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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Jonas Payne, 2013 President
Kate Payne



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The 1st half of the really good driving weather for 2013 has come to a close , I spent most of this time working on cars for club members instead of maintaining my own ailing fleet of non and partial runners. The time I didn't spend doing this was spent on some unexpected home improvement projects and work. The pitifully few weekend days leftover were spent with my family, although not nearly enough. Looks like I'll be holing up in the garage this summer to move my projects forward in anticipation of the fall driving season, admittedly, it's not a bad way to spend the summer months here.

As most of you know, I enjoy working on the cars, and enjoy the fellowship of the BACLV members who share similar afflictions, but over the past year or so, it has become ever clearer to me that my time commitments elsewhere, combined with what can only be described as "dwindling energy and motivation" have me seriously wondering if I can continue to restore and maintain a collection of cars. Pat Klenk among others I know recently "bit the bullet" and have retired their vintage cars in favor of modern (and reliable) British Cars available from Lotus, Austin Martin, BMW (Mini) or Jaguar, and I daresay that these cars are cost effective, attractive, and fun. (Did I mention reliable?) Sometimes, although I hate to admit it, I just want to get in a stylish and sporty car and drive without needing to worry about whether or not I'm going to make it home, or even leave home in the first place.

Steve Kennedy and I joke that these cars seem to follow us home like stray dogs. This is probably a good analogy, because we bring them home, they leak on the floor and often times bite us in the end. Despite misadventure after misadventure, why do we continue to do it? Well friends, that is the question we should ask ourselves every time we get behind the wheel, crawl under the bonnet or attend a social event with our fellow BACLV members. It's tough to describe why I do it, but suffice to say it's for the love of the cars, the history, the satisfaction of making something work through your own ingenuity and skill (or just plain dumb luck in my case) and the many friends I have at the BACLV. A lot of this comes from owning a vintage car, but not all, so perhaps it is time to

Flag Day is June 14th



~*~*~*~*~*~*IMPORTANT NOTICE*~*~*~*~*~*

The BACLV GENERAL MEETINGS WILL BE AT 11:AM AT MEMPHIS BBQ ON WARM SPRINGS.

The time has been moved from 10:am to 11:am due to Memphis BBQ discontinuing their breakfast service.

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 10 AM on the last Sunday of each month at Memphis BBQ, 2250 E. Warm Springs Rd., Las Vegas. 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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JUNE 2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, June 8th—Tune, Tech & Tea 9am. Payne Residence
745 Barnegat Bay, Henderson. Details to follow.

Saturday, June 15, 8:30am, No Host Drive. Depart from Einsteins
Brothers Bagels, 9480 S. Eastern, Henderson. From Cars & Coffee

Thursday, June 20th, 6pm. BACLV Board Meeting,
Location TBD. Andrew & Sandy Lashua Host

Sunday, June 23rd. 11:am. General Membership Meeting
Memphis BBQ, 2250 E. Warm Springs Rd.

JULY 2013 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Saturday, July 13th, Cocktail Mixer Party ~ TBA

Thursday, July 18th, Board Meeting – Host and Location TBD

Saturday, July 20th – Beat the Heat Run – Host and Time TBD
(EARLY!!!!!!)

Sunday July 28th, General Membership Meeting,
Memphis BBQ on Warm Springs. 11:00AM



NEWSLETTER INFORMATION

PLEASE CONTRIBUTE!

The Spanner needs your articles for publication. Editor reserves the right to edit anything that is submitted. Copyrighted material not accepted without written approval. Submit all articles to the editor **by the 15th** of each month.



Happy Birthday
Al Lindahl!

NEWSLETTER / WEBSITE ADVERTISING RATES

The BACLV has a website online at www.baclv.org. This site typically attracts over a 1000 visitors weekly. Please submit a photo along with your text for each classified ad. All ads, classified and display, will be placed both on the website and in the newsletter. Display ads on the website can be linked to the advertiser's website. Our low rates are posted on the classified/advertisers pages of our website.



Mothers Day Brunch

Hosted by Katrina Nicosia and Sandy Lashua

Photos & Article by Sandy Lashua,



It was a perfect day for our annual Mothers Day Brunch. The view at the Resort was breath taking!

