



Bits and Spares

For The British Motoring Enthusiast

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The WEEK of Petit Jean

Petit Jean starts with Saturday June 9th with 9 BMCA members gathering for breakfast at 6:00 am (yes, in the morning) at the Morgan Café. At 7:00 we went to McLeod's British Cars to pick up the motorhome and off to the mountain we go. But it was not to be... The Motorhome was running HOT, really HOT. Jim Peckham decided to take it back to McLeod's while the rest of us went on to Petit Jean. By 8:30 we were at the museum to help set up the swap meet grounds. There we met others (15 in all - joined, of course by, Jim Peckham once he finally parked the Motorhome in Mayflower) and in less than 3 hours we had marked all the spaces. After lunch at the museum we returned back to Lake Corvallis for a cook-out held in honor of Cookie Peckham receiving her new Go-Mobile.

Tuesday we were still loading the trailer with McLeod goodies so Jim Peckham took the *other* motorhome to our spaces at the swap meet area on Petit Jean. By Thursday morning the trailer was loaded with McLeod's British Car booth complete with contents and headed to the mountain with Ronnie's TR4 and Jim Peckham's Mini. We set up the McLeod Booth and opened for the swap meet. That night Ronnie spent the night at Joel & Nancy Taylor's cabin (a calm night before the storm or Friday and Saturday on the mountain!).



Friday morning Ronnie was back at the Swap Meet wheeling & dealing. All day more and more people were arriving. Many of our members arrived throughout the day to stay the night at the Taylor's estate and be there for the opening of 'The BIG Day'. The Friday night Spaghetti cookout planned and prepared by Judy Ross is a tradition to experience. The socializing goes on until about midnight. This year there was a group of about 30 people who 'participated' in the Friday night fun.

Saturday, "The BIG Day", starts with breakfast cooked by Wilma Newton at the Taylor's at 6:00 am and by 7:00 it's back to the swap meet. First it's wash and clean the car for the car show, then to get them all parked



on the field. Boy, BMCA has 18 of the 78 cars in the show this year. That's right at 25% - WAY TO GO British Motoring Club. Ronnie is trying to organize the cars, clean his and back and forth to his booth for wheeling and more dealing. He is a blur.... But that's normal for Ronnie.



Mid-day we had hotdogs and all the fixings at the motor home.



Many BMCA'ers joined us for lunch and stopped by the motor home during the day to chat. The car show ended around 3:00 and by 6:00 the swap meet was winding down and we all headed to the Taylor's cabin. One group went to the awards banquet at Camp Mitchell for a BBQ dinner while the others cooked burgers at the Taylor complex. At the banquet, BMCA members (and their cars) received awards as follows:

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Prez Sez

What is it about these cars that make us want to keep them? They are not practical, extremely dependable, nor economical to maintain but yet we are drawn to them. I recently discovered that my TR4A had cracked its block in three places and that the motor could not be repaired. Luckily I had another block that was good but I still had to tear down three motors to get it. Now comes the fun part of building a new engine. If this had happened to my everyday vehicle I might not have gone to the trouble to rebuild it and just sold it but not with the LBC. Do I fix it because of all of the memories we have made with it through the years or is it because of all of the friends that we have made because of the car or maybe it's because the LBC's need us. I don't know the answer but I do know that our home would not be the same if the TR was not in our garage where it has lived for 27 years. This is just some food for thought.

Keep em on the road.

Charles

And Now For The Rest Of The Story...

In the June Bits And Spares there was a great article, complete with pictures, of Cookie Peckham getting her new Cookie Go-Mobile. The following Saturday, while visiting with a neighbor four doors down from our house, I related Cookie's story. Her husband, Ernie, had passed away three weeks before and Chloye and I had not had a chance to visit since. Ernie was diagnosed with MS over thirty years ago and was bed-ridden for a very long time. As I relayed Cookie's smile-filled event to her, Chloye asked for their names. When I answered Peckham, she told me that they now had Ernie's van. It's truly a small world. The fact that Jim was offered Ernie's van and the fact that I chose that story to share with Chloye, amazed me. There have been periods of months that go by that we don't get to visit and then..... Cookie, I suspect Ernie's wonderful spirit will be with you in the van, so be sure to show him a great time. Barbara Bolin

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Secretaries Minutes - July 10, 2007

It was great to see everyone again. We had a total of 27 present. June's minutes were handed out for everyone to read. They were approved. Ms. Lisa read a detailed account of our budget with an ending balance of \$1857.70.

