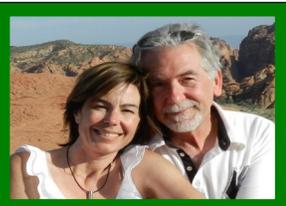


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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE PATRICK KLENK PRESIDENT 2014



A potpourri of thoughts for you to ponder...

By Pat Klenk



First thought running through the mind and out the fingers is the St. Patrick's Day Rally. Kudos to the Sin City Mini Club, Lisa and Ian. They took their assignment to heart this year and launched the rally to a higher level. In talking with Lisa she said that her goal was to raise the bar higher; well Lisa you did just that. The bar is higher and the next year we will have a different standard to meet.



It was a rally that took us from one end of town to the other, had games and finished with a touch of creative engineering. Something old was made new again. Though I was a DNF, it was a great day, finishing with a great cold one at the Crown and Anchor, nice people and the thoughts of how the BACLV will be putting on our thinking caps to meet the challenge that Lisa threw at our feet. I wonder if Lisa ever tried the car teeter-totter?

Back in 1993 I had an opportunity to drive a Ferrari 246 GTS. It was just a drive around town, and I barley made it out of third gear. Except for the design, not the most exciting drive. I figured the experience would be the only time I would find myself sitting behind the wheel of the epitome of Italian automotive engineering. Margaret had other ideas though.



My birthday showed up and so did a special invitation. Margaret commanded me to the Lotus, wrapped my head in a blindfold, and drove me around town. We wandered around town with me looking pretty silly, blindfolded, not knowing where we were headed until she eventually told me to "take it off!" and there before me was Dream Racing. Parked in front were several Ferrari's of various numbers (I still can't figure them out), all red, all looking like they were doing 100 miles an hour as they sat there. In we go and immediately were confronted with a ream of releases to sign and asked to pick a car – well lets see – Corvette (no), McLaren P-4 (maybe, but no), Lamborghini LP570 (nope), BMW (how common), lets do the Ferrari 340 GT race prepared. After signing more releases and waivers, watching a video I was then guided to a "simulator". Mistake. No road feel, no real vision, no anticipation. I died, hit every wall, tore through the infield and just knew I was going to die or even worse, wreck a

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Membership Meeting will be on MAY 18TH.



May 2014 Schedule of Events

May 2 & 3rd, Springdale / Zion
Hosts Sandy & Andrew Lashua



Sunday May 11, Mothers Day Brunch

Hosted by Katrina Nicosia and Sandy Lashua
Location Piaute Golf Resort
See page 5 for Details

Board Meeting TBA

Sunday May 18th, General Membership Meeting Wildhorse Golf Club

Note the Date Change due to the Holiday

June 2014 Schedule of Events

Saturday, June 6th, 10am.

Kounts Kustoms Tour,
Hosts: Steve & Drew Kennedy
2714 S. Highland, LV NV 89109 733-6216

Saturday, June 14, 6pm Monty Pythons Spamalot

Host: Steve & Alyson Kennedy
Spring Mtn State Park

Board Meeting TBA

Saturday, June 28, 3 pm

Lunch & Food Demo with a Chef!

Hosts Sandy & Andrew Lashua

Sunday, 29th. 9am ~ Membership Meeting , Wildhorse Golf Club.

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

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CELTIC GAMES AND CAR SHOW

Written by Jonas Payne, Photos Courtesy of Jonas Payne and Susie Rosoff



For the first time since the 2009 membership picnic, the BACLV hosted a car show, we had 23 confirmed entries and actually had 20 cars show up to the event. In retrospect, this was the greatest gathering of our beloved LBC's since that 2009 event, and to see the lineup at the gates before the event was enough to bring tears of joy to an LBC fan. Seeing the cars lined up, I felt like an 8 year old kid at a candy store, the colors, shapes and sounds were enough to stir the soul and bring out the kid in everyone.