Katrina Nicosia made the arrangements with the Paiute Golf Resort and printed photos of club members children (animal children and other beloved objects) and urged everyone to RSVP and send in their money in a timely manner. I was the "gopher" ~ I acquired the centerpieces which were artificial Orchid plants and the prizes and showed up early to help set-up. I got the easy part! Approximately 30 people attended the brunch, all dressed in their finest attire. Al Seminare even wore a suit! My, he looked dashing!



We had a delightful brunch of potatoes, bacon, sausage, various rolls and Danish pastries, assorted fruit and as always ~ an omelet station. No one went hungry.

Bill Goodman, like the year before, delivered a single red rose to all the ladies. Such a Gentleman!



The theme this year was "Children". We were to match the photos of the children to the parents. Lorene Lindahl and Pilar Wellbaum tied for first place. There was a coin toss and Lorena won. She had the honor of selecting the prize she wanted, which was a basket of Godiva Chocolates. Pilar received a very large "Spa" basket, loaded with everything she would need for a home pedicure, manicure, facial and pillow for her head.

Steve Kennedy accompanied his lovely mother and Drew escorted his mother, Ali, to the event. Conversation flowed and everyone



BACLV BOARD MEETING APRIL 17, 2013

Call to Order: 6:35; End of Meeting: 8:47

Present: Pat Klenk, Jonas and Kate Payne, Al and Lorene Lindahl

Discussion of future events:

Host is still needed for Indy Party. It has been a potluck in years past, but maybe someone will host if we meet at a tavern/restaurant to watch the race.

Discussed doing a Progressive Brunch. One was cancelled due to lack of interest but it might have been a weekend that was a poor fit. Jonas to talk about at next General Membership meeting.

Discussion of next year's Board and Event Hosts:

Looking for possible new Board Members, especially among newer members.

When a newer member hosts an event, pair them up with a long standing member.

Offer to write up a Spanner article for possible event hosts, if that is what is causing them to not commit to being a host..

BACLV GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING APRIL 28, 2013.

Jonas Payne opened the meeting. He encouraged everyone to follow the "Drive Away Cancer" program. Mr. Grace is driving his Austin Healy across the USA.

We also welcomed Allen and Susie Rosoff back.

Bill Wellbaum introduced new members: *Sandy Frank*, who owns a Jaguar, *Lupe King* who currently owns a 79 MGB, *Irene Albrecht* and *Rick Mayo* who has a 69 MGB.

Past Events:

The Lost Souls Run – This was a situation of making lemonade out of lemons. It started as a planned trip to Goodspings, changed to a trip to Boulder City, ended up with a trip to Primm and lunch at the Mad Greek.

Garage Sale: Chili Night was a lot of fun. The garage sale netted \$662. We did well – there were four other sales in the immediate vicinity.

Future Events:

Indy Party – There still is no host and this event may need to be cancelled.

Gimmick Rally – May 5, start time is 9:45AM. We will meet at Summerlein Parkway at the USA Bank and complete the rally at the Mt Charleston Lodge, Aspen Room, for lunch. Al Lindahl will send an email with directions to the USA bank. It will be about a 2 ½ hour drive.

Mother's Day Brunch – This will be at the Piute Golf Resort, May 12, at 9:00 AM. Cost is \$18 per person and is payable at the event. A flyer will be sent out by email and is included in the Spanner.

Pampered Chef Party to profit breast cancer awareness and research – This will be hosted by Maggie Westfall on May 25. A flyer is in the Spanner for more information.

Treasurer's Report:

Al Lindahl announced a balance of \$6,768. This is an increase of \$42 over last month.

Andrew Lashua encouraged everyone to access the SEMA action network. There is very good information concerning the ethanol content of the gasoline we use.

Steve Kennedy spoke about our website. He and Allie will be hosting the Spring Mountain summer theater event. A vote was taken and the July engagement of "How to Succeed in Business without Really Trying" was the favorite. More information to follow. They will also be working on a Baseball Night in late

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Points: If you host an event, please turn the attendance sheets into Sandy so that she can annotate the points.

Open Forum:

Allen and Susie Rosoff thanked Sandy Lashua for taking over the Spanner and Steve Kennedy for taking over the website.