It was noted that the May's event report got skipped over by accident. Steve Jones reported that he grilled hot dogs and burgers. There were plenty of sides to round out a fantastic cook out. The day was beautiful. Hats off to the chef.

It was sadly reported that the event at Jacksonville High School ended up being rained out. They had a really good program planned. Six LBC's were present and accounted for with only 2 staying for the duration. The fireworks at the Ross's on the nite of the 4th were great. Brenda Collins counted 43 being there. Bob & Judy reported that there was lots of food, fun, and fellowship.

Petit Jean had a great turnout. BMCA still strutted our stuff having 25% of the cars there being ours. We brought home lots of trophies; Steve Jones and Lon & Michelle Smith, 1st place in their categories, Mo & Jeannie Bokaie, and Brad Cunningham, taking 2nd's in their perspective places, Jim Peckham, Gary Bolin, Parris McCullah and Dewey Davis rounding out the 3rd place positions.

There is a group going to Carthage, Mo. in 2 weeks. Contact Charles Hutchison for more information. Remember to book your room for Fayetteville, it is right around the corner.

Bob Ross has the grill badges. They are \$30 now. There are still a few that have been prepaid that needs to be delivered.

July's Triumph event- Jim Peckham is planning a drive and ending up at his house for an ice cream pool party. We will leave LCYC at 1:00pm on Sunday, the 15th. BYOB and your suits. Brenda Collins did some research and is collecting prepaid orders for Tshirts or sweat shirts with BMCA logos. We would like all BMCA'ers to sport their pride and show who we are at Fayetteville. Check your wardrobe. Do you need a new shirt? Contact Brenda with your order.

August MG event will be on the 19th, the 3rd Sunday. A Fox Hunt is being planned. Fellowship following the fox hunt will be at Wayne and Paulette Richie's. More information will be in next month's newsletter.

Christmas Party has been booked at the same place as last year, the Reynold's Center on Aging. It is December 8th. Do you remember the trophies that were awarded last year? Got any ideas? Contact Judy Ross. Door prizes are needed. This also means it is time to step up to the plate and run for office. Do you have some good ideas and would like to be a Marque leader? The President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer, Historian, Membership & Newsletter Editor are all open for grabs.

The tech talk orator was introduced by Steve Jones, AH Marque leader. An interesting history of the Bugeye Sprite was read by Elaine Jones, his wife. Thanks Elaine.

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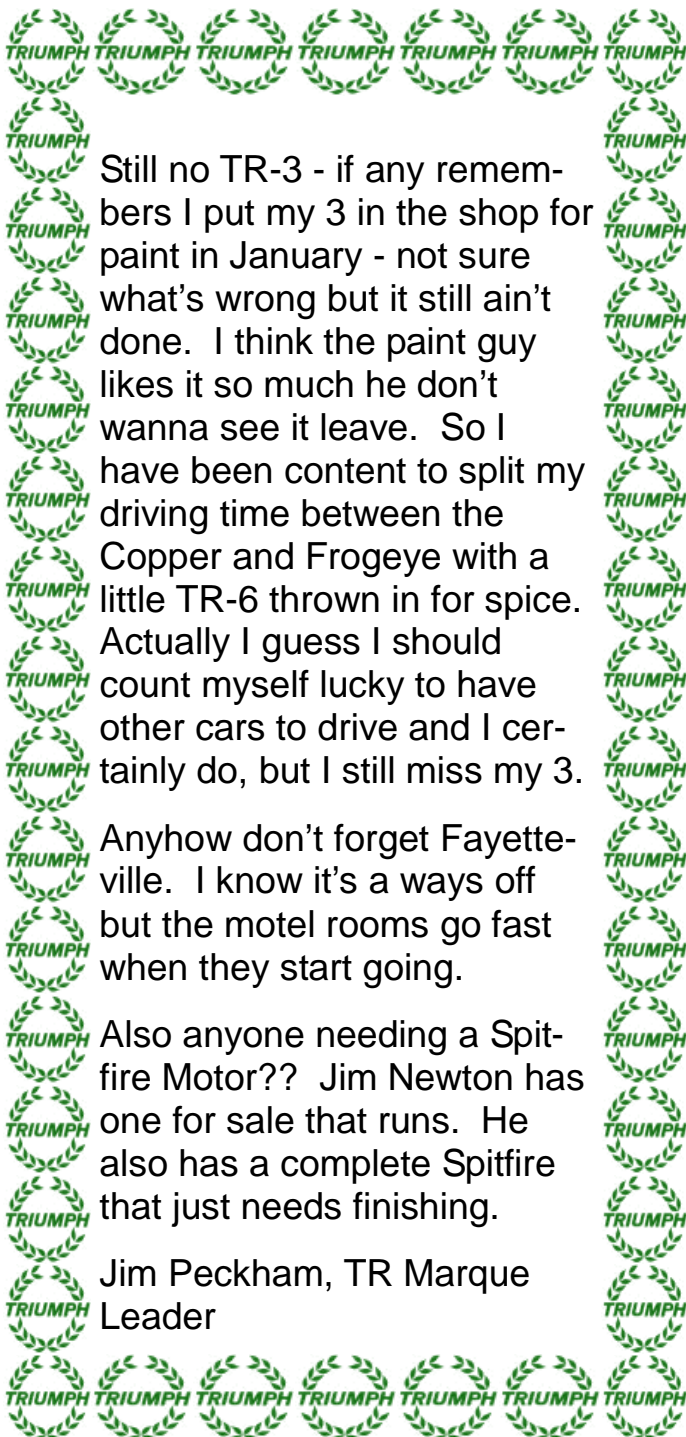
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Still no TR-3 - if any remembers I put my 3 in the shop for paint in January - not sure what's wrong but it still ain't done. I think the paint guy likes it so much he don't wanna see it leave. So I have been content to split my driving time between the Copper and Frogeye with a little TR-6 thrown in for spice. Actually I guess I should count myself lucky to have other cars to drive and I certainly do, but I still miss my 3.