We had a 7:00 AM sharp start time, and I can tell you that the entrants showed up like clockwork. Never in my experience managing ANYTHING has everything come together at an instant in time like the BACLV showing up. In a 10 minute timeframe, EVERYBODY was there! That can't be said for our gracious hosts, the Las Vegas Celtic Society, who apparently had a bit too much fun the night before at their Whisky Tasting and kick-off event on Fremont St. Apparently, they are used to dealing with a different sort of party-goer than the BACLV, because while we were there bright eyed and bushy tailed (myself and some others excluded), they were running a bit behind and clearly "flying low". All that said, they pulled off an amazing event that was a truly raucous time, and I hope to attend again.



Highlights of the day included the following, in no particular order:

Did I mention beer?

Seeing the sunrise across the Las Vegas Strip at 5:30 (ish) AM from behind the wheel of a 3 wheeled Morgan.

Watching a 1952 Allard scare women and make children cry, if the Devil drove a car, it would be an Allard.

Watching Jim Shope be attacked repeatedly by "Kevin" the peacock. Apparently, after Jim noted that they are

eaten like chickens in some lo-

cales, the birds took an unnatural interest in him.

Having 6:00 AM pre-event coffee with Pat, Margaret and Bill Welbaum and enjoying a beautiful morning

Seeing Clogging and Riverdance, which I had never seen before, and hope to see again soon



A 400 piper and drummer parade with enthusiasts from around the country. These folks are amazing and to see them in full regalia is a sight to behold

Spending time with friends and fellow club members. If you like a casual opportunity to talk and interact with your friends, this is the place to do it.

Did I mention pie?

Watching approximately 8,000 people enjoy our LBC's and take part in voting for their favorites.

Speaking of the last item, the cars appeared to be very popular with the

BACLV ANNUAL ST. PATRICK'S DAY RALLY REPORT

Saturday, March 15, 2014

Hosted by our friends in the Sin City Mini Club with Rally Masters Lisa Surber & Ian Ryan

Report & Photos Submitted by Susie Rosoff

What a well-planned rally Mini Club members Lisa & Ian arranged for this year's celebration of St. Patrick and all things Irish! Second place is awarded the privilege of hosting next year's rally along with the BAC's infamous and dreaded "Murphy Trophy". This trophy requires the recipient to continue enlarging its size by welding another old LBC part to it. Thus our event planners are relieved of having to "volunteer" someone for the job! LOL Planning this particular rally takes a little more work than just a normal run and involves creative thinking along the way to keep the navigators on their toes.

Since the most appreciated aspect of any successful BAC event always involves lots of food, Lisa & Ian couldn't have done a better job. We started with a wonderful breakfast at the Hash House at Decatur & Sahara, ending with an excellent

Mini Club Rally Masters Lisa Surber & Ian Ryan giving



lunch at one of our favorite British bars (which remained a secret until the end).



This rally had quite a few new and interesting activities along a beautiful, winding route which allowed us to show off our Little British Cars (LBCs) to different areas. As we began the rally, Lisa handed out the list of questions for Leg #1 where we would find the answers along a route winding through a large part of the valley. She also gave us two sealed envelopes, one revealing the last stop for anyone who wasn't participating or had to quit early, the other contained bonus questions for extra credit. Thank goodness they planned an intermission at a park off east Tropicana (or Pit Stop if you will).

We all played a game of tossing shamrock clovers into a tin pail along with a cheese toss (requiring a slice of cheese to stick to your partner's face). The park had lots of beautiful green grass under big, mature trees (a rarity in this desert paradise). Since this was one of the first warm days of spring-time, we were starting to feel the sun heating up our little classic sports cars. Hope you used a high number SPF? Our Rally Masters had water and cold sodas to relieve our parched throats while we all took turns playing the funny games.

After this brief respite, Lisa and Ian had us line up our LBCs where she distributed the instructions for Leg #2 of the rally along with another envelope and more trivia questions for bonus points. For those who were just tired of driving around and didn't care about winning, this was the ideal time to head straight for our end destination. We were also handed materials (for more bonus points) to take to our last stop where we would construct a cardboard car that must actually roll when pushed and participate in a race.



