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January 2015



Round-A-Bouts ~

Love them or hate them, they are here to stay!
By Sandy Lashua

Ever wonder just who was the idiot who invented round a bouts? Do they really help with traffic or were they just put there to annoy motorists? Some round a bouts are just a barren circle in the center of an intersection and others, like the one in Utah, are an elaborate display of artistry. Most of those that you will find in Southern Nevada are landscaped and not an eyesore, but there are those few that have been left unattended.

Well, Round a bouts are the City-County-States solution to semi- problematic intersections. Those that do not qualify for a signal light, but too dangerous to ignore.

It is incumbent upon the driver to take control and make sure that the path is clear. Slow down, are you in the proper lane to go through or make a turn? Who has the right of way, me or the other guy?

Well, if you are to continue through, you stay in the lane that will give you access to turn or exit the round a bout. If you are already in the round a bout, you have the right of way. Persons entering the round a bout must yield to those already on the roller coaster.

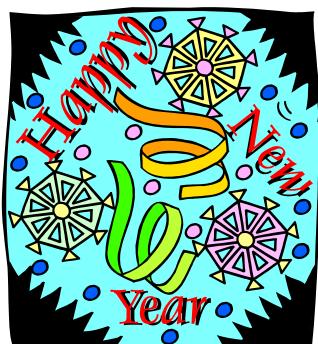
Fiscally, the round a bout is less expensive than a four way signal light. An electric traffic signal requires wired power and year round maintenance. Replacement of bulbs and lenses, cleaning out bird nests and general maintenance to ensure they are properly functioning. A malfunction of a signal could cause a chaotic situation, an accident or, worse yet, road rage if you are stuck at a red light that never changes! Round a bouts help to avoid that. Sure, there are accidents in Round-a-bouts from less experienced drivers or those not paying attention, but those happen at controlled intersections also.



And what happens if I miss my exit? Round the round a bout you go!

Round-a-bouts continued on page 11...

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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 **Wildhorse 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



Editors Note

By Sandy Lashua Spanner Editor

By now you have noticed something different about the Spanner.

After producing the Spanner for two years now, I decided to change things up a bit to make it more interesting. The Events Schedule will now be on Page 11. This is inside the last page of the regular Spanner, so it should be the last thing you see. It is designed so you can cut it out and pin it to your own events board.

Our new President, Steve Kennedy and I had a good conversation on how we can make things better. We both had the idea to move things around, make it more "reader friendly", highlight more club activities and welcome more member participation. Steve suggested that Members are more interesting than the president, so the first page will be dedicated to an article, activity or member. The Presidents Message will follow on one of the subsequent pages. Ron Couturier is our Tech Editor but Bill Sinclair has volunteered to help Ron by submitting supplemental technical articles. Bill lives in Canada and you will see him at a meeting each time he visits the States.

I want to make it the BEST publication for our club. There will be more subtle changes as the Spanner gets fine tuned. Your articles and comments are always welcomed. If you have a story to tell, please share it!

Please have your articles or events notifications in to me by the 6th of each month. **The Spanner timeline is about a month ahead of real life.** Articles may be held for the next Spanner if the current issue is filled. Because of this timeline, sometimes event dates, times or locations change. If in doubt, please contact the Events Chairman, **Mr. Bill Wellbaum.**

If you are not receiving your Spanners, please e-mail me and I will make sure that your address on file is correct for the next edition of the Spanner.

I do not publish telephone numbers or addresses in the edition that goes to the **web site**. If you need a number, please e-mail me or contact the Membership Chairman, Bill Wellbaum, and one of us will supply you with the Member number that you need.

I am always open to suggestions. Please remember that The Spanner cannot publish anything that is Copyrighted without the **written permission from the original author.**

As Ron Couturier would say ~ **"Happy Motoring"**

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BACLV Bids Farewell to 2014

The weather man didn't mention rain but when I got up the roads were wet but these are British cars so to hell with it. I arrived at Cars and Coffee but a few members got there very early. Thanks to Jim Shope, Dick Rowe and Hank Spangler for saving the club some spaces. I only had about 5 people through email say they were coming but in the end we had over a dozen BACLV cars plus Minis from Sin City so we made a great presence at the show. Our corner of the lot had a lot of attention and I am sure it will bear fruit with some new members.

I met people outside the club with Minis, TR6s, MGs and Tigers too that showed interest in our group. Another rare sighting, Mort Zwick pulled himself away from his busy sports regimen to display his beautiful Healey. Before we knew it the time was gone and needed to push off but had a great morning visiting with good friends. Funny thing, the weather turned out beautiful with many soft tops dropping for the drive home. See you in Boulder City next month.





