alcohol kicking in but in that moment I had two thoughts enter my mind. First, what a great country we live in that gives us the freedoms and liberties to enjoy ourselves as we proceed through the journey of life. And second, I began to wonder how long before we really start having to look over our collective shoulders and wondering what horrors are lurking around the next corner. So ~ I ordered another Martini and tried to not think about the darkness that seems to be coming our way.

BW

What's going on under the bonnet.....



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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 on 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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Celebrating our Members

August Birthdays

3/ Steve Zak

13/ Bonnie Schneider

13/ Otis Vaughn

18/ Clarissa Erwin

19/ Bill Biler

20/ Dick Levan

20 Dave Ogle

22/ Dick Rowe

26/ Bill Maden

29/ Mort Zwick



Dick



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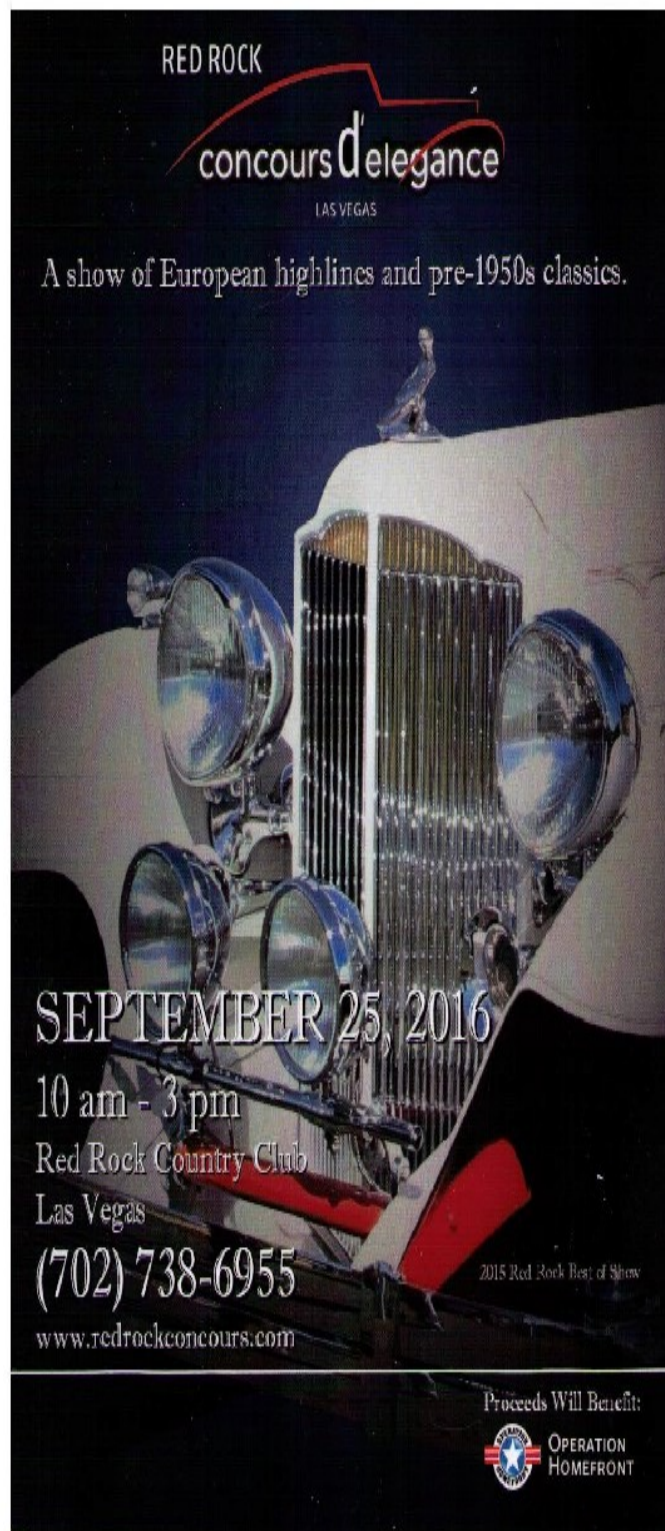
August Anniversaries

12/ Jonas & Kate Payne

14/ Mark & Kathy Newbold

*If your name is in black, I do not have your photo.
Please see me or send a photo.*

This is a wonderful event to showcase your LBC. Our liaison for this is BACLV Officer at Large **Jim Oswald**. The event is **September 25, 2016**. If you are Interested, please contact Jim Oswald at jgreenozzie@yahoo.com for more details and information. There are prizes and awards. The proceeds will benefit **Operation Homefront**.



