



Bits and Spares

For The British Motoring Enthusiast

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July 2008

BMCA Celebrates the Life of Founding Member

Early Saturday morning, July 12, 2008 our very own Doug Nelson passed from this life into another, disease free existence. In August 2006, Doug was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer and was given 3 - 6 months to live. He & Gayle decided to try various types of treatments, some experimental, which allowed him much more time, quite a bit of which was quality time, than was originally diagnosed. Even after his last hospital stay, all the knowledgeable medical personnel were saying to expect only 24 to 72 hours after he went home. Doug, being the persistent person he was, stayed at home with his family and close friends for another 10 days. Doug's physical presence on this earth will be greatly missed by all who knew and loved him.

Doug was a founding member in many capacities including Editor and Triumph Magazine and Gayle attended almost all events they partook and reported to BMCA and the BMCA

Doug is survived by his loving children; Karen (Kirk) Erickson; four grandchildren; Matt & Landon Nelson; his brother second cousin, Jim (Phyllis) and Cynthia (Dennis) Fencousins and many very special



friend of BMCA. He served BMCA in President, Vice President, Newsletter leader throughout the years. Doug attended all BMCA events over the last 20 many car shows and other related events. Doug's dedication to BMCA is an inspiration to each of us.

Doug's loving wife of 40 years, Gayle and their 2 son and Dr. Joe (Shannon) Nelson; Sidney Erickson and Lauren & Bernie (Rebecca) Nelson; a special friend Nelson; two nieces; Rachel Nelson Hrenbach. There are also numerous special friends from AT&T and BMCA.

The Nelson and Erickson families thank Dr. Lawrence Mendelsohn for helping Doug maintain the quality of life he wished during his illness. Also thanks go to Dr. Angelo Coppola Jr., Dr. Chris Cate, Dr. Chris Skelley, nurses and staff of 10A and 5A at Baptist Medical Center; and Annette's Nursing Service. Special thanks go to all the dear friends and family that helped Doug complete major things on his "to-do" list and who were there for him and his family.

There will be a wake to celebrate Doug's life at 4 p.m. Saturday, July 19, at the Lake Corvallis Yacht Club, 14310 Corvallis Rd., Maumelle, AR. BMCA'ers - please bring a 'pot-luck' dish and your chairs. In lieu of flowers, the family requests memorials be made to; Union Rescue Mission, P.O. Box 164057, Little Rock, AR 72216; Winthrop P. Rockefeller Cancer Institute at UAMS, 4301 W. Markham St. #623, Little Rock, AR 72205; Zion Lutheran Church of Avilla, 300 Avilla E., Alexander, AR 72002; or to your church or favorite charity.

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Prez Sez

July 3, 2008

June was a month full of ups and downs .

Jim and Eileen Higgason lost their daughter, and Jim broke his leg.

Ron and Vera are dealing with taking care of aging parents.

Jim and Wilma had to deal with a flooded home.

Bob and Judy were in a wreck, Bob is ok, Judy will be in a few more weeks.

Doug spent 10 days in the hospital, but has now gone home.

Now on the up side,

The Blytheville show was a Big success. I am looking forward to next years show,

Pettit Jean was a busy and fun weekend, and a big Thank You to Joel and Nancy for letting us invade your homestead for the week-end.

The BMCA Family is unlike any other family I know.

I am so proud to be a part of this group of fun, loving, caring people that are always there for each other.

So, having said all that, get those cars out and "have fun, laugh, and live each day to its fullest"

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Petit Jean - MOTAA 50th Anniversary - BMCA Winners Circle

This years annual MOTAA car show at Petit Jean celebrated it's 50th anniversary with the 100th anniversary of the Model T. Although the rising cost of gas (along with everything else) kept some vendors and show cars away, there were over 350 cars for sale in the car corral (some of them British). There were over 80 original antique cars shown this year. AND the British cars in the show itself accounted for at least 25%.

