



English Auto Society Knoxville, Tennessee

November 2008 Newsletter

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HAVE A HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Some dates for your calendar:

December Meeting and Drive :

The Progressive Christmas Dinner on **Sunday 7th December** will as usual combine the monthly meeting and drive. We will start off at Mark & Terri Caldwell's in West Knoxville at **4:00** p.m., move to North Knoxville where Karen and Bob Carroll will host the Entree portion of the meal and the final pit stop will be in Friendsville at Mike & Shelia McMillan's where we will also hold the AGM and election of

Officers, so please be thinking of what position you would like to volunteer for, or of someone you would like to nominate. Thanks to all the hosts.

January Meeting: Puleo's at Merchants Road (address 110 Cedar Lane – Merchants Road exit off I75) 7 p.m. on the 8th January (the 2nd Thursday as the first is New Year's Day).

There are at least 2 Polar Bear Runs scheduled for the end of December,

one in GA and one in AL. The AL one is organized by the Birmingham British Motoring Club, and is a trip to Talladega

<http://www.birminghambmc.org/>. The GA run will be from Stone Mountain to Athens, announcement at the back of the Newsletter, or at: <http://www.gatriumph.com/calendar.htm>. Both of these events are on the 27th December.

The Plateau British Car Club has extended an invite to a Car Show and a Ride in December – see end of Newsletter for full information.

Little British Car Co has a very extensive list of car shows. The list may not be definitive, but it is certainly long! To view full list go to: <http://www.lbcarco.com/> For the benefit of those who receive this newsletter via snail mail, I've included any remaining 2008 shows at the end of the Newsletter, together with the early shows next year.

Lane Motor Museum November 28th - Day after Thanksgiving Fun! Join them for special tours and vehicle rides for adults. See www.lanemotormuseum.org for operating hours and full details of their upcoming events.

January 6th is the date for the 2nd **CARS & COFFEE** event to be held at European Auto Garage, 227 Sherway Road. Bring your car to

show, or just come by to admire the metal on display. Pictures from the last event can be seen at

www.europeanautogarage.com

Meeting Report:

28 members and guests attended the meeting at Angelo's Brick Oven, Lenoir City on November 6th. This was a new venue for the Club and our thanks to Ginger for suggesting this. The menu was extensive, the food good and Deb introduced members to "flaming cheese". By the way Ginger, it was great to see you up and around after the protracted recovery from your surgery. Amongst members present were Don and Corky Freeman who have been members for a while, but this is the first meeting they have managed to attend.

Treasurer's Report:

Mark reported we have \$1837.54 in our current account having recently reimbursed Newsletter expenses and paid for Liability Insurance.

As next year is the 25th Anniversary of the EAS, it was decided to sell off the current supply of club Tee shirts at a reduced price of \$5.00 each, in order to buy new ones for the Anniversary. Current Tee Shirts are available in sizes XL, XXL and XXXL (great as a night shirt). For stocking stuffers we still have key fobs and grill badges available.

To start the 25th Anniversary celebrations Mark has something for everyone to see at the Christmas Party – so DON'T MISS IT.

Bob and Karen Carroll offered to host the Entrée portion of our Progressive Christmas Dinner, an offer which was welcomed by those present – thanks a bunch folks. If you are able to confirm in advance that you are attending the progressive meal (or any part of it), it will give the hosts an idea how many to cater for. You can just drop an email to the Rigbys.

Frank told everyone of the invite from David Hinkle to Coffee and Cars at the Euro Auto Garage. This was held on the 8th November and an email was sent to members. The next get together is planned for the 6th January (see link above for photos of the November gathering) and it runs from 9:00 a.m. until noon. Wear something warm and come on out - there will be lots of great cars, good coffee and outstanding cookies!

2009 Car Show We are joining with the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation again next year to put on our European Car Show. It will be held in conjunction with their Great Strides Walk on May 16th at Victor Ashe Park, 4901 Bradshaw Road off Pleasant Ridge Road, Knoxville. We will need volunteers to help with the show, and will need all

members to contact employers, suppliers etc for small items to go into Goodie Bags for all registrants. In addition we will also need items for a drawing, and possibly for a raffle. 2009 is the 25th Anniversary of the EAS so we would like to make this an outstanding event. We will be following in Mark's footsteps, so it will be hard work! Please contact Barbara Rigby if you are able to help with any part of the organization for this show.

