



# BRITISH AUTO CLUB OF LAS VEGAS

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

October 2015

## First Annual Go Kart Grand Prix

Story by Bill Wellbaum, Photos by Laurie Rosenau

*"I felt great when I first arrived at the go kart racing venue—full of anticipation and hope that everyone showed up."*

Eventually 18 members signed on to join in the racing event. Few of us had ever driven go karts this fast—reported speeds up to 45 mph. Electric powered and wearing full face helmets. Pretty exciting.

"After the first familiarization race I felt a little nauseous—along with Margaret Klenk who decided to pull out with the same symptoms."

The second race was for time—which meant that the Main event would be gridded just like an F-1 race with the fastest qualifier in the number one position.

"After the second race I really felt sick to my stomach and thought maybe I need a little Coca Cola in my system to calm things down. I was excited about winning the second race in my group but a little apprehensive as my stomach was not any better.

The Main event in my group started well with minimal bumping of the karts into one another as the field started to get strung out. By now everyone in both groups had figured out the potential of their kart and the competition became really fierce.

"With Tyler Bass and Drew Kennedy nipping at my heels I was ahead- but barely. Around lap 7 Sandy Lashua ran into another racer that had spun out and the race was halted. After she was helped off the course the race was restarted. As I was close to completing the 9<sup>th</sup> lap my stomach signaled it had had enough so I raised my hand, pulled off to the side, quickly tore off my helmet and proceeded to throw up my Coca Cola in the infield. For me—the race was over."



(Sandy was taken to the Mountain View E.R.. An examination revealed a concussion and a slight fracture of a bone in her hand. Lots of bruising where the seat belt halted her forward motion.) Go Kart racing continued on page 5

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

# The Spanner

25TH ANNIVERSARY 1990 ~ 2015



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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](http://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.

BACLV

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# Celebrating Our Members

October Birthdays

**10/8 Dottie Couturier**

**10/25 Mark Short**

**10/26**

**Jim**



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY**

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**10/30**

**Christine**

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We Want To Hear From YOU!

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## BACLV Annual Friday Set-up and Saturday Garage Sale

Friday October 23, 2015 6- 9pm

Harald and Claudia Albrecht hosts  
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Bring your gently used and tagged items along with a dish to share.  
Be part of the fun setting up for the Garage Sale  
and enjoy a pot-luck of Mediterranean themed food.

The fun begins at 6pm ends at 9pm.

The pot-luck theme is Mediterranean Food! Have a great Mediterranean recipe?  
Now is the time to try it out!  
Bring your donated items and please bring a dish to share.  
The Albrecht's will provide everything else.

## BACLV GARAGE SALE

Saturday, October 24th at 6:30am and ends at 2pm

Watch the fun and haggle with the customers! This is a fundraiser for the club.  
Now is the time to clean out those closets, garage and storage bins!  
**Come early!**



Opening morning place to be.



Bill Wellbaum & Susie Rosoff providing Security



Let the fun begin!



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**Pole Position Go Kart Races from page 1**

The event ended with magnums of cheap champagne being awarded to **Simon James**, winner of his group, and to **Tyler Bass**, winner of his group. Those who were able retired to the **Aces and Ales Saloon** down the street and reportedly had a grand time. The consensus is that this event will become a yearly thing. Those in the know will be stocking up on Dramamine.

**Bill Wellbaum**



The Spectators and Racers



Bill Wellbaum in a blurr of speed



One of two Winning Teams  
Bill Wellbaum, Tyler Bass & Drew Kennedy



Pre-race instructions given by host Bill Wellbaum



Simon James gives Jane their race strategy: **WIN!**



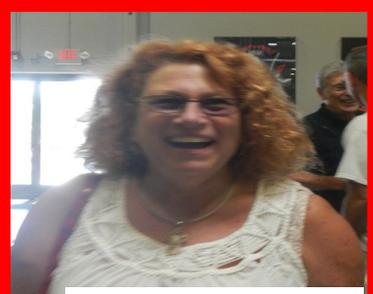
The other **WINNING** Team!  
Jim Shope, Simon James & Jane James.