Anyhow don't forget Fayetteville. I know it's a ways off but the motel rooms go fast when they start going.

Also anyone needing a Spitfire Motor?? Jim Newton has one for sale that runs. He also has a complete Spitfire that just needs finishing.

Jim Peckham, TR Marque Leader

THE MARQUE EVENT FOR SEPTEMBER WILL BE A FUN & EXCITING RIDE TO SPRINGDALE FOR THE **BRITS IN THE OZARKS SHOW** ON SEPTEMBER THE 14TH AND 15 TH.

THE PLANS CURRENTLY ARE TO LEAVE LITTLE ROCK VIA KANIS ROAD TO HWY 9 AT PARON; THEN NORTH ON HWY 9 TO HWY 10/9; WEST ON 10/9 TO US HWY 71; NORTH ON 71 TO SPRINGDALE. AT THIS TIME NOTHING IS SET IN STONE. HOWEVER, I DID TALK TO OUR ASTUTE (AND ALMOST ALWAYS KNOWLEDGEABLE) TRIP GURU (MR.) RONNIE McLEOD AND HE INFORMED ME THAT LAST YEAR THE TRIP WAS A 10 HOUR MARATHON!

ELAINE HAS GRACIOUSLY OFFERED TO PULL AN EMPTY TRAILER JUST IN CASE SOMEONE HAS A BREAKDOWN. SHE WILL SIT IN THE AIR CONDITIONED YUKON WHILE WE LOAD THE SICK LBC. SHE WILL ALSO ALLOW THE OCCUPANTS TO SHARE HER AC FOR THE REST OF THE TRIP.

IF ANYONE WANTS TO MATCH HER OFFER IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED. WE WOULD LIKE TO THINK THAT EVERYONE'S CAR WILL RUN PERFECTLY AND WE WON'T NEED EVEN ONE TRAILER.....BUT WE ALL KNOW HOW THAT USUALLY GOES! I THINK IT WOULD BE WISE TO PLAN TO DEPART LITTLE ROCK NO LATER THAN 9 HUNDRED HOURS ON FRIDAY THE 13TH IF WE WANT TO EAT ON THE WAY AND, PLAN TO ARRIVE BEFORE DARK.

THIS NOTE IN THE NEWS LETTER IS JUST THE BEGINNING OF THE PLANNING STAGE. IF ANYONE HAS ANY SUGGESTIONS FOR THIS WILD RIDE PLEASE CONTACT ME AT 501 821 2104 OR 501 920 9516 OR EMAIL ME AT grand-pajonesswj@sbcglobal.net

THERE WILL BE MORE DETAILS TO FOLLOW.

STEVEN JONES

PS: NOW IS THE TIME FOR ALL GOOD MEN TO COME TO THE AID OF THEIR MARQUE LEADER.