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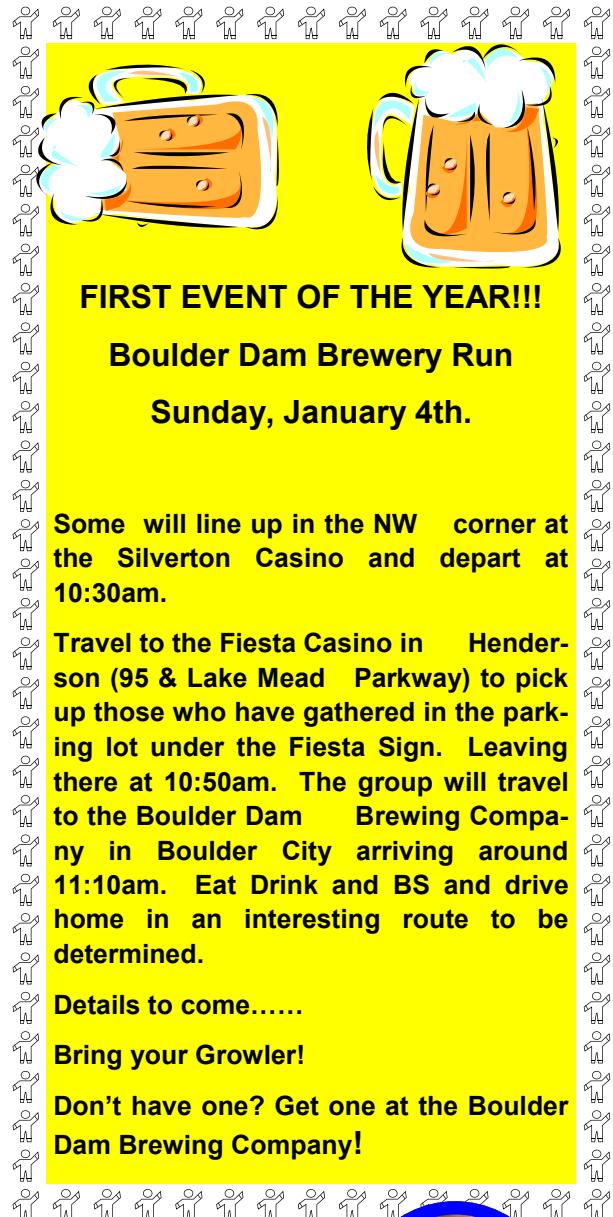


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FIRST EVENT OF THE YEAR!!!
Boulder Dam Brewery Run
Sunday, January 4th.

Some will line up in the NW corner at the Silverton Casino and depart at 10:30am. Travel to the Fiesta Casino in Henderson (95 & Lake Mead Parkway) to pick up those who have gathered in the parking lot under the Fiesta Sign. Leaving there at 10:50am. The group will travel to the Boulder Dam Brewing Company in Boulder City arriving around 11:10am. Eat Drink and BS and drive home in an interesting route to be determined.

Details to come.....

Bring your Growler!

Don't have one? Get one at the Boulder Dam Brewing Company!



January Birthdays

1/1 Robert bags
1/4 Andrina Spangler
1/5 Gloria Underwood
1/8 Ed Underwood
1/11 Peter Berent
1/28 Bill Goodman



January Anniversaries

1/1 Hanley, Mike & Linda
1/25 Lawe, Bryan & Amy

H4 HID INSTALLATION TRIUMPH TR6

By Bill Sinclair and Dave Rennar

This Step-by-step installation is an illustrated demonstration.



Supplies: 55W HID Kit , 2 high voltage extension wires, 4 feet of 22 gauge red and black wire, 2 one inch wire garment's, flux, solder, heat shrink, zap straps, and self-tapping screws.



TOOLS

Drill, impact driver, solder iron, heat gun, wire cutter, screwdrivers, step bits.



STEP 1

Remove trim rings, hold down ring, head light, and inner bucket and spring.



STEP 2

Cut and pull wires through head light bucket and inner fender.



STEP 3

Drill a one inch hole in place of the factory wire hole. Use the step bits for this.



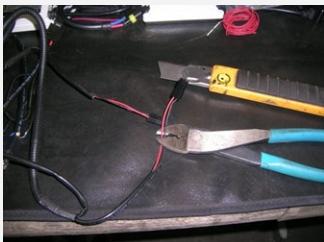
STEP 4

Run the one inch extension wires through the grommets.

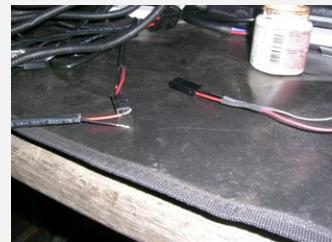


STEP 5

Run the wires through the buckets and then the inner fenders.

H4 HID INSALLATION TRIUMPH TR6**Continued from page 5****STEP 6**

Now you must extend the high low wires around two feet. Cut the plugs off leaving enough wire to solder on to. Always solder and heat shrink your connections. Don't connect to main harness just yet.