Al Bowman reminded us about the Spring Jamboree in Boulder City. The car show is mainly hot rods and muscle cars but it's always a lot of fun and good food.

Jonas Payne reiterated that we need a home for the shed and its contents. The shed is 4ft by 5ft. Any takers?

Al Lindahl commented on the BEAT event in which he and Lorene participated. Lots of fun and great cars.

Katrina Nicosia introduced the idea of having a Baby Shower in honor of the royal newborn due in July. We may have an English Tea/Baby Shower with the baby gifts donated to charity.

The raffle garnered \$150. Winners: Jim Lane and Christine Shope

Submitted by: Clara Ogle, Secretary

June Birthdays

6/7 Jim Lefler

6/26 Al Lindahl

6/26 Dan Zehnder

*Apologies to Al Seminatore
April 9th.*



June Anniversaries

6/1 Rowe, Dick & Sue

6/9 Krevosh, Donald &

Mary

6/12 Rosoff, Allen & Susie

6/25 Gurreri, Angelo & Cathis



EDITORS NOTE

It's always fun to go to an event with BACLV. Most of the events are hosted by the same group of members who aren't afraid to spend a few hours organizing the event and spending the club's money. Andrew and I have hosted many events before, some one day events and several trips to Springdale for the weekend. We enjoyed hosting and found that this was the best part of the event.



Hosting an event just takes a few hours of your time and a few phone calls. Save any receipts you have for reimbursement from the club treasurer.

Andrew and I have two events lined up this summer. Both are still in the planning stage, but promise to be fun. The first one is a cooking demonstration with a celebrity chef (Susan Feniger or Mary Sue Millikan) followed by a luncheon. This will be held at Borders Grill in the Mandalay Bay sometime in July or August (the date is predicated on the Chef's television appearance and when she is available). We will need a minimum of 15 people and the cost will be around \$20/each. (Did I mention Great Food?)

The next event will be a trip to St. George, Ut. We wanted to take you to Springdale, however there were no rooms available. So a Bed & Breakfast in St. George with a short drive to Zion on Saturday or to the Farmers Market at Tuacahn. The usual Attitude Adjustment on Friday and Dinner at a nice restaurant. St. George is a nice, quiet place to relax and about 10-15 degrees cooler than Las Vegas. This will be in August. I will post more on these events as they get closer.

Meanwhile there are other great events coming up: **The Tune, Tech & Tea** on June 8th, **No Host Run** on June 15th, **The Cocktail Party** on July 13, and the **Beat the Heat Run** on July 20th. A **Royal Baby Shower & Tea** is in the planning also, with gifts to be donated to charity. These are all good events that promise a fun time. Some



BACLV GIMMICK TOUR

On Sunday, May 5, some new members of our club from the RR club, some RR club members and a representation of our members met in Summerlin for the start of the Gimmick Rally.

After a short drivers meeting at 9:45AM the drivers and navigators lined up for departure at a minute and a half intervals. They were given their instructions and sent on their way. As the rally hosts, Lorene and I went back home for another cup of coffee, before driving straight to the end point which was the Resort at Mount Charleston. To our surprise, a number of participants arrived almost immediately after us. This represented the contingent who got so hopelessly lost they abandoned all hope and just drove straight to the restaurant.

We had reserved the Alpine room at the Resort at Mount Charleston, where we were set up to have lunch. After a short wait those that successfully completed the course started arriving. Lunch was a selection of a club sandwich, bacon cheeseburger, fettuccini alfredo, or a chicken caesar salad (although the chicken was conspicuously absent from Lorene's salad).

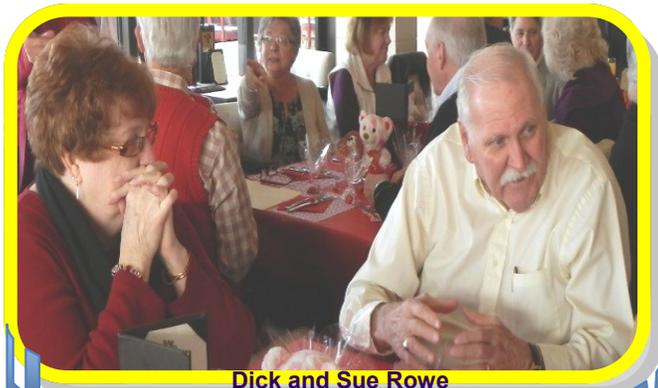
After lunch we confirmed that no divorces resulted from the rally, although some were close, and that no one earned the paddle. Then we went over the 50 correct answers to the rally questions and everyone added up their number of correct responses. The sharpest team was Steve and Aly Kennedy with 35 correct answers, which won them a bottle of wine. The next best teams of Roger and Bonnie Himka, and Jim Shope and Marty Katz tied at 34 correct answers. There was a tie breaker question for those that read the instructions ahead, which was won by the Himkas who also took home