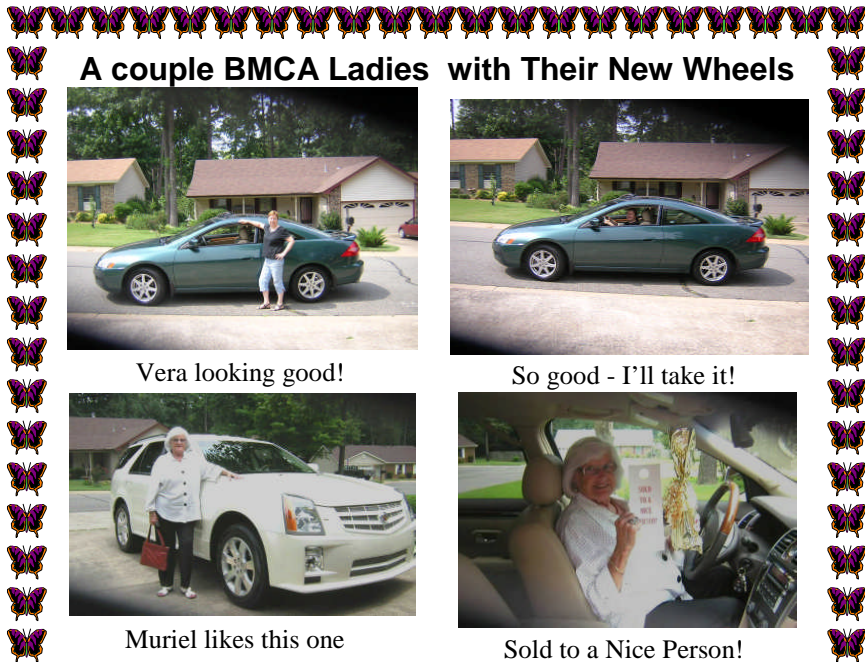
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PAUL HOWARD



A couple BMCA Ladies with Their New Wheels



Vera looking good!



So good - I'll take it!



Muriel likes this one



Sold to a Nice Person!



Jacksonville July 4th Patriotic Spectacular

We met up at the Sam's Club on Landers Road with Charles and Brenda in their MGA, and Judy and Bob Ross and grandson Trent, and Barbara and Gary Bolin. We lined up in a row...Spitfire, Lotus Elan, Spitfire, MGA and minivan and motivated our way to the high school football stadium in J'ville to enjoy a night celebrating our independence from the British. Note. The group that was suppose to have joined us starting out from McLeod's whimped out...they called to decline saying it had been pouring down rain for about an hour there. (I guess they left their bumbershoots at home.)

There we joined up with an MGB (Ted Bland) and an MGA (Bruce Hurlbut) and parked our cars at the top of the stadium so others attending this event could stop by, visit and see the fine workmanship of which only the British are capable of doing.

As the performers were getting set up, the clouds rolled in, and just a few minutes before the show was to start, the rains came. Most everyone had already managed to get their tops up. Although I didn't have to, I had insisted that my better half leave ours up - usually when I insist on doing that the sun shines brightly and rain would never ever grace us with its presence. WRONG!!! Fortunately those of us BMCA'ers who did come pulled out our umbrellas and proceeded to cover our heads as we sat in our chairs and waited for the rains to cease. A little while later, the announcer told all the event was cancelled but the fireworks would go off as planned. Most of us loaded our gear and made our way home - except for Brenda & Charlie & Bruce who later told us that the fireworks were grand.

Regardless of the weather, we had a high old time visiting us everyone. Anyone listening to us would have thought we hadn't seen any of our fellow BMCA'ers in years instead of only a week or so ago. Because as usual, we had **fun!** Judy Wheeler

By the lightning's white glare
The rain falling through air
Gave proof to the crowd
That the show was not there

Despite the patches of blue sky in the hour leading up to the Patriotic tribute, just as if the queue had been given, the clouds opened up within minutes of the beginning of the 6th Annual Jacksonville 4th Of July celebration. Some cars still had their tops up from Pettie Jean weekend, some savvy drivers put their tonneau on and some of us were in all-weather vehicles. But all of us stood in the rain for most of 30 minutes: with and without rain coats and umbrellas. As usual these precautions did not keep our cars or our bodies dry. The show was cancelled, but the fire works went off rain or not. Ted, keep the schedule handy. The show is all ready to go for next year! Barbara Bolin



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And the Winners are:

Sports Cars - Special Interest

1 st place	Steve & Elaine Jones	1961 Bugeye Sprite
3 rd place	Jim Peckham	1967 Mini Cooper
3 rd place	Gary Bolin	1967 Lotus Elan



MG

1 st place	Lon Smith	1979 MGB
2 nd place	Jeanine Bokaie	1977 MGB
3 rd place	Dewey Davis	1954 MGTF



TRiumph

1 st place	Chris Ames	1962 TR3
2 nd place	Brad Cunningham	1972 TR6
3 rd place	Parris McCullah	1974 TR6

Seniors Winner Ken Coyle - AH3000
Dewey Davis also won a trophy for his Buick.

