



# Bits and Spares

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## End of Summer... It's Fox Hunt Time

Are you ready to be a hound and find the fox? We'll meet at the I630 & Shackleford commuter parking lot between 1:30 & 2:00 on Sunday August 19, 2007. (That's this Sunday!) We'll have two groups leaving. Those 'hounds' who want to 'chase' the 'fox' on a short drive through some wonderfully sporty trails will be given initial instructions and an envelope to help them on their way if they lose the scent. The other group can go directly to OZ to begin the merriment. All you families, treat your kids to one last summer outing before school begins, we'd love to see you there. We'll eat around 5'ish so there's plenty of time left to get the kids home and ready for their first day. If you want to bring something, a cool summer treat or desert to share would be appreciated. Also, those who wish to have something a bit more powerful than soda pop should bring that too. There is no fee but there will be donation jars at the event.

Bring your swimming suits and/or fishing poles. There's 2 stocked ponds plus. A swimming pool, complete with pool house so you can change; a hot tub; video games on a big screen; a game room complete with a pool table and various individual game machines; plenty of sun and plenty of shade for those who don't want to sun. There's even a big air conditioned area if it's too hot or rainy. Everyone of all ages will enjoy this MG Marque event.

Contact Lon at 650-0477 or Michelle at 765-3026 if you need more information.



## Carthage 2007

There were 7 BMCA LBC's, with owners, who made the eventful journey to Carthage, Mo this year. It was reported that all had a wonderful time and it was well worth the trip. This was Lisa Ross' very first car show trip and Michael couldn't help but show her how safe our cars really are. All 7 participants in the car show brought home trophies. Congrats everyone!! Make plans now to attend next year's annual Carthage event.



## This is YOUR Newsletter

Each month Bits and Spares is published for the benefit of ALL BMCA members and other interested parties. If you attend an event, especially if the editor is not there, make and submit some notes about the neat things you observed or participated in. Share with others who weren't able to be there for whatever reason. There are many 'interesting occurrences' in your life that other British car owners will also experience at one time or another. This newsletter is a forum for you to share this wealth of knowledge, perhaps even supplying the very answer to an issue someone else is currently experiencing but doesn't know who to ask. Submissions for publications are accepted in almost any form and help can be provided for those who feel 'their English skills aren't good enough for print'. Next time you think of something you could offer to others via the newsletter, please take the time to submit it!!



# Prez Sez

Wow did this month go by fast. For those of you that missed the GOBMC show in Carthage you missed a nice one. It was Lisa Ross's first car show experience with our club and I think it was one that she will remember for quite a while. We pulled out all of the stops and even included the optional off road excursion and an impromptu roadside body work tech session. The important thing was no one was hurt and we were able to make it to the show. The GOBMC kept the party going until we arrived and even fired the grill backup to make sure we had plenty to eat while Doug made sure that we had plenty of adult beverages to wash away the road. Thanks to the GOBMC for a great time.

Keep em on the road.

Charles

## BMCA Club Shirts

I would like to thank everyone that got a shirt order into me before our deadline. I received 27 orders for 72 shirts. Shirts can still be ordered by contacting Vera or Ron McLeod. I will let you know when your shirts are ready to be picked up.

Thanks again, Brenda

*Ed Note: Many, many thanks to Brenda for taking the initiative to get this done. This has been the subject of conversation for a long time, it just takes someone to step up and do it. Thanks again Brenda!!! ☺*

## BMCA Grille Badges & Other Memorabilia

Did you pre-pay for a new Grille Badge and haven't picked it up yet? Contact Bob Ross or Ron McLeod to pick yours up soon!! Also, do you need a new BMCA decal, a jacket patch or maybe even a BMCA hat pin? See Judy Ross for any and all BMCA Memorabilia.

Read '*Bits & Spares*' online [www.bmca.net](http://www.bmca.net)

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## 'Bits & Spares'

is published the first Saturday after every monthly meeting. The meeting is normally the first Tuesday of each month. **Deadline** for articles and submissions is the day of the meeting.

## Secretaries Minutes - August 7, 2007

The cool temperature of the restaurant's meeting room was greatly appreciated after the hot and balmy drive for those of us that arrived with our tops down. While thanking all who came, Charles Hutchison gave a special "thank you" to the ones who ventured out in their LBC's. As he stated, it is the love we have for our LBC's, for which is the whole purpose of establishing our club. We had 27 members in attendance, with one guest. Ted Bland brought his grandson, Kyle Lee, who will soon be leaving for the Marine's. It was fantastic to see Jim and Eileen Higgason again. It was sad to hear that their being absent was due to the fact that Eileen had been hospitalized.