**Step 7**

Run the high low wires through the buckets and inner fenders.

**STEP 8**

Find a good place to mount the transformer. I put it on the inner wheel well close to the inner fender. If you mount it too far out the hood hinge will hit it.

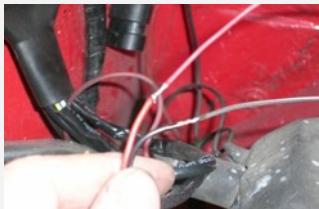
**STEP 9**

Mount the relay off to the side or the hinge will hit it.

**STEP 10**

I use the old headlight ends and solder them on to the HID harness

This way you can plug them into the TR6 harness.

**STEP 11**

Now you can solder the high low wires back to the HID harness

**STEP 12**

You must get a 12v hot from the battery to the HID harness. (When the Chevy V6 was installed they ran one with the main harness)

**.STEP 13**

Now put the HID bulbs in the lights.
(You will need lights you can change the bulbs in)

**STEP 14**

Reinstall the inner buckets, lights, retainer rings, trim rings and turn on lights.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE



The end of 2014 is near and as you read this it is likely very close to Christmas. I am preparing for Cars and Coffee with the club in the morning and thinking of decorating the house on Sunday which will be the 7th of December. I hope that date in history is not an indication of how it will go. The year is almost over as I move from Vice President to President in 2015. It has been a busy year and I want to thank the whole club especially outgoing Board members Klenks, Ogles and Newbolds. Most of all thank you to my favorite people known as Hosts. I am looking forward to a lot of fun with the new Board including the Wellbaums, Lindahls and James'. Also I want to thank in advance everyone helping out with committee positions.

Speaking of Bill and Pilar, we are already working on next year's events. Expect a good variety of driving, day and overnight trips, get-togethers, and beer and BS sessions. If you have an idea then pitch it and we will make it a hit. We will load some events on the calendar that need hosts. Most of these can be very simple events but we depend on members getting involved. You send a check in at the beginning of the year, which I hope you have already done but you really "pay your dues" by getting involved. Sounds like my old record? Well it's a classic like our LBCs.

Speaking of classics, we have some of the people variety in the club too. Some we haven't seen in a long time. We miss you and your ears should have been burning because we have been telling some funny stories about past events with you. Many of you no longer have the LBC but the club isn't the same without you. Don't be surprised if I call you up and get you to join us for an afternoon.

I am sure there will be some changes along the way this year but nothing drastic. Mostly I want to just have fun with you all. Make some new friends and make some old friends into family. 2015 is going to be a blessed year.

Thanks, Steve K

1972 Triumph

British Racing Green

Engine, Transmission and Differential have all been rebuilt.

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Recap of the Club Minutes

November 12, 2014 Board Meeting

Pat Klenk brought the meeting to order. The following individuals were present:

Pat and Margaret Klenk, Steve and Aly Kennedy, Bill and Pilar Wellbaum, Al and Lorene Lindahl and Jane and Simon James Our current membership is 139 members.

Treasurer Report shows balance of \$6386

Insurance: Currently we are paying \$1000 a year for coverage. Previously we had paid \$500 a year for the same coverage. Prospective new annual coverage from Hagerty would cost \$300 - \$400 for the coverage we now have with double the coverage dollar amounts. A separate policy to cover the Board members would be approximately \$770 annually. Our current insurance policy is in effect until early 2015. The 2015 Board voted unanimously to change insurances to Hagerty's company Markel. The Board unanimously voted to cover the club at an annual cost of \$380 without Terrorism coverage and the Board for \$770. This coverage will begin January 1st 2015 and we will coordinate dropping the existing coverage on the same date.

Waiver: The Board approved the additional wording recommended by an attorney. This new Waiver will be archived with the sign in sheet for 5 years under the supervision of the Officer at Large until a new points coordinator is named.

Committee Positions: Membership Chairperson: Bill Wellbaum Website Masters: Margaret Klenk and Joe Marcella (questionable) Margaret could use help. Spanner News Letter: Sandy Lashua.

Current Need: New Administrator for the Club's Point Program.

Upcoming Events are annotated on the website: November 23 – General Membership Meeting (Date changed from Nov 30 due to upcoming Thanksgiving weekend.) December 6th Cars and Coffee December 11 – Board Meeting, Old and New Board December – No General Membership Meeting January 11th – Christmas Party – Pat Klenk will create the slide show for the party. Awards: Need points from Sandy after Dec 6th event and the Board needs to consider who will be awarded the **Witworth and Rookie of the Year**

Board meetings moved to 630 PM to help the James' arrive from the other side of town.

Steve will look into having shirts made again for the club soon.