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See Official Entrant's Application for full description of events and benefits.

• WEEKEND ACTIVITIES •

September 23 - 25

Friday - Concert under the Stars with casual dinner
Saturday - Cocktail Reception, Dinner with keynote speaker
Sunday - Brunch, Concours d'Elegance, Awards

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All of the weekend's events shall be held on the grounds
of the prestigious Red Rock Country Club, Las Vegas.

Article by Ron Couturier, Reprinted by Sandy Lashua

A friend and I were discussing tires not too long ago (yes, I do occasionally speak “car”) and he was saying that since he moved to Las Vegas, he just can’t keep the tires on his vehicles from wearing out so quickly. (I must point out that he does NOT keep his vehicles garaged, under cover or parked in the shade).

After thinking about his plight I remembered an article that Ron Couturier published some time ago (June 2013). I found the article in my archives and printed a copy for my friend. I also thought it was worth reading again, so I have reprinted it here for you.

Be Tire Savvy

How old are the tires on your car?

It’s actually quite easy to tell the age of a tire by reading the tire identification code (serial number) which is bonded onto the tire’s sidewall. The U. S. Department of Transportation (DOT) and National Highway Traffic Safety Administration (NHSTA) requires that a tire be bonded with a combination of eleven to twelve letters and numbers that identify the manufacturing location, tire size, manufacturers code and week and year the tire was made. The identification format is illustrated in the included photo for this article. It shows that the tire was manufactured during the 51st week of the year 2007. Keep in mind that this information can be of utmost importance to you in case of a warranty issue

Tires and the aging process

If you’ve ever walked into a tire store, you probably remember that aroma you smelled. That smell is actually oils that are used in the vulcanization process to manufacture the tire. This is the aging process taking place.

Tips for slowing down the tire aging process

1. Keep tires out of direct sunlight as much as possible. Ultraviolet rays are detrimental to rubber.
2. Be careful when applying tire dressings. Some dressings include cleaners that remove some of the oils from the tire’s surface.
3. Tires not in use should be kept in an opaque, airtight plastic bag in a cool environment. This keeps the tire in its own mini environment and helps prevent oil evaporation.
4. Don’t store cars on their tires for extended periods of time. A stored vehicle should be kept on jack stands. A tire can develop a flat spot if allowed to sit for a long time.

Deflate mounted tires for storage. Tire manufacturers use halobutyl rubber inside the tire for air retention. Air will permeate through the tire and oxidize the rubber. You can inflate the tires with nitrogen to help reduce the oxidation.

Closing Thoughts

Keep your tire receipts. Many tire manufacturers warranty their tires for five years from the time they are manufactured. Remember, a set of tires on a new car may have been manufactured as much as a year before they were actually mounted on a vehicle. Tires are manufactured in batch quantities for cost savings to the tire company. A tire can actually “age out” before it wears out. Check your tires for hairline cracks in the sidewall. This is sometimes referred to as “dry rot”.

Happy Motoring...Ron Couturier, Technical Editor



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Andrew and Sandy Lashua are the Hosts. Contact me at: cwlashua@aol.com



Garage Sale & Pot Luck

October 28 (6pm ~ 9pm) & 29 (7am ~ 1pm)

Hosts are Harold and Claudia Albrecht

The Theme for the pot luck is~ HALLOWEEN

So brew up your best cauldron of batwing stew or eye of newt appetizers
and prepare your donations for the garage sale.

Now is the time to begin sorting out those old clothes from winter and the treasures
in the closets and storage units.

Mark your calendars for Halloween weekend.

Watch for more reminders in the Spanner and email.

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Share your articles, information and ideas! Submit your article to the Spanner Editor by the 6th of the month. The Editor reserves the right to edit anything that is submitted. Copyrighted material will not be accepted without written approval from the original author.

Note From Bill Sinclair....