Hostess Pilar Wellbaum with Clara Ogle



Sandy in the ER, still smiling!



Laurie Rosenau cheering



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## Car Trivia

Submitted by Susie Rosoff

How many of the following questions can you answer correctly?

- 1). What was the first official White House Car?
- 2). Who opened the first drive-in gas station?
- 3). What city was the first to use parking meters?
- 4). Where was the first drive-in restaurant?
- 5). True or False? The 1953 Corvette came in White, Red, and Black.

Think you know the answer? See how you did, check the answers below

- 1) A 1909 White Steamer, ordered by President Taft was the first White House car.
- 2). In 1913, Gulf opened the first gas station.
- 3). July 16, 1935, Oklahoma City erected the first parking meters.
- 4). 1921 in Dallas, Royce Hailey's Pig Stand opened.
- 5). The only color available for the 1953 Corvette was Polo White.

### **DID YOU KNOW.....**

*The Riley Lynx was the only open 4 seater in the Riley catalog.*

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**PRESIDENTS MESSAGE**



**Classic cars are moving into technology?** When I grew up I could read about cars in some magazines but they were not plentiful back then. Our little Spanner of decades ago has grown into quite a publication. The web site has been around for around 10 years in different forms and is about to launch in its latest form. Just recently I started a Facebook group for the club. It was very easy to set up and as of my writing this, 26 people have joined in. Those of you that haven't you should check it out. At the recent Membership meeting I made a mistake about saying to limit the content to car stuff. Such friendships have been made in this club that when we gather the talk is often about so many different things. This really develops these relationships to another level. When you want to share something on the **BACLV Facebook** group that you would normally do in any other club gathering then please do so. I hope also you will take a moment and chime in on some car stuff too. Post some pictures of you own projects or something cool you saw at a recent show or trip. I will start to add some more club event information like upcoming events but nothing crazy. If you have ideas on how to improve it then please let me know, especially if you already know how to do it. I want to keep it simple and not add another element to the club that takes a lot of maintenance like our LBCs. Bill and Pilar just posted some pictures of a trip they are on and it looks like they are having fun.

I hope you enjoy the new Facebook addition to the BACLV and sign on.

**Steve K**



## In The Know with Dick Rowe

This is a new article from Dick Rowe, Club Historian.

Each month, in the Spanner, a question will be posed to the Club Historian and the answer will appear in the following months Spanner.

To submit your questions, send your email to me (Sandy Lashua at [cwlashua@aol.com](mailto:cwlashua@aol.com)) or Dick Rowe ([sandhurst2267@cox.net](mailto:sandhurst2267@cox.net)). Please include your name with your question. All questions must be automotive related.

This months question: **WHY do Lotus Models begin with the letter "E" ?**

Sandy Lashua ~ Editor



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## **Temecula Wine Country Run**

**November 13th thru 15th. Hosted by Bill and Pilar Wellbaum**

**Suggested place to stay: Quality Inn.**

**Prices range from \$129 per night (King bed) to \$139 per night (two queen beds). RESERVATIONS NUMBER IS: 951 296-3788,**

**The Group rate is in the name of British Auto Club**

Drive over on Friday 13th with an elective stop at **Tom's Farms** to load up on beer/wine and/or snacks, lunch prior to checking in at the hotel in Temecula.

Supper at **Thornton's Winery**.

Saturday, after breakfast, will be a stop at the famous **Temecula Farmers Market**.

The wineries open at 10am and we will suggest the best places to stop to test-taste the best they have to offer. Lunch will be on your own and we will suggest two or three venues for more wine and a great lunch. We will also suggest several places (new and old) for an evening meal on your own.

**RSVP to Bill Wellbaum after you make your hotel reservations:**

**[wcbwellbaum@cox.net](mailto:wcbwellbaum@cox.net)**

**Thornton's Winery**



**Old Town Temecula**



## Editors Notes.....

Sandy Lashua Spanner Editor



I try to have the Spanner in our members hands before the General Membership Meeting. So as you read the Spanner now, you will soon be casting your ballots for next years Board Members.

