



Bits and Spares

For The British Motoring Enthusiast

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Old Planes and Old Cars

Sunday, May 18 about 30 BMCA'ers and families gathered at the Dixon road exit on Hwy 530 in Little Rock for a lovely drive to Grider Field in Pine Bluff, AR. The members of the EAA had some of their planes on display out on the field. There were a few others in different states of restoration in a hanger which intrigued both young and old.



The gents were smoking hamburgers and hot dogs and the ladies of EAA supplied all the delicious trimmings and drinks to finish out a good afternoon meal. After indulging ourselves, some folks started leaving while others stayed and took rides in the planes. All in all, it was a good day!! Many thanks to Dennis James and the EAA for a fun event.



Blytheville Cars & Cycles Against Cancer - Initial Report

Those who attended this years show in Blytheville were treated and entertained in true BMCA fashion. The show itself was an overwhelming success with over \$27,000 collected for the fight against cancer. This almost doubled the \$14,000 collected last year. And the number of cars this year grew substantially - around 450 cars this year vs only 250 last year. There were almost 50 'Brits' participating this year representing; BMCA, St Louis MG Club (who already have pics on their web site), St Louis Triumph Club, Memphis British Car Club (also with pics already on web site), Southern British Car Club (Chattanooga TN), British Iron, Greater Ozark British Car Club, Mid South Miniacs and the Nashville British Car Club. Then there were several other British cars not attached to any club. There was a special 'British Tent' (30x30) set up as the 'Brit' headquarters. Rumor has it all the Brits that came enjoyed it this year will definitely be back next year. An additional article detailing the Blytheville adventure will be published next month!!



Prez Sez

Thanks to all that helped make the May Rally a success. What a turnout we had !! Something about old planes and old men just go together !!

As you are reading this, I will have returned from an Alaskan Cruise. Charlie and myself will have spent a week with Bob and Judy, Charles and Lisa, Muriel and Jim, and Gayle's mom, Pauline, on the Radiance of the Seas, cruising from Seward to Vancouver. This is the trip that Cookie set up for us last fall. I am sure that we are having, and have had, quite an adventure. Be ready for lots of stories next time you see us.



As for June, it is a full month, and I hope everyone will participate in all that they can.

“Have fun, laugh, and live each day to its fullest”

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July 4th - Special Birthday Celebration

It's already time to plan for the annual **July 4th** event at Bob & Judy Ross' place 3809 McDaniel Circle, Little Rock. With the 4th being on a Friday this year it is an extra day off for most of us and what better way to spend the afternoon than with good friends!! There will be food, friendship, swimming, fireworks and much, much more. Bring the whole family, especially the kids and/or grandkids. The gathering will begin around 3:00 pm and will continue until everyone leaves. The meat will be on the grill and all you need to bring is some pick-nick-y thing to share and your fold-up chairs if you have them. This year is an extra special celebration - we'll not only be celebrating the birth of our country but both Bob Ross and Keeper Bolin can be congratulated for surviving some seven decades each! There will be final discussion about this 'extra' event at the July 1st meeting. You can contact Bob and/or Judy at bross3396@sbcglobal.net for more info.

Secretaries Minutes - June 3, 2008

It was great to see everyone at the meeting. It was still a good turnout, even with a chunk of our members on an Alaskan cruise. We had 30 members present. George Wyrick returned as a visitor with his friend, Jack Brashear. I think with a little help, we may be able to convert George into getting a LBC. With our Ms. Prez being on the cruise, the meeting was called to order by her right hand woman; our Vice-Prez., Barb Beuch. The minutes were passed out, read, and approved. Ms. Pranter read the treasury's report with a beginning and ending balance of \$5823.19.

Lon Smith, MG marquee leader, gave a good rundown on last month's rally down to the Pine Bluff airport. We ended up with 14 cars meeting at Dixon Road exit, venturing down highway 365. Several of us got to go up in antique airplanes. The meal provided was good. The weather was just great.

Jack Brashear, AH marquee leader, stated that the June's rally would be the Petit Jean event on Father's Day weekend. We will have to leave straight up 7am from the LCYC, to make it up there in time. There is planned a Blue Grass band to be a Joel and Nancy's on Friday nite. If you didn't reserve a room, bring your tent and set it up in the back yard. If you have had the Petit Jean experience, you know just how much fun you can have. If you haven't, you don't know what you have been missing.