The Rally Master was subjected to some ribbing by some members who thought the rally instructions were incorrect. I might add that the mild abuse suspiciously arose from those who did not manage to complete the rally. No complaints from the Kennedys, Himkas or Jim Shope and Marty

Lorene and I enjoyed hosting the event and hope everyone had a good time.

Written & Submitted by Al Lindahl, Photos (Page 7) by Sandy Lashua





Dick and Sue Rowe

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Kit prices do not include shipping charges.

BRITISH CLASSICS FOR SALE



FOR SALE: 1959 Austin Healey BN6 - Frame-up restoration finished in 2008 with approximately 2000 miles since. Is mechanically perfect. Have all receipts for parts and machine work. Has new top (only on for fitting). Side curtains excellent. Have many pictures, including underneath, that I can forward.

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Former BACLV Member Mimi Banich, 66, passed away April 24, 2013. She is survived by her loving husband of 43 years, Dr. Terence G. Banich and three sons. Services were May 18th. Funeral Mass and burial was private. Online Guest book at www.reviewjournal.com/obituaries.

BE TIRE SAVVY – Part 1

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 compounds 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". In the next article we will cover some interesting facts on "tire myths" and also talk about "tire speed ratings".

Happy Motoring...**Ron Couturier, Technical Editor**

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Listed below are the names of members who have accrued points and their current point standings.

IF you have accrued more points than I have listed, please contact me at CWLASHUA@AOL.COM.

Points are based upon the sign-in sheets gathered from membership meetings, events, wearing a name tag (ID), driving your British car (LBC), hosting an event or a number of other ways that you may accrue points. I can only count points that are turned in to me. If you HOST an event, it is the host's duty to make sure the sign in sheet is turned in. If you are a member, it is YOUR duty to make sure that you sign in. The great benefit to gathering points is the prize at the end of the year, presented at the Awards Banquet in December.

Board members are NOT eligible for the prize at the end of the year, ONLY General Members, so Board Members Names are not listed.

Albrecht, Claudia & Harald	20	Lane Jim & Joyce	18
Albrecht, Irene	10	Lawe Amy & Bryan	9
Baggs Marcia & Robert	6	Lefler Jim & Nelda	15
Barker, Paul & Susan	9	Mahler William	3
Berent, Peter & Elva	12	Masters Beryl & Ken	29
Bowman Rita & Alan	8	MAYO, Rick	5
Brown Bonnie & John	14	Newbold, Mark & Kathy	5
Carleton Wendy & Stephen	10	Perger Mike	16
Couturier Ron & Dottie	3	Polk Hap & Mildred	8
Debevc Bill	17	Rosoff Allen & Susie	18
Frank, Sandra	19	Rowe Dick & Sue	13
Goodman / Nicosia Bill & Katrina	27	Schneider Dick & Bonnie	3
Headrick, Wayne & Barbara	33	Seminatore Al & Pat	25
Himka Roger & Bonnie	23	Shope Jim & Christine	31
James Jane & Simon	33	Spangler Hank & Andrina	47
Katz Marty & Bertha	17	Sullivan Mike & Sally	5
Kennedy Steve & Aly	57	Wellbaum Bill & Pilar	23
Kilgour Steve & Sandy	22	Westfall Neal & Maggie	46
King, Lupe	10	Zwick Mort & Marla	19



Although not owned by one of our BAC Members, it is still a very interesting vintage vehicle. This 1934 Bentley with the original automatic transmission was driven by its owner from Parker, Arizona to the Boulder City Spring Jamboree Auto Show this year.

Submitted by Alan Bowman