This years BMCA winners are:

TRiumph	1 st	Jim & Judy Wheeler	Spitfire
	2 nd	Jim Peckham & Jean Elwell	TR6
	3 rd	Doug Nelson	TR4
		Ron McLeod	Spitfire
MG	1 st	Kenny Babin	MGB
	2 nd	Whit Waller	MGB
	3 rd	Ted Bland	MGB
N1 - Special	1 st	Steve Jones	AH Bugeye
	2 nd	Gary Bolin	Lotus Elan
Senior Awards		Ken Coyle	AH 3000

Secretaries Minutes - July 1, 2008

The drive up from Monticello this evening was great, the weather was fantastic. The meeting was called to order on time. We had 28 members and 4 guests.: David and Katherine McMahon, 69 MGB, and Steve Hodges with his Jags. Steve Mers' brother , Jay, drove in from North Carolina in his 61 Bugeye. I was able to get thru reading the June's minutes without to many mishaps. I usually have a copy for all to read for themselves, but I couldn't get to my computer to even print a copy (will explain later). They were still accepted and seconded. The treasury report was read with an ending balance of \$5983.96.

Barb Beuch reported for the group that went to Blytheville. They ended up with six cars from our group joining the total of about 500 different cars (50 British) and 100 motorcycles. The event was able to donate \$27,000 to the American Cancer Society. Barb said that with all that goes on at Blytheville, along with everyone's wonderful hospitality, is an experience that you will have to go to really experience for yourself.

There was a special thanks given to Jim Peckham for volunteering a couple of his cars to attend .

Ronnie McLeod reported on the work weekend up at Petit Jean, preparing the park grounds for the individual sale booths by finding the boundary markers. Joel and Nancy are just fantastic to open up their house to us for the BIG weekend. Some of us stayed at thier place while others had rooms at Mather Lodge.

This year was the 100th year of the Model T, and believe it or not - they had one with an all wooden frame there, that was built in 1919, on display. There were 88 cars total with about 25% being British. Everyone that attended had a great time, some was even said to have danced in the rain. The BMCA group were given special recognition at the dinner, it was said that it would be a poor show without us.

Jack Brashear read a cute rendition of his experiences he had on his trip to the Lake of the Ozarks for the 50th Anniversary of the Spridgets. He had to rent a car and trailer his baby back home. They had 4 AH marquees and 3 marquees for the Midgets. All in all, Jack still won 2nd place without his car even being present!

Ted Bland reminded us all of the July 4th Patriotic Spectacular planned on the 3rd at 8pm at the Jacksonville school stadium. He hoped to see all of us there. Bring your chairs and enjoy the show & fireworks.

Bob Ross said that the annual Bar-B-Q and pool party on the 4th was still planned. This being just after Judy was released from the hospital. She and Bob were sideswiped while driving on the interstate.

Gary Bolin told of our next rally, to the IMAX theater. Everyone is to just meet at the theater @ 12:30 pm. We will be given a behind the scenes tour, and possibly watch a movie. About 3:30 pm, we will rally over to Jim Peckham's for the annual ice cream social.

Birthdays & Anniversaries:

Barb Beuch, 4th; Wilma Newton, 18th; Judy Ross, 19th; Bob Ross, 24th

Ronnie gave the tech talk (again). He told of his mishaps on blowing a piston out of a caliper. It ended being a 14 hr. job.

Doug Nelson has been released from the hospital. Judy has been released from hospital with 3 broken ribs. Ronnie McLeod parent's are in the hospital. Jim Higgison broke his leg going to the funeral of his daughter.

GOT - Wilma (me) got a new set of pearly whitesa full set of teeth. Gary Bolin's friends from Oregon had a wonderful time while they were here. Many thanks are extended to all that helped in making their going home party a hit.

GOOF - The same day I got my new teeth, a fierce storm hit, putting 8 - 10 inches of water in my house. The door prize went to Brad Cunningham. Congrats!

Marque Responsibility Reminder Chart

Month	Event	Tech Talk
August	TRiumph	AH
September	MG	Empire
October	AH	TRiumph

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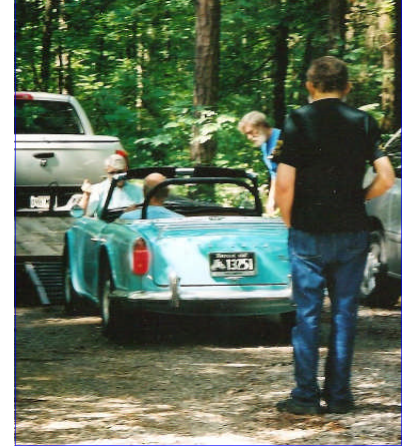
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THE PETIT JEAN ROAD LESS TRAVELED SWEET MOTHER OF GOD!

