



# Bits and Spares

For The British Motoring Enthusiast

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## Trash Run 2008

Is this a record? A trip with no mishaps? Could it be? What a group! As far as I know, only Bob Patton took a temporary ill-advised turn off the prescribed route and was turned around, ever so briefly. Everyone give those LBCs a pat on the hood and your navigators an "Atta girl/boy". Be careful not to strain your arm trying to pat yourself



on the back if you drove alone. It wasn't the pretty day we had hoped for, but the rain did hold off. At only 10 minutes late, 12 cars left the LCYC, with maps, directions and quiz questions in hand. Additional drivers met up with us on the road for a total of 24 members, 15 cars, of which 11 were British. Great showing!



The point of this trip, aside from just taking out our LBCs, was to learn about The Litter Master. Craig Hoskins is designing what stands to become the preferred method of litter pick up for the future. As we motored along, our attention was kept alert by answering meaningless questions about points of interest. There was also time to ponder the Trash Trivia Quiz that was handed out at the driver's meeting.

Courtesy of the Arkansas Department of Keep America Beautiful, we were given litter bags filled with information on littering, its' affects, and it's cost. Robert Phelps, the director of this organization, also provided the grand prizes for those savvy couples who knew the most facts about litter. Doug and Gayle Nelson and Jim and Judy Wheeler tied with 140 points out of a possible 190. They now have a Keep America Beautiful t-shirt to proudly wear to boast that they guessed the answers to the quiz better than anyone else. Look for the quiz in this issue and see how you fare.



With a brief stop at the Crossroads Express Conoco in Rose Bud, managed by Tis Yvonne, herself a fine Brit and lover of Little British Cars, we fortified ourselves to continue on to learn about picking up litter. Craig met us in the drive and expertly directed parking. We headed into the house greeted by Lee Hoskins with her still warm, to die for, lemon cake.

After lunch we began exploring. Asa, the McCullah's five year old nephew, joined us for his first BMCA event. He seemed most impressed that there really was a plane inside the house! Hope you visit us again Asa. Craig was in the process of building an RV9 airplane when Lee came into his life.



One wedding, some house remodeling, a scaventy brilliant idea for a Litter

# Prez Sez

We can only hope that April will be a little dryer than March was. I also hope none of our members have been affected by all the flooding going on across Arkansas.

Thanks to Barbara and Gary for the March Rally. It was amazing to see and learn about the "trash machine" that your friend has created. I think we all learned things about litter that we did not know before the rally.

Mark you calendar for the Swap Meet, April 12. It is always an interesting event, rain or shine !!

Get your kilts ready for the Triumph Marque Event, April 19, (and group meeting afterwards at Colonial Inn in Heber Springs.)

Prepare to get those little cars on the road this month. I just know it will be "tops down" weather.

Please remember to share your event photos with Jim and Shannon for the BMCA Album, and with Michelle for the newsletter.

"Have fun, laugh, and live each day to its fullest"

Brenda

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## BMCA's Take Note

Each month two of the Marque Leaders have a responsibility to fulfill as noted on the following chart. If your marques month is coming up, contact your marque leader (numbers on this page) and ask what you can do to help! Planning the event is just an added benefit!!!

### Marque Responsibility Reminder

Month	Event	Tech Talk
May	MG	Empire
June	AH	Triumph
July	Empire	MG



## British Car Week

May 31 - June 8, 2008

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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 after the meeting.

## Secretaries Minutes - April 1, 2008

We had a good turn-out Tuesday night with 31 showing up. It was nice to have John and Carolyn Turner join us. They have a 70 Mini and just acquired a 66 TR4-A. Ms. Pranter says with the membership dues being paid, our account balance is fantastic, \$6,192.06. The minutes were passed out for all to read. They were accepted.

"We went, we saw, we picked up!" as Gary Bolin stated when he gave a run down on last month's TRASH RUN. The day was cold and cloudy which made most leave their tops up. There were 25 in attendance, 15 British cars along with a few foreigners'. We can all agree that the TRASH MASTER was awesome and quite a sight to see. I believe most of us were just as astounded to see his partially built airplane in their basement. Mr. Hoskins is one rich man when his patent goes through. The Nelson's and the Wheeler's tied with 140/190 points on the quiz. Congratulations' on winning the "Keep America Clean" t-shirts. Gary was glad to announce the rally went without any mechanical problems or break-downs.