Various dates for other 2009 events were mentioned. Blount British will have their show at Townsend the weekend 9th May - one week before our own Show (see above) – and it will feature the Mini and the Sprite. Townsend will also host the Classic Mini 50 Party in the Smokies (April 22-25 2009. Full details at: <http://www.classicminis.org/mini50.htm>).

Reports on drives and events:

The Harold Fell Memorial Drive, led by Deb in her Midget, was probably a week ahead of the curve! The leaves were great, but not outstanding – maybe we'll have better luck next time, weather on the other hand was perfect. The right hand side of the road had been badly patched in several places in the direction we were traveling, and Deb is seriously considering reversing the direction next time. This is a pretty drive around the

Brushy Mountain area, including a stop for a photo op (although on this occasion we were not able to 'rock' the wrecked car as it had either been moved or disintegrated entirely!) On the way back we stopped to peer into the windows of a classic car dealership in Oliver Springs where there were some interesting vehicles on display. We finished off the main part of the afternoon with a Mexican meal in Oak Ridge. Taking part in the drive were Bob & Judy Reid (drop-head XKE), their friend Leonard McKeehan in an XK8, Alan Rigby and Rachel in the Mini Traveller, Mike & Shelia McMillan in the Lotus, Mark Kryter and Ally in his Porsche, Frank and Pam in their MINI and the Rigbys in a Mini. After the meal, several participants went to visit with Henry.

For photos go to:
<http://www.flickr.com/photos/97521452@N00/sets/72157608635779039/>.

Eurofest also had beautiful weather and a huge turnout of assorted EU vehicles, Vendors, and Food suppliers. Club Member attendees that we know about were Gary Cobble (1st with his 6 speed XJS), John, Barbara & David Rigby (Jag Mk 2), Alan Rigby and Rachel (Mini Traveller), Deb Todd and we believe Jeff Owen. All the Rigbys took part in the Fun Rally the following day, whereas only Alan spend most of Saturday enjoying the

various driving events offered by BMW.

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Mokes around Florida – Mark and Mike attended – there were 10 Mokes and a Mini. We understand this was a very pleasant event, and participants reported very much enjoying camping near the river.

Boo Run Members of the Smoky Mountain Mini Club cruised Gatlinburg in their now annual Boo Run. Cars were decorated for Halloween and an appropriate soundtrack issued forth from each vehicle. Candy was thrown and a great time was had by the 22 (new and old) Mini's taking part. Dave Wells took the prize for best decorated Classic Mini and the new MINI award was won by a car wearing everything ever made representing "Nightmare Before Christmas".

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Deb reported on attending the Road Atlanta Petit LeMans event and suggested it might be a great Club outing next year – Clubs can get infield parking and reduced rates.

The SBCC's Mad Hatter Weekend at the Choo Choo in Chattanooga

had quite a showing from the Club. Driving down in convoy were Ginger Zerrip (XJ6), Alan & Rachel (XJ6), Frank & Pam Ambrister (Mini), the Caldwells (in Dave's Mini), John Childress in his Bugeye, guests Jeff & Julie Sharp (TR4) and Charlie Johnson (TR3). The Rigbys were as usual in their Jaguar Mk 2. Once there we met up with Brandon Campbell (MGB), Ernie Broome (MGB) and Gary Moss. There were 128 cars at the show, but the EAS managed to come away

with 5 prizes that we know of (Brandon and Ernie with their MGB's, John Childress with his Bugeye, Pam with her Mini and the Rigbys with the Jaguar). <http://www.flickr.com/photos/97521452@N00/sets/72157608637401687/>.

IF we missed out anyone in these reports our apologies – just let us know where you were and what you won so we can rectify this next month.

Newsletter

If you have anything you would like to submit for next month's newsletter, including photos (which can be inserted via a link by you or us), please send it to us at jandbrigby@bellsouth.net. Until then, see you on the road

INVITE FROM: PLATEAU BRIT CAR CLUB

We have two events available in December. For EAS members, you're aware of the second one, but you may want to participate in the 1st one.