This same weekend is the Blytheville show in Blytheville, Ar. Jim Wheeler stated that he and a couple others would be leaving going there. If you think you would like to go to that show instead, contact Jim Wheeler for more information.

Jack Brashear returned to the floor to mention the combined celebration of the midgets and sprites. The 50th anniversary is upon us. The celebration is planned for June 26-28 at the Lake of the Ozarks. This should be one big show.

The July run is planned to be a short drive to the IMAX theater, to see what goes on behind the screen. After the tour, we will run over to Peckham's for the annual pool party and ice cream social.

Parris and Ronnie shared the tech talk this month. They both talked about preventive maintenance in protecting us from those mid-run breakdowns.

Birthdays/Anniversary's: Parris McCullah will be a year older on June 8th. Barbara Bolin's B-day is the 16th. Michelle Smith took the floor to tell all that the annual 4th of July event will again be at the Ross'. The celebration will be honoring Bob Ross and Keeper's b-days. Bring a side dish, your swimming suit, and good spirits.

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Month	Event	Tech Talk
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August	Triumph	AH
September	MG	Empire



July Empire Marque Event

Just like summer, the BMCA July event is upon us. Now how did that happen so quickly? We will have an air conditioned visit to the Aerospace Education Center and IMAX Theater. In addition to the usual aeronautical displays we will have a choice of two IMAX movies or a trip to the planetarium. Gary has arranged for a Behind the Scenes tour of the IMAX production room and just maybe the planetarium. We will finish the day poolside at Jim Peckham's house at 7 Wabash Cove Maumelle. Be sure to have plenty of room to indulge in multiple dips of ice cream. This will all happen July 20. Time to be finalized, depending on show times. Please check the July newsletter. See you all there!

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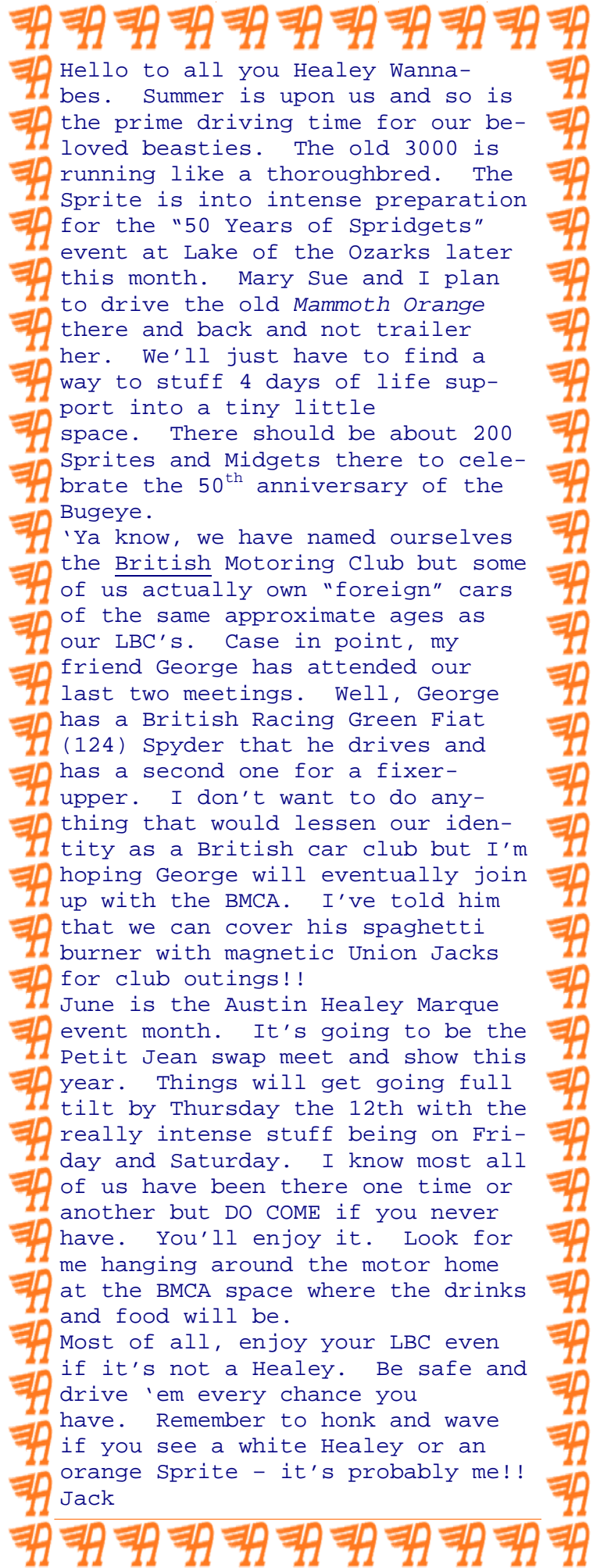
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Hello to all you Healey Wannabes. Summer is upon us and so is the prime driving time for our beloved beasties. The old 3000 is running like a thoroughbred. The Sprite is into intense preparation for the "50 Years of Spridgets" event at Lake of the Ozarks later this month. Mary Sue and I plan to drive the old *Mammoth Orange* there and back and not trailer her. We'll just have to find a way to stuff 4 days of life support into a tiny little space. There should be about 200 Sprites and Midgets there to celebrate the 50th anniversary of the Bugeye.