The next function on the calendar is the annual Swap Meet, April 11 and 12<sup>th</sup>. Ronnie reported that people have been calling and requesting information. It seems there is lots of interest. Last year's weather put a damper on things, but each year the meet has been getting bigger and better. Spruce up your LBC, for there will be a show and shine. The club runs a concession stand. Any donations are acceptable, even of your time, call Judy Ross for info. The concession stand has purchased a table for non-British items to be sold, with 10% to be given to the club. Saturday morning will start with coffee and donuts at 7am. Lunch will be available at the BMCA concession stand, hot dogs and several types of fixing's. 5:00 pm will begin the fish fry for supper.

April 19- Don your kilt and let's head to Batesville for the Scottish festival at Lyons college. Not all the knees are knobby. The different styles and colors of the kilts are just as many as the different traditional Celtic costumes. There will be traditional foods and treats for sale. Several booths with a wide variety of items of interest. You really must see to enjoy. Be ready to leave the McDonald's' across from McCain's mall at 7 am prompt. There will be a stop at Bald Knob. After the festival, some will be going on to Heber Springs for a night of fun and friendship. If you are planning to go to Heber, please contact Ronnie, for he needs to let the Colonial Inn know about how many rooms to block.

That same weekend, Lisa and Charles Hutchison will be attending the Regional VTR meet in Tyler, TX. Contact Charles or Lisa if you are interested on going.

June is coming soon and will be a busy month with the rally to Blytheville, AR, the yearly Petit Jean adventure, not to mention the 50th Spridget anniversary at the end of the month.

Jack Brashear did an excellent tech talk on all the different reasons for the symptoms of vapor locking. He read several interesting e-mails from concerned readers with each having their own reasons or solutions to fix. Vapor locking happens at a high spot in the fuel line.

The fuel vapors, turning into a hot air bubble that prevents fuel from passing, making the motor think it's tank is empty even when it's full.

Birthdays and Anniversary's Deb McCullah has a birthday on the 5<sup>th</sup>. The McLeod's have an anniversary also on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Charles Hutchison will be celebrating his B-day on the 10<sup>th</sup>. Jim Newton celebrates his B-day the 21<sup>st</sup>, and Shannon follows with her birthday on the 22<sup>nd</sup>. Lisa Hutchison's grandmother will be 101 years old on Sunday, the 6<sup>th</sup>.

Gots and Goofs: The Hutchison's have their TR4 running.

Michelle Smith got the door prize. She chose a mini screw driver, tar & bug remover and tire gauge.

As of tonight, April 1, 2008, Brenda Collins is resigning as our Prez.....APRIL FOOL'S DAY!!!!

## Empire Marque Offering

Our thanks to all who participated in the Empire's Trash Trip. It wasn't a very pretty day, but we sure hope you had a fun time. No sooner did we return from Heber Springs, than Gary and I started looking forward to our July Empire event. Luckily, since we needed a Plan B in reserve in case of a rain out in March, we almost have it set. Please plan for a air conditioned visit to the Aerospace Education Center and IMAX Theater. In addition to the replicas of historic airplanes and spacecraft, the library with over 35,000 aerospace related books, the choice of two Imax movies or a trip to the planetarium, Gary has arranged for us to get a Behind The Scenes tour of the Imax production room and just maybe the planetarium also. This high flying adventure will be followed with a dip in The Peckham pool and some large dips of ice cream. Mark July 20<sup>th</sup> on your calendar now. You won't want to miss it. Barbara

## Blytheville Cars & Cycles Against Cancer Update

Lyn and I are looking forward to seeing all of you in Blytheville June 7th. The show continues to grow. Bill Watkins is leading a group from British Iron and Bill Rienke a group from the Greater Ozark British Motor Car Club. That's 6 hours for those guys and 8 for the guys coming from Chattanooga. St Louis, Nashville and Memphis are all sending British cars. We need BMCA'ers LBC's there too!

Remember, there is a party at our house Saturday night after the show. All British Car Owners that make the show are invited but we are having the party to honor the BMCA members that make the trip. Fish and chips, cold beer, wine and much more!

Looking forward to seeing you and your cars!