This was the second year in a row that The Petit Jean Car Show & Swap Meet jumpstarted a little early. Last year, Ronnie and Parris arrived Thursday evening (in Parris' award-winning TR6) and joined Joel and I for a thrown-together meal of Progresso soup, peanut butter and jelly sandwiches, and mucho vino, baby! This year, we thought we were prepared for whomever and whatever happened, but nothing could prepare us for what did happen! Okay, many of you who are reading this deal with these kinds of things on a daily basis, so you just have to understand, we just don't get out much anymore!

Doug and Gayle were scheduled to arrive mid-afternoon, move into the greenhouse and begin some serious vegging. Gayle arrived alone, in the van, and we waited for Doug, Bernie and Rebecca, who had caravanned behind Gayle, but were delayed when Doug's TR4 stopped running on Highway 10. Bernie stayed with the car while Rebecca and Doug drove back to the house to get the trailer. Did I mention that it was 90-plus degrees out? At least it wasn't raining, too! Anyway, when they returned, it was discovered that the ramps were not on the trailer. Oops! Then, Rebecca saw a vision, and everything fell into place - coming down the road was a Home Depot delivery truck that had a forklift on board - you must use your imagination here, but suffice to say that everyone was back on the road in an incredibly short time! When they arrived, Doug was ready for a much-needed nap, and Bernie and Rebecca were ready to begin drinking heavily, but instead, joined Gayle, Ronnie, Dale, Joel and I for a real bona fide dinner of leftover roast beef that had miraculously become a very tasty stew and biscuits (don't forget the mucho vino, baby!) and Doug joined us just in time to finish it off.



Then, Ronnie worked his magic (something about a bad rotor) and Doug's TR4 was driven off the trailer!



Finally when things began to settle down, Joel heard a strange noise out back. Gayle was summoned, and by the time I got out there, she was emerging from the chicken house, carrying an extremely long black snake! This is where the Sweet Mother of God part comes in. Sweet Mother of God! We stood there, waiting to see what would happen next. Gayle asked for some ether. Oh yeah, we said, we keep tons of that at the cabin! Amazingly, some was located in Ronnie's truck and Gayle began spraying it in the snake's face until it was sufficiently stunned, so that she and Joel could finish it off with an axe and toss it into a trash bag. By this time, we knew that this was an "egg" snake and you could actually see one or two lumps that looked suspiciously like eggs lodged in its body.



Alrighty, then!

Relatively speaking, the rest of the weekend was rather tame (well, except for the amazing lightening and thunderstorm Friday night right in the middle of Dale's, Chris', Dennis', Tommy's, and Bobby's wonderful picking). Everyone scattered, some to bed and some to the barn, where the real party continued on into the night to the sounds of lovely music, accompanied by John's extremely talented dancing maneuvers. by Nancy Taylor



July Empire Marque Event IMAX Movie and Tour

Plus Summer Ice Cream Social and Swim Party

Meet at the IMAX located in the Aerospace Education Center, 3301 East Roosevelt Road, Little Rock, AR 72206 376-IMAX

Be there by 12:30 on Sunday, July 20th, first show starts at 1:00 pm with second showing at 2:00. Parking will be in front of the building on the **INSIDE** of the circle drive. Park on the **GRASS**.

We will go to the projection room in small groups while part of the group is watching the movie.

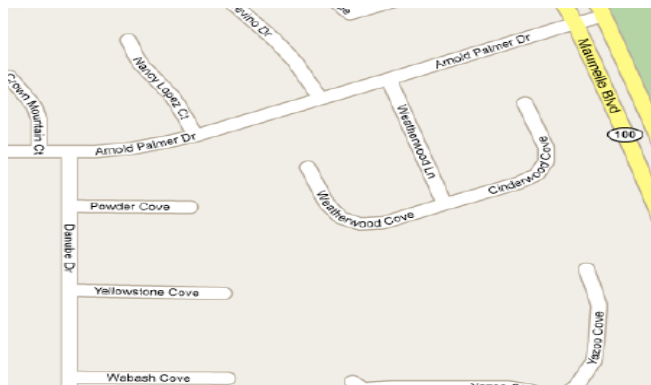
The entire club will leave the IMAX at about 3:30 for a caravan to Jim Peckham's house at 7 Wabash Cove in Maumelle. There will be ice cream for banana splits or Sundays or whatever.

Don't forget to bring funds for the IMAX (\$7.50) plus your swim suit for the party. Questions? Or if you get lost.....

Call Gary Bolin @ 690-3976 mobil or Barbara Anne @ 551-8555 mobil or home at 225-1555.