The minutes were read, corrected, & then approved. Correction: The Nelson's anniversary was not last month. Ms. Lisa read a detailed account of our budget with an ending balance of \$1894.08.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Jim Peckham is still in New York, so Charles reported for him on the July's event. We had a short drive that ended up at the Peckham's for ice cream and pool party. It was a beautiful day for a drive that geared the good turnout.

Several spoke up to tell about the trip to Carthage. Out of 88 pre-registered cars, 7 of them were ours, and all 7 brought home trophies. Everyone who related their part, kept hinting on or about Michael's escapade, but continued pushing it off to a got or goof. Huh? What? It was noted that the shop keepers were disappointed in the fact that Brenda and Judy were absent this trip.

The thought of everyone wearing a BMCA shirt to Fayetteville, to show off our club pride, was put into motion last month. Brenda Collins is turning over the list of shirt orders to Vera and Ronnie. If you didn't get your order in, contact the McLeod's.

If you have not received your new pre-paid grill badges, contact Bob Ross. He will have them at Fayetteville. Cost now - \$30.

The Christmas party has been booked at the same place as last year, for Dec. 8<sup>th</sup>. Specialty trophy ideas and door prizes are needed. Discounted tickets should be on sale by the September meeting. Contact Judy Ross.

**NEW BUSINESS:** August MG event, presented by Lon Smith, marque leader, is Sunday – the 19<sup>th</sup>. A fox hunt is planned. We will meet at the commuter parking lot on Shackelford at I-630. Look for the article in newsletter.

Sept. 8<sup>th</sup> Men's Health Fair Car Show on the Arkansas Urology Campus. Please register by 8-10-07. No Fee. Free hot dogs and drinks. Contact Gary Bolin for more details.

September event hosted by Steve Jones, AH marque leader, will be Fayetteville. It is just around the corner. The rooms are filling up fast to the surprise of the hotel manager. Duh! If you register your car(s) by Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, you get a free T-shirt. Look for registration form in this newsletter. Plan on being there. Doug Nelson noted the fact that it is easier to participate than it is to administrate a car show. This event is to raise monies for MDS. If you have an item for the silent auction- donate it.

Oct 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Bob Harris, Empire marquee leader, is planning a trip to the Memphis – Big European Car Show. More info later.

**TECH TALK:** Bob Harris gave out a 4 pg article detailing the new aluminum core radiators and their problems. Moral of the story is if you don't follow the given instructions, you will be replacing them regularly. Jack Brashear added his eye-opening experience. He said he had an automatic transmission with over 100,000 miles that developed a shutter when accelerating. He inquired over the internet waves if anyone else had experienced any of the same symptoms. He was turned onto a miracle lube called "Dr. Tranny's Instant Shutter Fix." And believe it or not, it cost less than \$6. He bought it and IT WORKS!

**BIRTHDAY & ANNIVERSARYS:** Joyce Harris, 5<sup>th</sup>; Lisa Hutchison, 17<sup>th</sup> Mr. and Mrs. Skip Harris will be celebrating 25 years together on the 19<sup>th</sup>.

**GOTS & GOOFS:** (It's about dang time!) Mike Ross was so proud of his new stainless steel brake lines. He said they would stop on a dime. He said he was trying to keep his distance following the car in front of him because he did not see brake lights. Something happened. He swerved, locked up his brakes, and ended up in the ditch, with Lisa's side down. No one got hurt, but he had to be pulled out by a truck. He did some slight damage to the front fender and had to fix the brakes from pulling to the right after that. Would you believe, he still won a trophy?! His car will be at McLeod's if you would like to come by and use a little elbow grease in sanding so it can be repainted. Charles Hutchison is going to do the paint and body work.



## TR News for August

Jim Peckham is on vacation so I'll pinch hit for him this month. July was the TR ice cream social and all who attended said it was a most wonderful, memorable event., fun for all! Many thanks to Jim and Cookie for sponsoring the event. Ed.



## Christmas in August???

'Tho the heat of summer is consuming us, it's time to start thinking about the upcoming holiday season. The annual BMCA Christmas Party and Officer Induction Ceremony is planned for Saturday December 8, 2007. It will be held at the Reynolds Center for Aging as it was last year. The details about the caterer and ticket prices are being finalized and should be known in September.

Judy Ross, our annual Christmas party Chairman, is accepting donations for door prizes. If you have anything to contribute, bring it to a meeting and give it to Judy or leave it out at McLeod's. She is also accepting 'nominations' for specialty trophies to be handed out to a few members for especially memorable moments or extraordinary contributions in 2007.

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### 2007 KICKOFF to Men's Health III

This years Men's Health Car Show is being held on Saturday September 8<sup>th</sup> at the Arkansas Urology campus. This is a car show open to all marques, all makes and models including motorcycles, antique and street cars. There will be two awards this year, one for Spectators Choice and one for the Participants Choice. There is no fee to register. Pre-registration is requested but not required. You can just show up on Saturday morning if you can. And even if you can't bring your car, try to attend the health fair. There are many vendors with freebies and valuable information on men's health.