The first one is in McMinnville, which my MapQuest tells me is about 55 miles or 1 hour and 13 minutes from Crossville. This would be a great way to wrap up the year. If you think you might go, let us know by responding to this e-mail. The flyer for that one is attached (Brit Car Show.pdf). Charlie and Pat Bunnell will probably be going with their TD - either on a trailer (it now has a new floor) or driving it. It doesn't appear that you have to let them know in advance if you're attending. Note that it only lasts from 10:30 AM til 2:00 PM. But there are prizes.

We received an invite to the second event from Gary Moss of the English Auto Society, who joined us on our first drive to Falls Creek Falls Park. The Austin Healey Club would like to have the Crossville British Car Club join them in Rugby. They have reserved the only restaurant in Rugby for their 14th annual drive and Christmas get-together on December the 6th 2008. They will gather at the Kroger on Middlebrook Pike, (at the end of North Cedar Bluff Rd.) on Saturday morning at 10:40 and depart same at 11:00 sharp. They expect to arrive at 12:40 and order soon as the restaurant closes at 3:30. You can meet them at Rugby if you like but if you plan on driving with them or meeting them, call or e-mail Bobby Ricker, at his private e-mail knoxvillehomes4u@aol.com or 865-694-6086. He needs a head count by November the 23rd.

If you go to either event, please take some photos and share them with Charlie so he can put them on our events page.

By the way, we've updated the events page so you can see the November event - Chattanooga.

Enjoy, and stay in touch. Let us know what you're doing with your LBC.

Three Old Cranks

Fullerton, CA. - The Vintage MG Club of Southern California 35th Annual ALL MG Parts Exchange

Sunday, November 23, 2008. The Vintage MG Club of Southern California 35th Annual ALL MG Parts Exchange. Location: College Park, College of Communications, 2600 E. Nutwood Ave., Fullerton, CA. 7:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Contact John Seim, 949-786-5697, kingseim@earthlink.net, Don Kosup, 714-828-5688, dkosup@sbcglobal.net, or Bob Christian, 714-998-7281, Bob.Christian@minarik.com. For more info, please go to our website. www.VintageMG.com Contact: John Seim. Phone: 949-786-5697. Email: kingseim@earthlink.net. Website: www.VintageMG.com.

January
25, 2009

Pennsburg, PA. - DVCMG Cabin Fever All-British Vehicle Collectibles Show, Sell, & Swap

Got cabin fever? Then drive on up to Pennsburg and spend a nice Sunday afternoon on January 25th with your British car friends viewing, buying, selling and swapping automobilia and collectibles of your favorite British auto marques - AC - Allard - Astin Martin - Austin Healy - Bentley - Diamler - Jaguar - Hillman - Land Rover - MG - Mini - Morgan - Riley - Sunbeam - Triumph - Rolls Royce and many others. Besides the collectables, the pub has a great assortment of brews and a wonderful menu. Eat, drink, and talk cars... what could be better? Admission is \$2. To reserve a vendor table, send \$10 check made out to "DVC" to Liz Niner, PO BOX 510, Creamery, PA 19430-0510 by January 15th (\$20 day of show). www.DVCMG.com WebMaster@DVCMG.com Contact: Lee Niner. Phone: 610-831-1531. Email: webmaster@DVCMG.com.

February
14-15,
2009

Boca Raton, FL. - Gold Coast British Sports Car Club 16th Annual British Classic - (Visit LBCarCo and Say Hi to Jan and Jeff)

The 16th Annual British Classic Car Show will be held on the grounds of Royal Palm Plaza, So US 1, Boca Raton, FL with a pre-show dinner on Saturday, Feb 14, 2009 at 6:00 P.M. The show will be held rain or shine on Sunday, Feb 15, 2009 commencing at 9:00 A.M. Trophies presented by Entrants popular choice ballots. Visit our Club Website: www.goldcoastbritcar.org for registration form and other pertinent details. Contact: Larry Miceli. Phone: 954-941-5432. Email: Larry@ZZMLaw.com.