To get to the IMAX: Exit I-440 onto Bankhead Dr, then left at light onto E. Roosevelt Rd. IMAX is on left

To get to Jim Peckhams: From Maumelle Blvd (south of main shopping area), turn onto Arnold Palmer Dr. Then left at second street onto Danube Dr. Left at third street onto Wabash Cove. #7 is on right. We are going to Jim Peckham's home for Ice Cream and swimming.



July 4th - Ross / BMCA Style

The 4th of July at Bob & Judy Ross's house was spectacular. The day started out sunny then grew cloudy and gloomy. Will the event still be on? Is Judy really up to having all of us over there, having just been released from the hospital 3 days ago? Of course - have you ever known BMCA'ers to stay inside just because it rains? The LBC might stay in, but not the true blue BMCA'er!!

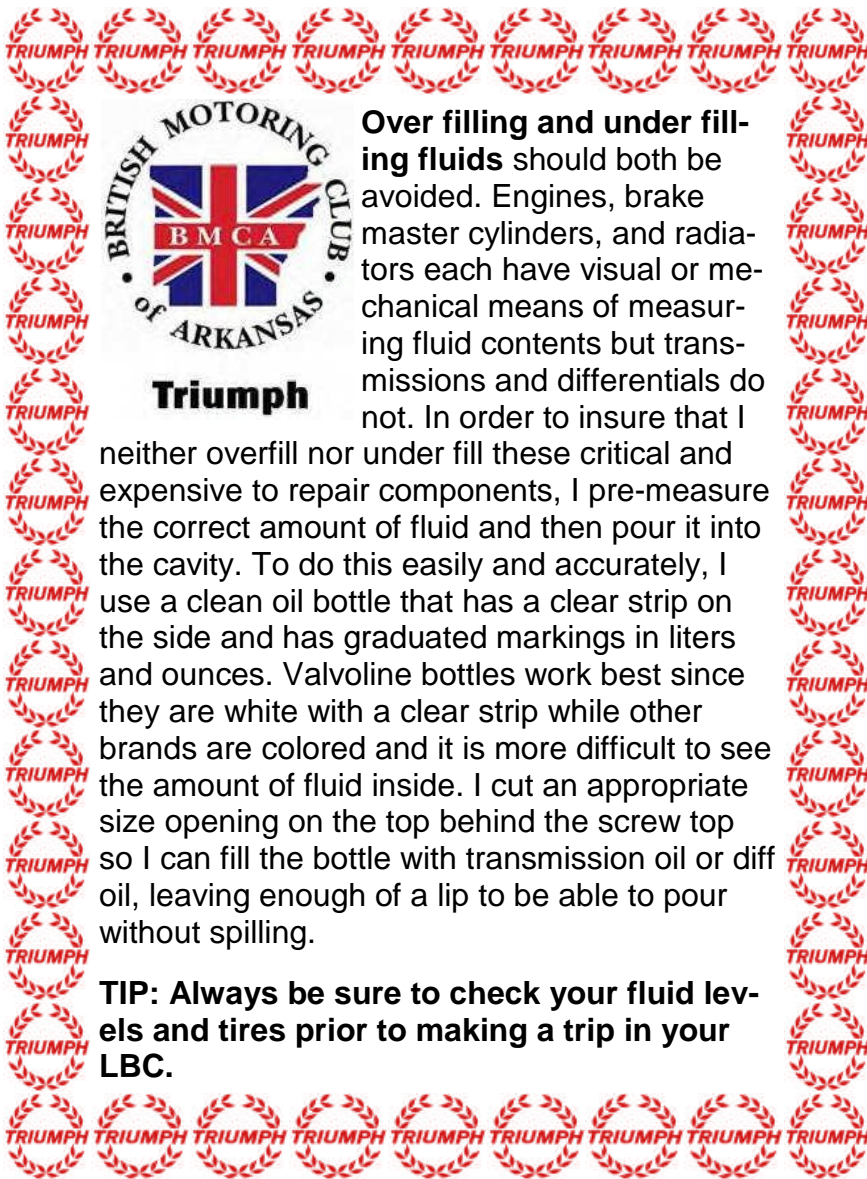
There was food a-plenty and friendship & fellowship with 4 generations of various families attending. The air was full of the sounds of fireworks popping combined with the shrills of the young future BMCA'ers being excitedly scared by the noise and effects. There was even a mass sing-a-long to wish a VERY HAPPY BIRTHDAY to Bob Ross, Barbara Beuch and Keeper Bolin.

