



Bits and Spares

For The British Motoring Enthusiast

Established in 1989

November 2009

Officers for 2010

Our annual election was held during our November meeting and the results are listed below:

President:	Brad Beuch
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Empire Marque:	Jim Peckham
Austin Healey Marque:	Jim Clark
Triumph Marque:	Bob Ross
MG Marque:	Jerry McCullough
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Membership:	Dale Foster
Newsletter:	Michelle Smith

BMCA Website

The BMCA website needs your help!

Do you or someone you know have web space available that could be used for the BMCA website? I am willing to maintain the site but do not have any web space. If you do please email or call me.

If you would like to maintain the website please let me know.

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MG Marque Swap Stop Run October 18th

Eight LBCs and a couple of non-Brit vehicles rallied for a fun afternoon of motoring along Pulaski and Saline County backroads on the October 18th MG Marque run. Participants enjoyed a respite from the gloomy, gray, rainy days that had been the norm, with blue skies and sunshine being the order of the day.

Although the turn-out was a bit light, all who took part would say that they had a fine time. The 45-mile route was chosen to be a sports car route, and I think all participants would agree that it was. Lots of twists and turns and hills and straightaways and nice countryside.

The route even went right by the homes of BMCA stalwarts Gayle Nelson and Charles & Lisa Hutchison.

Of the eight LBCs involved, there were three MGBs, a TR-3, a TR-4, a Triumph Spitfire, a Marina, and a Lotus Elan. Anyone who thinks this array of LBCs didn't make a fine-looking caravan doesn't know the meaning of fine-looking. Along the route we did acquire some admiring looks.

One aspect of this run was the Swap Stop concept. At stops along the route participants were encouraged to try out a new ride, either as a rider or a driver. There was no pressure to swap rides, and I don't know for sure how many participants did try out a different vehicle than the one in which they began the run.

I do know that Rebecca Pranter had a great time riding in the Ross Spitfire. She had never ridden in a Spitfire, so it was a new and exciting experience for her. Where could she get such an experience other than as a member of the British Motoring Club of Arkansas?

Charles Hutchison learned while driving the Bolin Lotus that the brake-gas-clutch pedals are purty darned close to one another, calling for a slender-foot approach.

Gary Bolin in the Hutchison TR-3 looked mighty fine in my rear view mirror on one leg of the run. As Gary and I commented afterward over vittles at the Buffalo Grill, a TR-3 simply oozes classic British sports car appeal.

While Rebecca was enjoying her Spitfire ride, I was fortunate to have Judy Ross in the passenger seat of the Pranter MGB. Thank you, Judy, for being such charming company. She was quick to note how different were the MGB and Spitfire interiors, and how much lower the Spitfire rides, with each having its advantages. From my perspective it was a treat to have a Triumph person riding in the B with me.

The Swap Stop idea, I believe, is a good one. I encourage the 2010 Marque Leaders to consider it as they plan runs/rallies in the upcoming year.

Why should BMCA members limit themselves to enjoyment of only their own LBC when club membership surely should offer them the enjoyment of riding in or driving any number of different British sports cars? Where else does that kind of opportunity present itself? Let's take advantage of the unique opportunity we have to experience first-hand different marques and models *on the road*.

Gitcher motor runnin'. Safety Fast,
Bert Pranter, 2009 MG Marque Leader

Prez Sez

I really appreciated all the kind words tonight of a job well done. I am very proud to have had the honor of serving as BMCA President for the past two years.

Moving right along.....

Thanksgiving Feasting

When the Halloween pumpkins are gone,
And the leaves have all fallen to ground,
When the air has turned windy and cold,
Then Thanksgiving will soon be around.

Thoughts of loved ones all feasting together,
Pleasant pictures from past times appear
To dwell in each heart and each mind--
Then Thanksgiving is finally here!

The kitchen has scrumptious aromas,
The dining room looks oh, so fine,
Decorations with pilgrims and turkeys,
And now we are ready to dine!

First the napkins are placed on our laps;
Now the prayer for the meal to be blessed,
Then we stuff the good food in our tummies,
And we hope for it all to digest!

By Joanna Fuchs

Happy Thanksgiving to All
Brenda

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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 monthly meeting. (or anytime!)

If you have some pictures that you want to see in the slide show at our Christmas party put them on a CD and get them to Mike Ross, or Bob Ross so we can include them.

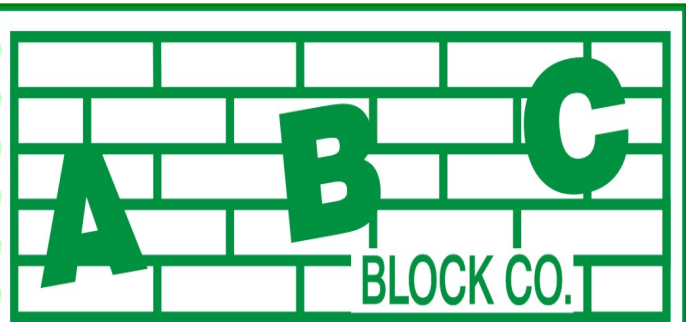
**Christmas Party Time
Mark Your Calanders
Date: December 5, 2009**

**Where: Reynolds Center For Aging
Time: 5:30PM**

It is that time again! If any one would like to donate door prizes, please get them to me or leave them at Ronnie's. We need skits and performers so if you would like to perform, let me know so we can get you on the schedule. Seriously people, we are not that picky and I have a tendency to approve just about anything fun and within reason. Remember there could be children present so plan accordingly. We also need nominations and suggestions for trophies and special recognitions. Submit those soon!