March 7,
2009

Zephyrhills, GA. - Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and British and European Classic Car Show - (Visit LBCarCo and Say Hi to Jan and Jeff)

Please mark your calendars for an exciting and unique car show event. This event blends the days of heraldry with the British and European Classic Car. On Saturday, March 7, 2009 participate in the Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and Highland Games and the British & European Classic Car Show. All European cars and motorcycles are eligible. Winning classes are: The Mayor Award – selected by the mayor of Zephyrhills; first, second, and third place class awards (depending on entries) – Best of Show – first, second, and third place awards. Participants will receive one ballot. The New World Celts, a charitable USA 501 (c) (3) corporation dedicated to promoting Celtic history and supporting Celtic culture in the New World will conduct the voting process as

a fundraiser for their cause by selling ballots to the spectators for \$1 each (Buy a Vote For Charity). They will also be collecting and tabulating the ballots. Car Clubs are encouraged to set up tents in order to recruit members and educate the public on their classic cars, history, and unique aspects of their particular various models. Over 20,000 visitors attended the 2008 Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and Highland Games two-day event. Your registration includes: admission to both days of the event, March 7, and 8th. Come join us at the 9th Annual Zephyrhills Celtic Festival and Highland Games. Festival events include Massed Pipes and Drums; Clan Participants Parade; Solo Piping and Drumming Competition; Pipe Band Competition; Scottish Highland Dancing Competition; Ancient Weapons Competition; Traditional Irish Dancers; Scottish Clan Tents; Celtic Crafts and Jewelry; Outstanding selection of Celtic Vendors; Traditional Celtic Music All Weekend; and British and European Car Show. Contact: Dennis Magee. Phone: 727-385-1188. Email: dmagee119@verizon.net. Website: www.fsmgcc.com.

March 21,
2009

**New Orleans, LA. - New Orleans 19th Annual British Car Day -
(Visit LBCarCo and Say Hi to Jan and Jeff)**

MARCH 21st, 2009 – New Orleans, Louisiana - 19th Annual British Car Day –
Join us at Delgado - City Park Campus in New Orleans, Louisiana. All British cars and bikes welcome. Registration is 9am to noon, with popular choice judging from noon till 3pm, awards at 4pm. The host hotel is the Hampton Inn – Elmwood, 5150 Mounes Avenue, Harahan, LA 70123. Call (504) 733-5646 and ask for the British Car Show rate - code BMC. There will be a reception on Friday, March 20th at the hotel. For more information contact: Keith Vezina: (504) 722-5777, president@bmcno.org or Karen Murray: (504) 236-7509 or the club web site at <http://www.bmcno.org> Contact: Keith Vezina. Phone: 504-722-5777.

ATTENTION POLAR BEARS:
The Georgia Triumph Association is pleased to announce

Polar Bear Run IX

Saturday, December 27, 2008

This year's destination is the Classic City:

Athens, GA

Meet at the

Outback parking lot near Stone Mountain

East Park Place Blvd at the east end of the Stone Mountain Freeway (US 78)

Drivers' Meeting at 9:00 AM

Come visit the shops, restaurants, pubs, and home of the UGA Bulldogs. Visit the many cultural attractions that are available, or just relax and enjoy the scenery. The downtown area will be decorated for the holidays and everyone will be happy to see us.

The spirit of our event is to encourage all sports and classic motoring enthusiasts to meet for a scenic drive and share some fun on the last weekend of the year. Everyone is welcome to participate with your most interesting auto - or bring the family in the minivan.

The drive is a leisurely tour. All cars will receive a set of detailed directions, so that nobody gets lost or left behind. Stops will be provided along the way. Atlanta area residents will have the opportunity to participate fully and be home before dark.

Out-of-towners have made the Polar Bear Run a weekend travel destination. There are a number of motels in the Stone Mountain area for Friday night (including a Holiday Inn Express within walking distance of the starting point). Athens has a large number of rooms available to allow an extended visit to this great city.

Mark your calendars for December 27 and don't miss the largest winter driving event in the Southeast. The event takes place rain or shine.

The starting point is located east of Atlanta at the end of the Stone Mountain Freeway. From the east Perimeter (I-285), take US 78 about 9 miles to the first traffic light. Turn left on East Park Place and into the parking lot on the right, behind Hardee's, Arby's, and McDonald's. Fuel is available nearby, so please top off before the start, as there will be only a limited number of gas stops available along the route. Snacks and drinks are a good idea, too.

For more information and the latest updated, visit the Georgia Triumph Association's web site: www.GaTriumph.com. Email GeorgiaPolarBear@hotmail.com with any questions, or call 770-845-4484 on the day of the event. We're looking forward to seeing you there!