Many, many thanks to Bob, Judy and family, (who learned Judy really does know how to point and say that needs to :-), for another memorable celebration all together celebrating the birth of our country and remembering the sacrifices that many Americans endure allowing us to celebrate together as we all so enjoy!



OH YEA, Always lock your doors, you'll never know who will be in your tub!





Triumph

Over filling and under filling fluids should both be avoided. Engines, brake master cylinders, and radiators each have visual or mechanical means of measuring fluid contents but transmissions and differentials do not. In order to insure that I

neither overfill nor under fill these critical and expensive to repair components, I pre-measure the correct amount of fluid and then pour it into the cavity. To do this easily and accurately, I use a clean oil bottle that has a clear strip on the side and has graduated markings in liters and ounces. Valvoline bottles work best since they are white with a clear strip while other brands are colored and it is more difficult to see the amount of fluid inside. I cut an appropriate size opening on the top behind the screw top so I can fill the bottle with transmission oil or diff oil, leaving enough of a lip to be able to pour without spilling.

TIP: Always be sure to check your fluid levels and tires prior to making a trip in your LBC.

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Thoughts from across the pond:

"An email from Scotland to their brethren in the States...a point to ponder despite your political affiliation:

"We, in Scotland, can't figure out why people are even bothering to hold an election in the United States.

On one side, you have a pants wearing lawyer, married to a lawyer who cannot keep his pants on, who just lost a long and heated primary against a lawyer who goes to the wrong church who is married to yet another lawyer who doesn't even like the country her husband wants to run.

Now...On the other side, you have a nice old war hero whose name starts with the appropriate Mc terminology married to a bonnie lass who owns a beer distributorship.

What in the Lord's name are you lads thinking over there in the colonies??"

It was an odyssey to oddity.(Of the best sort.)

Lake Corvallis (and all the BMCA'ers) was WONDERFUL!!! The mists (aka Arkansas humidity), the chiggers that volunteer with the Red Cross thank you very much, the sea serpent, and all the friendly folk from the time we picked up Pooh car. (THANK YOU Jim!) From gathering round the fireplace to the fish fry, all was good.

Petit Jean was great fun, lots of cars and people of interest. Staying at Mather Lodge was interesting to an ex-National Park Ranger. Dawn proved that what goes down, must come up, on her trip to Cedar Falls, and of course provided a verbal painting to make up for the fact she forgot her camera, until she was half-way down.

Running Jim's Mini through the line (thanks, again) was enough stimulus, with of course driving my (OKAY! It's been Gary's for a LONG TIME!) Lotus again to get MINE, MINE MINE MINE, finished up and on the road. (Even though it DOES mean going to Colorado next week for a second Elan to have the required quantity of propitious parts. Car collecting is NOT AN INDICATION OF MATURITY! Thank God!) Look forward to entering shows around our neck of the woods, maybe even in Corvallis, Oregon, and if Dawn is good for her word, even going east with the car to show it off at THE "Lake Corvallis".

We had way too many dinners, and WAY too little time to spend with our Arkansas friends, which includes of course everyone, including the "Jim Club", and all the folks who have different names of more random nature.

Thanks to all for the hospitality. Joel's was great at Petit Jean, Charles did NOT make me go in the back door with my pony tail (note to other hippies). Though we might pass on moving to Little Rock, we sure wish we could steal all you people!

If anyone gets to the middle of nowhere, literally! (Ask Keeper) We do have room in Lakeview for a few at a time. Twenty percent humidity, warm weather (summer) and hospitality, hang gliding and para-sailing, mosquitoes instead of chiggers. There are NO FLEAS in Lakeview, because they freeze to death in the winter, which can last until, well, July. There ARE even a few British cars. (Two Loti (mine) an MGA, MGB, a couple TR4s, with one Spitfire.)

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Ed Note: Doug & Dawn are friends of Gary & Barbara Bolin. They joined us as a part of their vacation which resulted in this wonderful note from them. LBC Lovers are everywhere!!!

Hello all you Healey Wannabees,

June was a wonderful for me month in several ways and strange in others. The June Austin Healey event was Petit Jean, so what do I need to say about that?? I went up Saturday morning the weekend before and helped lay out the vendor spaces. I don't know how many little white wire flags we plugged into the ground but it was a lot. Anyway, the MOTAA folks fed us lunch so that was ample reward for all the club's hard work. Then, there was the actual show and swap meet. I was able to attend on Friday only so I missed out on a sure-fire Best of Show award for the Healey...right?? Petit Jean seems like it's always a great time to see Joel and Nancy and share their hospitality. Oh yes, we know it Never Rains during Petit Jean...right again??