(Lise Sinclair wife of member Bill Sinclair passed away June 3, 2016 in Canada)



**Lise's children and I
were touched by the obitu-
ary notice in the Spanner.**

**I want to thank the BACLV for the kind dona-
tion to the Hospice where Lise spent her
last days. The \$100. will go towards pur-
chasing new and much needed equipment
for the Hospice.**

Bill

2nd Annual



Show & Shine
CAR SHOW

All proceeds to benefit Speedway Children's Charities Las Vegas Chapter


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Editors Notes.....

Sandy Lashua Spanner Editor



If you were not at the Membership Meeting on June 26, you missed a good meeting! We acquired two new members and their families ~ Bill Maden and his wife Deborah are the proud owners of a '72 TR6 (formerly belonging to Stephen Carlson), and Marilyn and John McGaw own a '75 MGB. Marilyn is the original owner of this vehicle. The BACLV welcomes them to the club !



Bill Maden



John & Marilyn McGaw

In from Canada is Bill Sinclair and friends. As you learned in the last Spanner, Bill lost his wife Lise recently. The BACLV donated \$100 to Lise' favorite charity (see page 8). He will be making more trips to Las Vegas now, so watch for him at future events and meetings. Bill is also looking for a 1970's or newer TR to restore. If you have one or know of one for sale, please contact Bill Sinclair at lsinc@telus.net.

There are a number of events coming up. On the 19th of August is the 51's game at Cashman Field. Bill

Wellbaum will be setting it up to pay for your tickets on PayPal. Then pick up your tickets at the will-call desk as you enter the ballpark. This has always been a "winning" event. Don't miss the fun, sign up now!



John Thielke

Cliff Bonnett

Bill Sinclair
& Friends

September is a busy month for us. We start off with a Brunch in Pahrump hosted by Al and Pat Seminatore at Mountain Falls Golf Resort. The brunch is \$20 a person and Al will set it up to pay online on PayPal. The Seminiores are also the liaison for the VARA Races on October 1st. The 23—25th is Concourse d' Elegance at the Red Rock and Jim Oswald is the go-to guy for this event. Alan Bowman is our contact man for Wurstfest in Boulder City. Alan tells us that this year should be easier and more streamlined to get food and beer as they are doing away with the concession tents and bringing in food trucks! More food, more fun, more time to enjoy the show.

October 8 is the Boy Scout Rally. This is a great opportunity to mentor a young person in the art of British Cars. The rally will begin with a pre-trip vehicle inspection and the rally will end in lunch. These young people will be your navigators for the rally.

Then October 21-23 is the Solvang Trip. Make your reservations early as rooms go fast as the weather cools. Enjoy the surrounding vineyards and mountains, the wineries, breweries, shops, restaurants and museums. A great time to just relax!

October 28 and 29 the Albrechts are hosting the annual Pot Luck and Garage Sale. The Potluck theme this year is Halloween! Bring your donated items and have some fun!

A special thanks to Pat Klenk for his presentation on the progression of his STAG.

Sandy

Did You Know.....

The very first employee (*when they were modifying Morris in the Alfred Lane garage*) was Cecil Cousins. Mr. Cousins rose to the position of Works Manager before retiring after 47 years. Cecil also filled the position of acting General Manager when General Manager John Thornley became ill.

Apparently Morris Garage engendered a lot of loyalty in their employees. *Alfred Lane* was also known as *Pusey Lane*. I have not been able to determine why the street had two different names. The original building had an open area in the back which had no roof. During one very bad snowstorm the cars stored in that area were filled with snow. Would today's pampered workers have consented to work in such an environment?

AJL

PLEASE NOTE: Events schedules are posted one to two months in advance.

Events, dates, times or locations are subject to change.

Contact Sandy Lashua Events Chairman at: cwlashua@aol.com

August 2016 Events Schedule

10th, 6:30 ~ Board Meeting TBA

19th, 5pm "51's" Ball Game,
Cashman Field.
Pilar & Bill Wellbaum Hosting

28th General Membership Meeting
Wildhorse Golf Club Henderson

September 2016 Events Schedule

11th Brunch in Pahrump

Seminatores to Host DTF

14th, 6:30 Board Meeting DTF

23 ~ 25 Concours D' Elegance

Red Rock Casino ~ Jim Oswald *liaison*

24th Wurstfest Boulder City

Al Bowman *liaison* DTF

25th General Membership Meeting

Wildhorse Gold Club

30th VARA Shootout in the Desert

Al Seminatore *liaison* DTF



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