Sincerely,

Barry and Lyn

*Editor Note: If you are not doing anything else on Saturday, June 7th, plan on driving up to Blytheville for the day. It's not that far and this event is a BIG family affair that everyone will enjoy. Not only will there be a variety of British vehicles but there are many others that the whole family will enjoy seeing. This is a worthy event that benefits the fight against Cancer while providing life-long memories for each participant and attendee!!*

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Master, and the need for a workshop has all taken over their lives in the past two years and work on the airplane has stopped.

Craig explained the background of how the idea for the Litter Master came about as he showed the original scale model. Then it was outside for a live demonstration. Although the Litter Master isn't complete, we saw how vac-

uums and mechanical hands will be used to place litter into the trash compacter. The compacter's construction, due to its size, will need to wait for the completion of the workshop. Rumor has it that the concrete for the floor has been poured by now.



Gary Neely joined us with his MGB; Great to see you again Gary. He works for the highway department in Batesville so I am sure there was some keen interest on his part. Bob Harris stayed behind and caught up with another Lee, a friend from over 30 years ago. He once was Bob's boss and has retired to Heber Springs. He drove over just as we were leaving and Craig got to do his demo all over again. As coincidence would have it, Lee is now a contractor, so off they went to look at The Shop. I sure hope Craig got some good advice. Bob stayed even longer and went over to visit with Lee's family. You just never know what will happen next on a BMCA event.



As I wrote this article, Gary sat reading the Sunday paper. A short letter to the editor affirmed that Arkansas should clean up its litter. The writer claimed our state to be one of the worse states she has seen for the bountiful amounts of litter along our highways.



So keep the lessons learned in mind. Don't litter and, when possible, pick up a piece or two. We send our appreciations to The Hoskins for their true southern hospitality and to you all for supporting the Empire's event and your BMCA. Barbara Anne Bolin



## Trash and Litter Quiz

- Keep America Beautiful is an environmental organization founded in:
  - 1961
  - 1953
  - 1958
- How many weeks does it take for the average aluminum can to be used, recycled and placed back on the supermarket shelves?
  - 2
  - 30
  - 6
- What percentage of trash is made up of discarded packaging wastes?
  - 60-70%
  - 30-40%
  - 40-50%
- In one day, the trash the average American throws away:
  - 3.2 pounds
  - 6.9 pounds
  - 4.5 pounds
- With 89%, which country leads the world in the percentage of glass recycled?
  - Japan
  - United States
  - Switzerland
- What item is not considered when addressing litter cleanup programs, but is the most littered item in the world?
  - Cigarette butts
  - Candy wrappers
  - Chewing gum wrappers
- According to "Experts" which sex does most of the littering?
  - Male
  - Female
  - Equal
- The United States ranks where in the world with 32% glass recycling?
  - First
  - Third
  - Fifth

Answers on pg 7

## BMCA Relevant Information

- Out of a barrel of crude oil you can get 2.5 quarts of virgin motor oil, while it takes only a gallon of used motor oil to get the same amount of high quality motor oil.
- The plastic used in one toner cartridge contains about a half quart of oil.
- There are approximately 11 million waste tires stockpiled statewide in Indiana.
- Sixty percent of the world's lead supply comes from recycled batteries.
- A two-mile stretch of Interstate highway contains approximately 32,000 pieces of litter.
- We throw away enough aluminum cans to rebuild our commercial air fleet every three months, and enough iron and steel to supply all our nation's auto makers every day.
- Every day American families produce an estimated 4 million pounds of household hazardous waste (nail polish, paint thinner, batteries, etc.).

## ATTENTION

### At 0700 hrs, 19 April 2008 we will all be subject to a close encounter of the 2008 BMCA Trek to Scottish Festival and Other Most Excellent Adventures

BMCA and friends will be driving up to Lyon College campus to attend the Batesville 2008 Scottish Festival, meeting at McDonalds HB Joint, across from McCain Mall at 0800 hours the morning of 19 April 2008. Leave MCD at 0700 to Searcy by way of AR 167, (FOLLOW THE MAP), stopping to pick up the rest of the crowd, then to Bald Knob exit then right to McDonald's.. When everyone has done there business we will punch out to the Scottish Fest. This is going to be a great time. Scottish attire is greatly welcome and appreciated. 'Mo fun. And Oh Boy, all the pretties in plaid!