Well, I had spent most of two weeks preparing the Sprite for the 50th Birthday celebration of Sprites at Lake of the Ozarks, MO. Mary Sue and I left home in the Sprite for the trip of a little over 300 miles. Everything went very well at first but eventually the little &\$*@!!?&+* pooped out in Harrison and I was not able to get her going again. Soooo, after Mary Sue calmed down a little, we rented a car from a local Harley dealer who had a couple of El Cheapos to rent and went on without the Sprite. We had a pretty good time anyway for a couple of days but we still had to drive back to Little Rock, get the truck and tow bar, drive the truck and rent car back to Harrison, hook up the Sprite and drive back home again. It was a tiring 650 mile day for us but we all got home safely. The best of it was that we got to spend time with Steve and Jay Mers and their old Bugeye and with Barry Harrison. I had the pleasure of meeting his lovely bride. But - the real kick start was winning a 2nd place plaque for Mk2 Sprites when the car was 150 miles away in Harrison, AR. Hey, that's why they call it "popularity" judging. I guess the one vote I received was enough since there were only two Mk2's registered. Besides, his car was nicer than mine anyway.

I'm sorry to have missed the show in Blytheville. I heard it was wonderful with 60 or so British cars and a few hundred other "foreigners" attending. Better than that was the over-20 thousand dollars collected for cancer research.

This July seems like it may be cooler than usual so get out those LBC's and drive 'em like ya stole 'em. And, if you see a white Healey or an orange Sprite on the road, honk and wave. It's probably me!!
Jack

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The Saga of the Blytheville Six *by Barbara Beuch*

A week prior to the Blytheville show, Judy Wheeler contacted me and asked if it would be possible for Brad & I to drive one of Jim Peckham's cars to the show as the original designated driver had to cancel. She wanted to get as many cars as possible up to Blytheville to represent BMCA. I wasn't sure that I even wanted to go as I was swamped at work, but hey, being VP means doing what ever needs to be done, right? Anyway, I talked to Brad, we cleared our schedules, made arrangements for the dog, got back with the Wheeler's and it was on. There was a plan, not my plan mind you, but a plan. We were leaving Friday afternoon, at 1:00 PM SHARP!

Friday rolled around and Brad didn't get out of his office until about 12:30. He got home, we packed the MBG-GT, filled it up with gas, went to the bank, went back home to check the coffee pot and the cat's water, and still had 7 whole minutes to get to Jim and Judy's. We made it with 2 minutes to spare!! Well 1:00 PM SHARP turned out to be merely a suggestion, go figure. After changing the plan, Jim decided that he should take his air bumper edition Spitfire, Judy would drive the Frog, Brad was in his MG, Ted and Martha Bland were trailering their B, and I was assigned Mr. P's Mini. And off we went. Jim's last minute decision to take the Spit meant he didn't have any gas so the first stop was the gas station at 67/167 and Warden Road. Well, they had restrooms and cokes, neither of which could be passed up. Right? Right!! About 2:00 PM we actually hit the highway. 90 minutes later we made our first scheduled stop. Bladders were emptied, legs were stretched, and the next stop was planned. But wait...Judy was in the Frog and I in the Pooh-mobile. Both cars have gas tanks smaller than our bladders so the plan was changed. Next stop about 10 miles down the road, to top off the tanks. We were then off to Blytheville. That was the plan. We made it through West Memphis and started up I-55 North when Jim and Judy suddenly cut across what seemed like twenty lanes of traffic and left the highway in Marion. Playing follow the leader, we all made it off the road in one piece to learn Judy had overheated. The Frog was fine. It was Judy that got too much sun. After 45 minutes in that fancy Scottish restaurant Ronnie McLeod and I are so fond of, with several wet towels draped on Judy's head, the top was put up on the Spit, drivers were reassigned and we hit the road again. An hour later we hit Blytheville. There were hot rods and motorcycles and custom paint jobs galore, not to mention a scattering of fine LBC's.

We planned dinner in the restaurant in one hour. Oops, the restaurant burnt down last year, but there was a bar set up in the ballroom and cooking was done on grills by the pool. We partook of the spirits being offered, enjoyed the meeting of old and new friends and eventually retired to the parking lot to check out the rides and tell a few lies.