Tickets are on sale now. Prices depend on when you purchase. It's November so the price is \$20.00 each and December \$25.00 each. Children are \$10.00 each and parents, grandparents (the bring-ee) are requested to bring a small gift for each child attending. The caterer will be Adams Catfish again. I look forward to seeing you all there again this year. For all you new members, this is a great time to get together and share some Christmas cheer so plan on being there.

Barb Beuch, VP



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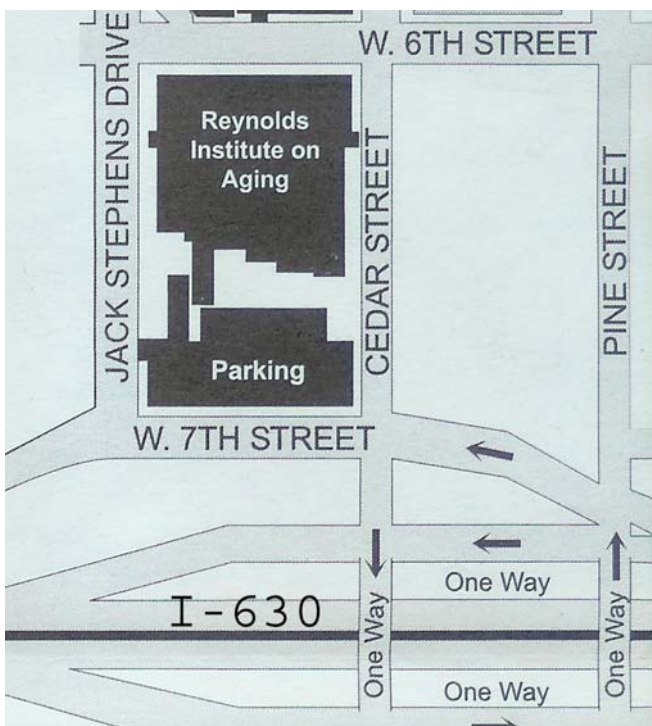


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Marque Responsibility Reminder Chart

Month	Event	Tech Talk
December	CHRISTMAS	PARTY
January	Empire	MG
February	Empire	MG

Jasper Run

The drive to Jasper will leave McLeod's at 8:30 AM on Nov 14. That is LEAVE at 8:30. Be there a little early, gassed up and ready to go. We need to leave that early in order to get there on time.

We're going to Clinton then take highways 16 and 123. They are crooked, but well paved and should be fun. The straight line distance from Clinton to Jasper is about 50 miles. The roads we are taking cover about 100 miles. Does that sound like fun?

This could very well be that last good drive before winter sets in, so come join us for a day of relaxation and good company.

Charles Hutchison

Triumph Marque

I was looking through the old club albums recently and realized that we used to do some events that we haven't done in a long time. I thought it might be nice to repeat some of our runs from the past. If you remember an old run that you would like to repeat let me know what it was and we'll see if we can repeat it in 2010. We had clue rallies, funkhanas, blind fold drives, poker runs, etc.

Get out your old pictures or look at the albums at the yacht club and let me know what event you would like to try again. Let's see if we can put some of the old fun back in our club activities.

Bob Ross
Triumph Marque Leader

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BMCA Membership and Advertising Rates

Yearly membership is \$30.00 for the primary member and \$15.00 for the associate.
Yearly renewal deadline is March meeting each year.

Advertising in the Bits and Spares is available to members and non-members alike.
(Members do get a discount of course!)

	One Month/One Year*	Non-Member Rate
Eighth Page	\$ 5.00 / \$ 48.00	\$ 10.00 / \$ 60.00
Quarter Page	\$ 9.00 / \$ 86.40	\$ 18.00 / \$ 120.00
Half Page	\$ 16.00 / \$ 153.60	\$ 32.00 / \$ 220.00
Full Page	\$ 30.00 / N/A	\$ 64.00 / N/A

*Yearly rate must be same ad, 12 issues.

Classified ads (items for sale or trade) for members are free. Non-members may submit an ad for \$5.00 per month.
Classified ads published as available and space allows.

BMCA Monthly Meeting - Tuesday January 5, 2010

The monthly meeting is held at **Western Sizzlin** in Benton, 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 BMCA and Regional Events

Nov 14, 2009 - 2009 Car Fest - Woody Sherwood Forest, noon to 4:00 pm

Nov 14, 2009 - British Iron, BMCA, Multi-club Lunch & Gathering in Jasper, AR. 8:30 am sharp at McLeods. Bring a canned food item(s) for donation.

Nov 21, 2009 - Austin Healey Marque Event - Texarkana Jim Peckham - Hampton Inn & Suites (903) 832-3499

Dec 5, 2009 - BMCA Christmas Party Barbara Beuch - see pg 4

Jan 9, 2010 - BMCA Annual Polar Bear Adventure - More details soon

April 9&10—Swap Meet at McLeod's British Cars

April 17, 2010 - Batesville Scottish Festival - Rooms at Holiday Inn Express 1-870-698-2700

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



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