PS-Adult beverages are not permissible on campus; use your own judgment & discretion

Some are also planning to spend the night in Heber Springs at:

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You MUST make your own reservations and arrangements for Saturday Night 19 April 2005

The following article will give you an idea of what is going to go on. Bring your BMCA Contact info in case you get lost! I will try and not get you lost. 'Member I ain't from around here. Parris



For three days in April, the Lyon College campus will resemble the Scottish Highlands more than a college when the 29th Arkansas Scottish Festival takes center stage. Bagpipers, dancers, drummers, sheepdogs and kilts will flood the campus April 18-20 for demonstrations and competitions to celebrate the college's Scottish heritage. Last year, nearly 10,000 people attended the festival, and Lyon College Director of Scottish Heritage Jimmy Bell said 2008 could be the best year yet for attendance.

The festival kicks off at 1 p.m. April 18 with the United States Piping Federation Professional Piobaireachd Qualifier. The event will be at the Pocket Park on Main Street in downtown Batesville. The Patron Reception and United States Piping Federation March, Strathspey and Reel Qualifier will begin at 6 p.m. on the Lyon Building Terrace on the second floor.

Gates open at 8 a.m. April 19. Food vendors offering Scottish dishes and American favorites will be open throughout the festival. A dinner and Ceilidh will be at 6 p.m. Saturday in Edwards Dining Hall. The cost of the event is \$35. The term Ceilidh — pronounced kay-lee — is derived from the Gaelic word meaning "a visit."

The festival's official opening ceremony begins at 1 p.m. Saturday in Couch Garden. The ceremonies will feature a parade of mass bands and clans. And once again the popular Highland games are back. While the events are fun for festival-goers, the games are rooted in warfare tactics. The caber toss is the most famous Scottish field event. In this competition, athletes begin by picking up a caber — a large, tapered log that's often thought of as a small telephone pole that can be anywhere from 12-19 feet long and may weigh from 30 to 120 pounds. The competitors begin the contest with lighter and shorter cabers, working their way up in weight and length until all but one are eliminated.

Other Highland game events such as the hammer throw and stone put were used on the battlefield as weapons against their enemies, and clan chieftains used the sheaf toss to gauge a warrior's strength.

The stone put is similar to shot put in track and field events. Men use a stone weighing 17 pounds, while women use an 11-pound stone. Contestants throw the heavy stones as far as possible.

The sheaf toss involves a burlap bag filled with straw weighing approximately 16 pounds. The object is to toss the bag over a crossbar using a three-pronged pitchfork.

# Arkansas only All British Swap Meet

It's SWAP MEET Time Again!

Our 13<sup>th</sup> Annual British Car Sale and Swap Meet will happen Friday April 11 and Saturday "The BIG Day" April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Saturday entry and set up begins at 6:00 AM. The Swap Meet opens at 8:00 AM. There will be coffee and pastries available beginning at 7:00 AM.

Lunch will be available at the Club House. There will be hot dogs with ALL the fixin's and other good things to indulge in!

There will be a Fish Fry Saturday beginning around 5:00 PM. A donation tin will be out for those who wish to contribute.

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### Trash and Litter Quiz Answers

1. 1953
2. 6
3. 30-40%
4. 4.5
5. Switzerland
6. Cigarette Butts
7. Equal
8. Third

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## BMCA Monthly Meeting Tuesday May 6, 2008

The monthly meeting is held at **Western Sizzlin** in Benton, near Wal-Mart off I-30 beginning at **7:30 PM**. Bring the family, there is a variety of reasonably priced 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 on the British cars in the parking lot & visit with fellow BMCA'ers.

### Calendar of Events

**April 11 & 12 - 12th Annual BMCA Swap Meet & Car Sale**

**April 19th - Scottish Festival, Lyons College, Batesville, AR**

**May 31 - June 8 - British Car Week** - Plan on driving your LBC during this week

**Sat June 7th - Blytheville Cars & Cycles Against Cancer** - see *pg 4*

**June 11 - 14 - MOTAA Swap Meet & Car Show** - Petit Jean

**June 14 - 2008 EuroMotor Extravaganza** - Sand Springs, OK - [www.EuroMotorExtravaganza.com](http://www.EuroMotorExtravaganza.com)

**June 26-29 - Spridget Golden Anniversary Celebration** - Lake of the Ozarks

**Sept 13th - Brits in the Ozarks Car Show** - Fayetteville, AR

**Oct 4th - MOTAA Fall Car Show** - Benton, AR

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



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