All I can say about this second leg of the trip is that by the time we arrived at our unknown luncheon destination, we were all ready to get out of the sun and cool off with some well-loved British ale. After dealing with the many red lights experienced on our route, we needed a cool drink and more sustenance. I'm hoping the NSA was not tapped into my cell phone during the run since the conversation between myself and my navigator husband was not one for public record! After ordering our lunch, the men folk started constructing their cardboard racing car. The little bag of oddball materials Lisa provided made the process inventive as well as very funny. Lets just say that only a couple of cars managed to have wheels that actually rolled! LOL Mini Club members, David Tunison and son, Chris, won 1st Place with appropriate gifts. BACLV club members Harald & Claudia Albrecht won 2nd place and will

Mothers Day Brunch

Sunday May 11, 2014 9am

Paiute Golf Resort

Cost: \$18. per person (gratuity included)

Pay Katrina at the event

Hosted by Katrina Nicosia and Sandy Lashua

Announcements will be by e-mail and at the General Meetings.

Bring your sweet Mum and have a morning of fun!

See you there.

Directions to Paiute Golf Resort:

Take the 95 North (ten miles past Ann Road)

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5/31 Steve Kilgour

May Anniversaries

5/1 Nicosia-Goodman, Bill & Katrina
5/1 Carleton, Stephen & Wendy
5/26 Pepper, Richard & Toni



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But what the heck, you only live once, so may as well go out with a bang (which was part of my worries). Suited up, was paired with a helmet and the ride-along instructor and then we headed out in #4 Ferrari 340 GT. First lap, learn the track, break when told to, follow the line, full gas and blast. Amazing, there is nothing like it. No nothing me doing 130 in the straight, a 180 hairpin at 60 (and I was the slow one), each lap was faster. Addictive is what Enrico Bertaggia, an ex-Formula 300 driver and the CEO, had to say about it. His advice was to “let the car do its job and push it to its limit”. So if you get the chance, let your Walter Mitty come out and give it a try – nothing like it. The best birthday present ever, can’t wait till next time.

The last bit of finger food is the Celtic or Highland Games on the 12th. See jonas’ article for the details and the pictures, but a big “thank you” to the Highland Games and to Jonas for working through the setup. 19 cars arrive on the bright and sunny Saturday to display our wares. We covered each decade from the 50’s through the 2000’s. Our cars were placed at the entry point to the games and were seen by literally thousands of people. As the bagpipes blared, the cameras were going, people were talking and our members were smiling as the visitors went down the line of “Little British Cars”. The Four-H Club prepared fantastic display boards for each of the cars giving some information and background on the cars and made the British Auto Club of Las Vegas look as good as we are. We hope to be invited back next year to the Highland Games, it was great exposure for the club and most importantly it was fun for the visitors and the members alike.



Please remember this is your club, we are here to serve you, the membership. Have ideas, thoughts or criticism, let us know. Your Board wants this to be the best club for those interested in the

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Best 1950's

1st Place – Gavin Pepper – 1956 MGA

2nd Place – David Watson – 1952 Allard J2X



Best 1960's

1st Place – Wayne Headrick – 1966 Austin Healey 3000

2nd Place – Joel Goldberg – 1961 Austin Healey 3000

Best 1970's

1st Place – Steve Kennedy – 1974 Triumph TR6

2nd Place – Jim Lane – 1976 Triumph TR6

Best Modern

1st Place – Jonas Payne - 2013 Morgan 3 Wheeler

2nd Place – Pat Klenk – 2006 Lotus Elise

Best in Show (Garnering nearly 80% of the votes)

Wayne Headrick – 1966 Austin Healey 3000



As noted by Steve Kennedy, the display boards came out great, and when 20 cars were lined up with matching displays, “we look unified, like a real club”. The 4H kids did a fantastic job on the boards, and Brian and Amy at Aim High went the extra mile to make sure that they not only look great, but will hold up to repeated showings.

I'm sure that there is one club member who is reading this article and getting towards the end and thinking (hoping) with cold sweats that I have forgotten, but alas, I have not. For you see, there is something that has been in my possession for over a year that in retrospect, appears to have an affinity for the Payne household, and has been here for a total of 3 years since 2009, and an item that I am quite happy to see moving on.