Respectfully submitted:

Steve Kennedy VP performing Secretary's duties in her absence

General Membership Meeting Nov. 23, 2014

Attendance: 43

Bill Wellbaum welcomed prospective new members, Jim and Lisa Austin, MG owners. 40 percent of the membership has renewed for 2015. Please renew during December.

Pat and Margaret thanked everyone for their help and support during the year.

Steve Kennedy: Thanked Jane and Simon James for setting up the Temple Bar Run. Thanked Steve Kilgour for the Nov 22 – Drive and Tour of Distillery.

Upcoming events: Dec 6 – Cars and Coffee Dec 11 – Board Meeting, No General Membership meeting in December. Jan 4 – Drive and Lunch in Boulder City Jan 11 – Awards/Holiday Party, 11:00 – 2:00PM \$25 per person (club members), \$40 per person (non-club members). Feb 15 – Sweetheart Luncheon, \$25 per person

Website: The current website we are using is being discontinued. Margaret Klenk has volunteered to work on the new website and would appreciate volunteers to help her.

Points: Points are published quarterly in the Spanner. We are consolidating the Points tracking system and event waivers into one job.

2015 Events: Margaret and Pat Klenk will sponsor a rally. St Patrick's Rally – Claudia and Harald Albrecht. Jonas and Kate Payne will assist. September – Turkey Shoot, \$25 entrance fee Celtic games, The Rolls Royce Club is sponsoring a 10 day tour starting in London, June 28. Contact Lupe King for more information.

Treasury: October ending balance: \$6,386.24

Steve Kennedy said club members have stated an interest in purchasing logo shirts. In the past, we have done business with Shirtz, Promoz, & Logoz. Steve will look into setting up a vendor display at a future meeting.

NEWSLETTER INFORMATION We Want To Hear From YOU!

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.

Mail correspondence to:

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Sweetheart Brunch



Sunday February 15

Guiseppes Italian Restaurant

6065 S. Durango Rd. Las Vegas, NV 89113

(Take the 215 to South Durango, exit NORTH on South Durango.

Go one block, Guiseppes will be on the west side of the road)

Cost is \$25. per person

Please RSVP to Sandy Lashua or Clara Ogle by February 1, 2015

Mail your checks to Al Lindahl

Address in the Membership Directory

Or Pay at the General meeting in January



Bring your favorite sweetheart.

Prizes for special people.

Menu includes your choice of:

Chicken Francaise

(Lightly breaded chicken breast topped with melted mozzarella cheese and tomato sauce)

Rigatoni Casserole

(Rigatoni pasta topped with our meat sauce and melted Provalone)

Steak Sandwich

(Choice top sirloin smothered with grilled onions and mushrooms on ciabatta bread served with French Fries)

House Salad, Italian Bread

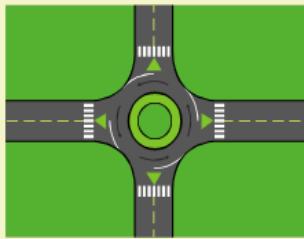
Soft drink, Coffee, Tea



Round-a-bouts Continued from page 1



How about a four way stop sign? Those are good for intersections with less traffic. Not a guarantee that all drivers will stop or even slow down. A round a bout does not require the driver to stop, but does slow the flow of traffic by causing the driver to slow into the turn. It is a physical barrier that commands the driver to function in a more responsible way. This is control without the expense of a signal light.



If I want to drive straight, then why do I have to make turns to get there? (Think about it: turn right to enter the round a bout, left to continue through it and another right to exit). This is continual driving without having to stop. Over time, the avoidance of start and stop traffic will save money. However, this cost is very minimal.

Many drivers, especially the elderly, avoid going through round a bouts. Why? It is a new and confusing concept to them. However, Round-a-bouts have been in existence for hundreds of years. You can find Round-a-bouts in almost every foreign country in the world. They are popular in the UK, France and in the Philippines, to name a few. Round-a-bouts require the driver to actually assess the road ahead and take appropriate action. It makes the driver think for himself and brings him back to when driving was not as automated.



Round-a-bouts are engineered for the flow of traffic to continue, so you will not see a crosswalk within a round-a-bout. They will be positioned either before or after the circle.



So, the next time you enter a round-a-bout, and you miss your exit, do as I do ~ confuse the other drivers get on the merry-go-round and ride around and around and around!



January 2015 Events Schedule



Sunday, 4th, Boulder Dam Brewery Drive Jonas Payne Host See Page 4.

1st meeting of the New Board TBA

11th Sunday Awards Banquet Bears Best Golf Resort

25th, 9am. Sunday ~

General Membership Meeting Wildhorse Golf Club 2100 Warm Springs Henderson

February 2015 Events Schedule

Sweetheart Brunch See flyer Pg. 10

Board Meeting TBA

General Membership Meeting

Sunday, 9am Feb 22

Wildhorse Golf Club





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