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Mail to: Arkansas Urology; ATTN:Rosemary Wall; 1300 Centerview Dr; Little Rock AR 72211

## September Marque Event

The Marque event for September will be a FUN and EXCITING ride to Springdale for the **BRITS IN THE OZARKS SHOW** on September 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup>.

Current plans are to leave Little Rock via Kanis Road to Hwy 9 at Paron; North on Hwy 9 to Hwy 10/9; West on 10/9 to US Hwy 71; North on 71 to Springdale. This is subject to change as I talked with our astute (and almost always knowledgeable) trip guru, Ron McLeod and he reminded me that last year the trip was a 10 hour marathon! Elaine has graciously offered to pull an empty trailer with the Air-Conditioned Yukon in case someone has a breakdown. She will politely sit with the air conditioning running while the sick LBC is loaded and would enjoy the company of those left stranded 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 9:00 am on Friday the 14<sup>th</sup> if we want to eat on the way and plan to arrive before dark.

We are still in the planning stages for this adventure. If anyone has any suggestions for this wild ride, please contact me at 501.821.2104 or 501.920.9516 or e-mail me at [grandpa-ionesswj@sbcglobal.net](mailto:grandpa-ionesswj@sbcglobal.net)

STEVEN JONES

## October Empire Marque Event

This October we will be going to The First annual Eurofest in Memphis. This will be a gathering of the Brits, the Italians, & the Germans. It should be different. The show will be October 5th and 6th, on the grounds of Youth Villages (site of the past three shows). The host hotel is the Hampton Inn at 2935 North Germantown Parkway, (901) 382-2050.

The Memphis Club is going to try to expand from exclusively British to all European classic cars - instead of a British Car & Cycle Fest, it will be a Euro-Fest. While incorporating other nations & marques, they plan to continue the British car & cycle fest; essentially multiple car shows occurring at the same time & place. Our judging for the British cars will continue. The hospitality will continue. The banquet will continue. The door prizes will continue.

Included with the British Sports Car Club will be: the Mercedes Club, the Italian Club, the Lotus Club, and the BMW Club. We have also invited members of the 'Exotic Italian (Ferrari, Lamborghini, etc.) Club, the Volkswagen Club, and the Mini-acs.

The Euro Auto Fest is finalized for Friday October 5<sup>th</sup> with the hospitality event on the Youth Villages campus about 7:00pm. The Car show will start at Youth Villages about 9:00 Saturday with the usual Concourse judging for British and some at large judging for the other European makes. There will be door prizes and item auctions on Saturday afternoon as well as the Concours and non-British awards Saturday afternoon. The Best of show British awards will be given at the Saturday evening banquet at Collettas. The non-British categories are being finalized this month.

Need to reserve your rooms now. We will need to decide what group will meet at Prothro Junction on Fri & what group will go up on Sat morning. Exact times & places will be worked out later.

Bob Harris-Empire marque

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## Brits in the Ozarks - September 14 & 15, 2007

A car show we all look forward to each year is just around the corner. This show benefits the ALS association and is a gathering of all British automobiles and motorcycles in Northwest Arkansas and surrounding areas. The shows sponsors work very hard each year to solicit donations to sponsor a silent auction allowing each of us to bid on our favorite things while benefiting ALS. If you have some items to donate, contact your Marque leader or one of our clubs officers with the information and/or product. Let's show the Fayetteville club our appreciation for the wonderful show they put on each year.

If you have not done so yet, make your hotel reservations NOW!! Also, fill out the following registration form and get it mailed in before September 1st for a free T-shirt. This not only saves you \$15.00 but helps British Iron pre-prepare all registration packets etc. before the show. This is yet another time consuming function that we can help them with by registering early!!



# BRITS in the OZARKS

## SIXTH ANNUAL ALL BRITISH CAR & CYCLE SHOW

Hosted by British Iron Touring Club of NW Arkansas

In Fayetteville, Arkansas, Agri Park

September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2007

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFITTING THE ALS ASSOCIATION OF NORTHWEST ARKANSAS  
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September-14 "Ozarks Cruise", **British Iron offers self-guided tours of beautiful Ozarks roads to disadvantaged flatlanders and other interested parties.** Packets available starting Thursday evening. Free but pre-registration very helpful. Preferred, even. (see below)

Registration, cook out, parking lot party, and hospitality room at the **Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas**, 7 PM until.....

September 15<sup>th</sup> - Car and cycle display and popular choice judging at Agri Park, 10 AM - 3 PM.