After the banquet we are all back at the Taylor's for more socializing. Sunday came with Nancy Taylor preparing breakfast for those who were left. We gathered up and departed for home, the week of Petit Jean another success. A GOOD TIME WAS HAD BY ALL!

Ronnie McLeod

Secretaries Minutes - July 2007 continued

We have quite a few babies born in July: Barbara Beuch - 4th, Wilma Newton (me) -18th, Judy Ross - 19th, Jim Wheeler - 22nd, Cookie Peckham - 23rd, Bob Ross- 24th, Doug & Gayle Nelson have an anniversary- 29th. Brad & Barbara Beuch announced their daughter, Brianna's marriage on the 28th.

*Special Note: Ronnie and Vera McLeod are not here tonight. They are awaiting the birth of Alicia's baby, their new grandbaby.

Gots and Goofs - Steve Jones' Bugeye Sprite took it's first 1st place trophy. Zack Ard got a new 73 MGBGT coming in from Delaware. His 71 MGBGT has some semi-serious mechanical problems he had to fix. Jack Brashear told about his trip to the Austin Healy Conclave up in the New England area. Charles Hutchison had to replace the TR4's block for it was cracked in four places. This month's door prize was won by Steve Jones. He chose a gallon of GTX oil and 50 shop towels.

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Since our return from Germany, Charlie and I have noticed that many BMCA'ers do not wear BMCA club shirts to BMCA events and car shows. This was always a sight to see when we had a rally or went to a car show. Everyone seemed to know who we were and where we were from, and who we represented.

We would like to see this again. I have discussed this with other club members and they agree.

Right now, we do not have BMCA shirts on hand to sell to our newer members who are without shirts, or to older members who have outgrown, or worn out the shirts that we already have.

It is possible that Ron can print new BMCA shirts before the Fayetteville show.

Shirts will cost:

T-Shirts \$12.00,
T-Shirts with pockets \$13.00 ,
Henley Shirts \$15.00,
Polo Shirts \$20.00,
Sweat Shirts \$20.00.

All shirts will be our club color of blue.

The large Club logo can be on the front or the back of the T-Shirts and Sweat Shirts, but only on the back of the Henley and Polo Shirts. If you want a small logo added with the large logo the price will go up \$3.00.

You can place your orders with me, Brenda Collins. All orders must be pre-paid.

Just let me know what shirts your want and what size, and where you want the logo. You can send me a check made out to BMCA.

You can call me at home: 501 225-5162 or email hessdorf@aol.com

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Deadline for your pre-paid order will be August 7, 2007

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*Price listed is for one large club logo on either Front (except Henley & polo) or Back of shirt.

*Add \$3 to the price if you want to add a small logo to Front of shirt

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BMCA Monthly Meeting Tuesday August 7, 2007

The meeting will be at **Western Sizzlin** in Benton, near Wal-Mart off I-30 beginning at **7:30 PM**. Bring the family, there is a good variety of food, plenty of space in the meeting room, lots of parking & good company. Come a little early and enjoy a meal, stay a little late to kick the tyres of all the British cars in the parking lot and visit with all the BMCA'ers.

Calendar of Events

Fri-Sun July 27-29 Carthage Mo Show - Contact Jim or Judy Wheeler (501) 539-9955

Sun Aug 19 - MG Fox & Hound Run - See page 5

Sat - Sun Sept 1 & 2 - Kansas City British Car Show bkyoung@planetkc.com

Fri - Sat Sept 14 & 15 - 2007 Brits in the Ozarks. See article Pg. 4

Sun Sept 16 - British Car Show in St Louis, MO www.stlouismgclub.com

Fri - Sat Oct 5 & 6 - Memphis Car Show - New format this year - More details to come

Fri - Sun Oct 26 - 28 - Southern British Car Day - Chattanooga, TN agmlig@aol.com

Do you know of an upcoming event? Send the information to bmcanewsletter@gmail.com



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