I am of course speaking of the Paddle, and I am very pleased to be turning it over to its new caretaker Tim Erwin. Tim had a rather hair raising experience on the 93 just north of the Spaghetti Bowl and “temporarily failed to proceed” in his MGB. Making matters worse, apparently it stopped at the center median. Although badly shaken by the experience, Tim is just fine and vows to pay more attention to his fuel gauge.



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2014 St. Patrick Day Rally: Continued from page 4

Yes, you guessed it. The Crown & Anchor. It is a favorite watering hole for BACLV members and we were happy to end the run at this establishment. After ordering our lunch, the men folk started constructing their cardboard racing cars. The little bag of oddball materials Lisa provided made the process inventive as well as very funny. Lets just say that only a couple of cars managed to have wheels that actually rolled! LOL Mini Club members, David Tunison with son, Chris, won 1st Place & received nice prizes. BACLV club members Harald & Claudia Albrecht won 2nd place along with the Murphy Trophy & the honor of hosting this rally next year; 3rd place was won by Mini Club members, Bo Brydon & Stephanie.

2nd Place Winners ~ Harald & Claudia Albrecht holding the infamous BACLV travelling "Murphy Trophy":



1st Place Winners ~ Mini Club David & Chris Tunison:



3rd Place Winners ~ Bo & Stephanie of the Mini Club:



Some rally participants chose the patio at the Crown & Anchor:



David & Chris Tunison ~ Are they real Leprechauns?



According to Lisa, we had an approximate total of 16 little British cars, with 7 from the Mini Club and 9 from the BACLV. Way to go gang! While these rallies are always fun, our real purpose is to keep our classic cars on the road as often as we can. The BACLV really won the Irish "Pot o' Gold" today by sharing this rally with the Mini Club. We look forward to our continuing association in the promotion of our LBC hobby...Thanks.....**Susie Rosoff**

LVBAC GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING
MARCH 30, 2014

Attendance: 44

Pat Klenk brought the meeting to order at 9:15 AM.

Bill Wellbaum introduced Bill Sinclair. Bill is a member of the Oak Garden British Canadian Car Club and will be joining our Club. Our membership has grown from 19 members prior to 2000 and up to 128 members as of today.

Past Events: St Patrick's Day Rally: It was very well done. The Mini Club has raised the bar for future rallies. Harald and Claudia Albrecht came in second and will host next year's rally. Hank Spangler mentioned joining the Porche Club for future events. Pat Klenk said that joining with other clubs helps our club participate in more driving events.

Trivia Question: When and Where is the yard sale? Answer: April 26 at the home of Harald and Claudia Albrecht. Andrew Lashua and Jim Shope tied and Jim received the bottle of wine. Since this is our biggest fund raiser, please be generous with your sale items and your time at the sale. The evening of April 25 will be set-up and pricing. Bring your favorite Italian dish to share for the evening meal.

Future Events: April 12 – Car show at the Highland Games. Jonas Payne will send out an e-mail with directions to the event and times. We have 20 cars scheduled to show. If you have ordered a display board, please bring a check for \$12.50 made out to the LVBAC to pay for the board.

April 12 – Beat Tour from Phoenix, through Wickenburg to Flagstaff

May 2/4 – Springdale Trip. Rooms are still available at Canyon Ranch Motel.

May 11 – Mother's Day Brunch, \$18 per person.

June – Spring Mountain Ranch Music Series, Spamalot will be performed in June

June 7 – Tour of Kount's Kustoms

Event Cards were distributed at the meeting and will be mailed to those not in attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Beginning Ending March Balance = \$8,171.00

Raffle: \$155 1st Prize: Sandra Franks 2nd Prize: Wayne Headrick



Lunch and Food Demonstration with a Chef!

Its Back On!

Saturday June 28th. 3pm

Borders Grill in the Mandalay Bay Hotel & Casino

Hosted by Sandy and Andrew Lashua

Please RSVP to: cwlashua@aol.com

We had to cancel last year due to unforeseen circumstances. But it is back on our calendar!

More information in next months Spanner and online.





Learn more about this beauty belonging to Jim Ward on page 9



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