Morning came early. The cars were readied and by 9:00 AM the cops were in the parking lot. Well, of course, the police were in the parking lot because we were honored guests of the Mayor and were to receive a Police escort to the show. Joining our caravan was Mike Ross and his family along with some friends from Fayetteville and other parts of the country. Upon reaching the venue the Mayor greeted each driver, the club was announced to the crowd and we were directed to the place of honor where a tent was set up for all the British clubs. Every vehicle that entered the show had to parade by the 50 or so British cars on display. There were cars, trucks and motorcycles of every make and year, the '36 Auburn and the '37 12-cylinder Studebaker were amazing. There were over 500 cars and 100 custom bikes on display. Participants were invited to use the community golf course free of charge and there were air-conditioned shuttle buses to downtown where the merchants were offering specials for the event.

While the cars were impressive and the event was a lot of fun, one of my personal highlights was lunch. The ladies of the group boarded one of the air-conditioned shuttle buses and ended up at a tea room, where the Mayor's wife and two of her friends joined us for a fabulous lunch. They guys stayed behind and feasted or gorged on the standard fare of meat on sticks, funnel cakes and other manly delicacies.

The Blytheville show is a non-juried show with all awards decided by the organizers. The most important to us at the BMCA was Best Air Bumpers given to Jim and Judy Wheeler for their Triumph Spitfire! Sadly, Brad did not win the Speckled Hen Award given to the worst MG shown. This survivor's award was won by another MGBGT in even worse condition than our own little gem. Better luck next year Honey!

After the show all British car owners were invited for dinner and a social at the Mayor's house. THANKS Barry & Lyn!! Catfish with all the trimmings was served, and once again the cars were viewed and enjoyed. Special thanks to Jim Peckham for allowing two of this stable of cars to be driven and shown in support of the BMCA. Next year's event is scheduled for June 6th. I will be there and hope more of the club will plan to attend.

How old are your Tyres?

Vredestein says:

"Tyres older than 10 years must in all cases be replaced, even if they still look good from the outside"

Continental says:

"Continental is unaware of any technical data that supports a specific tyre age for removal from service. However, as with other members of the tyre and automotive industries, Continental recommends that all tyres (including spare tyres) that were manufactured more than ten (10) years previous be replaced with new tyres, even when tyres appear to be usable from their external appearance and if the tread depth may have not reached the minimum wear out depth."

Michelin says:

"It is impossible to predict when tyres should be replaced based on their calendar age alone. However, the older a tyre the greater the chance that it will need to be replaced due to the service-related evolution or other conditions found upon inspection or detected during use. While most tyres will need replacement before they achieve 10 years, it is recommended that any tyres in service 10 years or more from the date of manufacture, including spare tyres, be replaced with new tyres as a simple precaution even if such tyres appear serviceable and even if they have not reached the legal wear limit."

Automobile Association says:

"Age is a separate issue to wear – tyres do degrade naturally through exposure to heat, sunlight (Ultraviolet/UV) light and rain. Degradation depends on the amount of exposure and the severity of the weather. This is a more common problem on caravans, trailers and vehicles only used occasionally. In most cases tyres will wear out before they degrade to such an extent they're unserviceable. Look for signs of UV cracking on tyres four or five years old on cars parked outside. Tyres should be replaced irrespective of age if cracking becomes severe – any tyre specialist will be able to advise."

Safety Research says:

'Ford's addition of a 6-year age limit to its owner's manuals in 2005 gave an additional jolt to the Rubber Manufacturers Association (RMA), which continues to claim that there is no valid criteria for determining tire service life. In a recent presentation at a tire industry meeting, Ford research scientist Dr. John Baldwin claimed that the 6-year age limit was defend able and data driven, whereas Bridgestone-Firestone, Michelin, and Continental's 10-year position were not supported by any data. According to Sean Kane, President of Safety Research & Strategies, "the recent spate of tire aging recommendations are a good start, but what is really needed is for manufacturers to label their tires with age expirations based on the specific construction of their product lines much the same way they provide tread wear guidelines of 30,000 or 40,000 miles for example."

I'd guess mine (Dunlop 185/15's) have been around 30 years or so, although they still have plenty of tread. Now I wonder about the new tires we are buying for our classic cars? Is NOS really a good thing?

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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

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

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