'Ya know, we have named ourselves the British Motoring Club but some of us actually own "foreign" cars of the same approximate ages as our LBC's. Case in point, my friend George has attended our last two meetings. Well, George has a British Racing Green Fiat (124) Spyder that he drives and has a second one for a fixer-upper. I don't want to do anything that would lessen our identity as a British car club but I'm hoping George will eventually join up with the BMCA. I've told him that we can cover his spaghetti burner with magnetic Union Jacks for club outings!!

June is the Austin Healey Marque event month. It's going to be the Petit Jean swap meet and show this year. Things will get going full tilt by Thursday the 12th with the really intense stuff being on Friday and Saturday. I know most all of us have been there one time or another but DO COME if you never have. You'll enjoy it. Look for me hanging around the motor home at the BMCA space where the drinks and food will be.

Most of all, enjoy your LBC even if it's not a Healey. Be safe and drive 'em every chance you have. Remember to honk and wave if you see a white Healey or an orange Sprite - it's probably me!!
Jack



Casual Day

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Thursday June 12th

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Barbara Anne Bolin and her seeing eye dog "Keeper"
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PBSI Employee

To our BMCA family:

As you may or not know, Barbara Anne now works for Pinnacle Business Systems (PBSI) which is a part of Blue Cross/Blue Shield. Once a month, they have "Casual Day" and any employee wishing to participate can make a small donation and enjoy "casual" dress on that day. Donations are then sent to the charity of choice for that month.

This month (June), the Seeing Eye, Inc. was chosen and a BC/BS company wide flyer created. We submitted a variety of pictures for the flyer and the one chosen was a great shot of Barbara Anne and Keeper high in a pass located in the Southern Alps of New Zealand. I hope you enjoy the wonderful scenery of New Zealand.

Travel in today's world is very expensive but, if you think that you might only have one major trip left in your life, you need to put New Zealand at the top of your list. We enjoyed it enough to go back a second time, not necessarily for the incredible scenery, but to revisit the wonderful people who live there.

And, finally, a commercial for the Seeing Eye. The Seeing Eye operates totally on donations and accepts NO government funding of any kind. That alone should be enough of a reason to consider remembering them when you make your donations for this year. Oh yea, they do put out some neat dogs too! Check it out at WWW.SeeingEye.Org

Sincerely,
Gary, Barbara Anne, and Keeper Bolin

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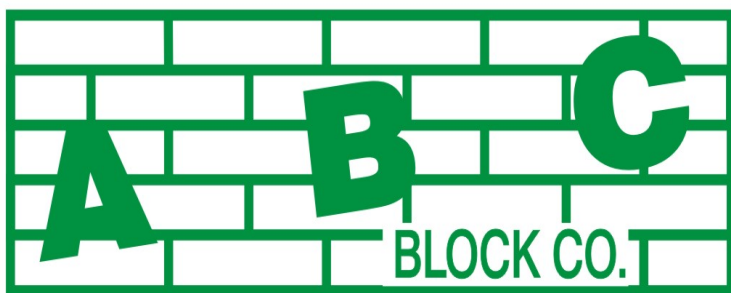
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BMCA Monthly Meeting Tuesday July 1, 2008

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Calendar of Events

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

July 4 - Birthday Gathering at the Ross's - See article pg 2

July 20th - Empire Marque Event - IMAX experience from behind the scenes - See pg 4

July 26/27 - GOBMC Annual Car Show - Carthage, MO

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

Oct 4th - MOTAA Fall Car Show - Benton, AR - Make plans now to attend

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



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