Mr. Bill Wellbaum will move forward to occupy the Presidents position and Jane James will continue to be club Secretary. And allow me to say that Jane has done a spectacular job as secretary. It was Jane that discovered several items in our By-Laws and Standing Rules, although were appropriate at the time, were now outdated. It was Jane who retyped the whole document and researched the wording and made suggestions to bring it up to date. She took the role of Secretary to heart and gave it her whole heart. Jane has done a wonderful job. Fortunately, for us, we still have her for another year.

### Up for election are the jobs of :

Treasurer. Al Lindahl has been our Treasurer for many years and we will be hard pressed to find another Treasurer so dedicated as Al. He has balanced our accounts and checkbook, paid our bills and made sure that other matters such as insurance have been rooted out for the best coverage. Al **VOLUNTEERED** for this position many years ago and we haven't let him step down. I guess he needs a break and I sincerely hope that he will occupy the position again in the future.

Simon James is also stepping down as Officer at Large. Simon has worked behind the scenes to pick up the slack when necessary and where ever needed. The Officer at Large position is one that no one really sees. He is ready in an instant to do whatever is required. Officer at Large is like the invisible man ~ no one sees him, but he is an essential element to the structure of the Board.

Vice President and Events Coordinator position, currently held by Mr. Wellbaum, is one that requires a lot of energy to run efficiently. Bill has kept the events going and hosted, with the help of his lovely wife Pilar, many events this year. VP is a position that makes things happen. Encourages the members to host an event and follow through to make it successful. Mentors first time hosts and guide them through the process. Makes sure the membership is aware of the events available to them and how much fun they will be missing by not participating. This is the position that "makes it all fun". The VP steps in when the president is not available or when assistance is needed.

Also on the ballot will be a question about the term of President and V.P. positions. The question is: should the President and Vice President be separate one year terms? As it stands now, a person is elected as Vice President and ascends to President the following year. Many people have NOT wanted the position because they did not want to commit to a two year run on the Board. By limiting it to one year, a person can be Vice President or President and end the commitment after that single year term. There are others who believe that to be an effective President, you must "learn the ropes" by serving as Vice President. You decide.

These are the positions and the issue at hand. Please vote as you feel is in the best interest of this, **YOUR**, club. The people you vote in will represent the club for 2016. Please make sure that you attend the September meeting and VOTE.

Before I finish, I would like to Congratulate **BACLV** Member Dr. Joseph Adashek for his recent "Inspired Excellence in Health Care Award". Dr. Adashek is the owner of **Desert Perinatal Associates in Las Vegas**, the Director of maternal-fetal medicine at *Summerlin and Valley Hospitals*. He also works with Angel Flight, a non-profit organization, transporting patients for surgeries, chemotherapy, dialysis and other medical treatment for **free** in his airplane. The **BACLV** is proud to have Dr. Adashek as a member! Thank you, Joseph Adashek, for your service to this community.

Sandy Lashua, Spanner Editor



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

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**October 2015 Events Schedule**

**10 & 11 ~ Shoot out in the Desert—VARA Races.**  
Qualifying race on Saturday, Actual race Sunday.  
Al Seminatore contact person

**16th Vintage Bike Night. Location to follow**

**23 & 24 BAC Annual Garage Sale**

**Friday 6-9pm, Sunday 7am –2pm Claudia & Harald  
Albrecht hosts See page 3**

**25 General Membership Meeting  
Wildhorse Golf Club**



**November 2015 Events Schedule**

**1st Hansen Dam All British Motorcycle Ride,  
Pasadena, Calif. Wellbaum contact person**

**13-15 Temecula Wine Country Event  
Wellbaums host. See flyer page 9.**

**Putting Tournament, Date to be determined**

**29th, 9am Membership Meeting  
Wildhorse Golf Club  
This is the LAST Membership Meeting of 2015.**

**Watch the Spanner, Website and Facebook for  
upcoming events.**

**See you in 2016!**



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*Mark Short, Mt. Charleston. August 2010*

**Wish Mark Short a  
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