Lunch concessions on site

Catered Awards Dinner at Agri Park 6 PM **SPECIAL GUEST:** Publisher of *Classic Motorsports* and *Grassroots Motorsports*, **Tim Suddard**

Due to the nature of this non-profit event, no vendors will be permitted.

**REGISTRATION FORM:** Complete and Return to:

Jim and Rita Carney

(Free t-shirt if registered by September 1, 2007, circle one, S M L XL XXL)

11565 Oak Hills Dr.

Bentonville, AR 72712

Name(s): \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Marque: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Year: \_\_\_\_\_

Registration for "Ozark Cruise" self guided tour September 14<sup>th</sup> (free, but we need numbers) yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

Registration prior to 9/1/07 (free t-shirt included): \$25.00 for 1st car, \$10.00 for 2nd car and all cycles \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Registration after 9/1/07 (no free t-shirt): \$30.00 1st car, 2nd car and cycles \$10.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Additional T-shirts @ \$15.00 \_\_\_\_\_ S \_\_\_\_\_ M \_\_\_\_\_ L \_\_\_\_\_ XL \_\_\_\_\_ XXL \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Awards dinner, \$15.00 per person--Number: \_\_\_\_\_ BBQ:# \_\_\_\_\_ Chicken Breast:# \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL (Make checks payable to British Iron)** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NEW HOST HOTEL:** Holiday Inn Convention Center of Northwest Arkansas, I-540 and Highway 412, Springdale, AR Specify British Iron Car Show, rate includes ALS donation by the hotel, 479-751-8300

Information or questions: Email Jim Carney at [carney1081@cox.net](mailto:carney1081@cox.net) [www.britishironnwa.org](http://www.britishironnwa.org)

## No more Petit Jean show???

Did you know that the Museum of Automobiles on Petit Jean and MOTAA are 2 different non-profit organizations? Some people think the museum is state owned and receives state funding. This is NOT so. Mr. Rockefeller formed the museum over 30 years ago. It has always run strictly on donations. MOTAA has it's headquarters in the museum and helps to keep the museum alive. The Winthrop Rockefeller Charitable Trust has approved a \$100,000 Challenge Grant for the Museum. The Challenge Grant is for one year and must be matched in full by December 31, 2007 to qualify for payment of the grant. MOTAA has taken a big part in helping to raise the matching \$100,000. As of the June car show, they had reached half of their goal. They have the rest of this year to raise the balance of the money. If the money is not raised and the grant is not given to the museum, it is very possible the museum can be taken over by the state or even closed. If that happens it is not known what will happen to the annual Petit Jean car show or the other events we enjoy which utilize the museum and Petit Jean mountain.

We of BMCA can do our small part by contributing all our pennies and dimes etc. whenever we can. We will have donation jars available at the next few events as well as at the meetings. There will also be a jar at McLeods/Lake Corvallis Yacht Club for those who have a few extra dollars to contribute. It doesn't have to be a large amount as every penny really does make a difference. A tax deductible donation can also be sent to: The Museum of Automobiles; Challenge Grant Donation; 8 Jones Lane; Morrilton, AR 72110

### November is Election Month

Each year BMCA elects new officers and marquee leaders to provide leadership and guidance throughout the year. These positions do not take a considerable amount of time and are very fulfilling (despite all the grumblings you may hear from time to time ☺) Begin thinking about who you want to nominate for the leadership positions for 2008. Even if you don't know what to do, there are those who will provide any guidance and/or advice you should need.

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## BMCA Monthly Meeting Tuesday September 4, 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 your fellow BMCA'ers.

### Calendar of Events

**Sun Aug 19** - MG Fox & Hound Run &(/or) End of Summer Gala - See page 1

**Sat - Sun Sept 1 & 2** - Kansas City British Car Show [bkyoung@planetkc.com](mailto:bkyoung@planetkc.com)

**Fri - Sat Sept 14 & 15** - 2007 Brits in the Ozarks. See Pg. 6

**Sun Sept 16** - British Car Show in St Louis, MO [www.stlouismgclub.com](http://www.stlouismgclub.com)

**Fri - Sun Sept 21 - 23** - Indy British Motor Days Take a lap around the speedway [www.ibcu.org](http://www.ibcu.org)

**Sat Sept 29** - Camden Barn Sale & Antique & Classic Car Show [www.BPWBarnSale.org](http://www.BPWBarnSale.org)

**Fri - Sat Oct 5 & 6** - Memphis Car Show - New format this year - See Empire article pg 5

**Fri - Sun Oct 26 - 28** - Southern British Car Day - Chattanooga, TN [agmlig@aol.com](mailto:agmlig@aol.com)

**Sat Dec 8** - BMCA Christmas Party - Marque your calendar now!!!

*Do you know of an upcoming event? Send the information to [bmcanewsletter@gmail.com](mailto:bmcanewsletter@gmail.com)*



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