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Annual Meeting and Potluck — Getting Down to Business



It was a dark a stormy night -- all good stories start that way. But neither dark nor the winter snow kept the BMCU folks from the annual Potluck Dinner and Business Meeting. And as usual, the food was to die for.

After everyone had a chance to set up their food and fill up their plates, we started the meeting. The first order of business? The board of governors.

After three years as Governor General, Gary Lindstrom announced to the group that it was time for him to hand over the leadership to someone else (the next time you see Gary at an event, be sure to thank him for his work as governor). Gary also mentioned that Floyd Inman could no longer continue as the newslet-

ter editor. After these announcements, Gary nominated Mitch Johnson as the next governor, and presented names for the rest of the board. After a final call for nominees, the group quickly agreed with the choices and with a round of applause, the new Board was voted in. The 2006 BMCU Board of Governors is proudly displayed on the masthead on p. 4.

The next order of business was our club financials. Our Chancellor of the Exchequer was unable to attend due to an urgent situation with his family. So, watch the newsletter for a 2005 financial report.

In general, the club is in the "black". But keep in mind that our

main expenditure is the monthly newsletter. While some members volunteered to receive the newsletter in an electronic form only, in order to keep our second-class mailing permit, we have to meet the post office's minimum bulk-mail quantity. That means we will continue to mail out most of the newsletters.

Speaking of club financials, if you haven't attended many events during the year or had an opportunity to slip a few dollars into the donation can, feel free to include a check with your annual "keep me on the mailing list" postcard that was attached to the February newsletter. Mitch proposed that we include a small envelope with next year's newsletter, along with the mailing list card, to facilitate club member donations.

Mitch also proposed a 1-page yearly color calendar (in lieu of the color December newsletter) with pictures of the past year's events on the top as a means to help raise funds. One idea was to sell ad space on the calendar to pay for its printing costs and raise funds. Mitch will look into that possibility.

One of the important tasks for the annual meeting is to set the calendar

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When you drive
If caution ceases
You are apt
To rest in pieces
Burma Shave 1940

The Long Line of Oil -- No, Make That Green!

As part of the BMCU Outreach Program, we will once again represent the British Empire in at the St. Patrick Day Parade on March 11. This is no small calling, given that the Irish (probably through lack of exposure to English automobiles), have a traditional distrust of all things British.

In any case, great weather is predicted (by our *English Farmer's Almanac*), and a great time lies in store for all attendees. The route will be the same as last year, with assembly at the intersection of 400 West and 200 North, whence we will drive "with great precision smartly down 400 West" (quoting the Utah Hibernian web site) "through the middle of the Gateway, a route of approximately 6-7 blocks".

Rendezvous at 9am, and put \$10 per car in your mitten -- the tribute extracted by the parade organizers. I sent in our application earlier this year, in hopes of get-

ting an earlier parade number. In any case, lots of fun is to be had while waiting, including chatting with other entrants, club members, dogs and horses.

All in all it's a great way to chase away that cabin fever you've been burdened with all winter, and wave as Miss (or Mr.) Congeniality to the adoring crowds.

After receiving our adulation, we'll retire to a cozy nook for lunch. In past years this has been Sam Granato's Italian market, which somehow always seems appropriate on St. Patty's Day.

Details on the parade may be obtained from the Utah Hibernian web site, <http://www.irishutah.cc/parade.html>

Quoth the Hibernians: "join us in a 'warm one' or even a 'cool one'".

--Gary Lindstrom

Greetings From Your New Governor General —Mitch Johnson

I'm not sure how it happened. I was even at the Pot Luck Dinner. But it appears it has become my dubious honor to become the next Governor General of our humble gathering of Britmobile owners and hopeful owners (Hi Paul!).

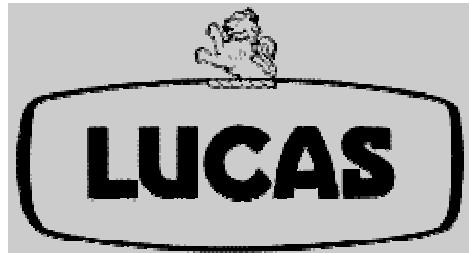
It will be a tough act to follow, coming in after the great job Gary has done for us. We've had some amazing times together and I know there are many more great times ahead of us yet. I have always been impressed with how so many folks from so many different walks of life, and so many different types of cars, can come together with such comradeship and friendship! Someone is always helping some fellow member out with advice, parts, labor and sometimes just a good old fashion kick in the butt.

We have a great group of members and

this year looks to be a banner one. We've elected a super bunch of "Volunteers" to the Board of Governors and have already started working on a few new ideas to help our club out in various areas. If anyone has some suggestions for us to consider for the club, please contact me or any of the Board members. I know this newsletter goes out to several hundred folks, and we usually have several dozen attendees show up for most events.

Folks, do yourselves a favor, come on out to these events! Even if your LBC (Little British Car) is not road-worthy. Come in whatever you have to drive. We always have a good time! So here's to us having a super (and safe) driving year in 2006! See you on the road,

— Mitch D. Johnson GG



The Lucas Calendar

This calendar works about as well as its namesake, so use it with care. All events are subject to change. Check our web site for the latest information.

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March 11, 2006: Saint Patrick's Day Parade — Gary Lindstrom. See article on this page.

April 22, 2006: Auto Jumble at Bailey's Service. Details next issue.

May 7, 2006: Antelope Island Tour. Nathan Massie.

May 27—29, 2006: Memorial Day Run to Moab — Jon and Susan Hermance. See article on p. 3.

June 24, 2006: British Field Day. Bill Davis.

For remainder of calendar, see Pot Luck article on p. 1.



Mitch Johnson takes the helm at the Pot Luck Dinner and Annual Meeting

Memorial Day Run 2006 New York Tokyo MOAB

Apparently Moab Utah is a popular place over Memorial Day. The last rooms available at the downtown Best Western Greenwell Inn have been reserved on our personal VISA card for the nights of May 27 and 28. The holiday rates are \$144.00 a night. Ten rooms are available on a first come first serve basis by calling Jon or Susan Hermance at 801-583-5846 by April 30, 2006. We will give you a room confirmation number and the phone number of the motel so you can transfer the charges from our card to yours. You are welcome to try and find your own more reasonably priced rooms in Moab. If you find some, please let us know so we can pass the information on to others.

Participating BMCUers will meet at the Hogle Zoo parking lot at 8:00 Saturday morning May 27. We will collect and distribute cell phone numbers and try to leave around 8:30. The route is currently planned to be East Canyon to Hwy 65. South on 65 to I-80 and east to Silver Creek Jct. At Silver Creek Jct. we will take Hwy 40/189 south through Heber past Strawberry reservoir to Duchesne.

From Duchesne we will take Hwy. 191 south through Price to Green River. From Green River there will be a short stretch of I-70 east to Crescent Jct. where we will turn south on Hwy. 163/191 to Moab. The distance is approximately 270 miles.

Sunday there will be a group going into Arches National Park for sure and probably folks heading to other Dead Horse Point type areas of interest. The return trip on Monday will be along the same route, however there will be the "freeway option" for any who prefer traveling more quickly. Any questions, concerns or suggestions may be communicated to jonathan_hermance@atk.com or 801-583-5846.

Postscript: as of Feb. 21 rooms were also available at the Bowen Motel, 169 N. Main St., 435-259-7132, for \$77 per night (pets \$6 extra)

- Jon Hermance

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of club events for the year. Having just taken the governorship for the club, Mitch stepped up and started the discussion. There's lots of events for the year, some of the old favorites and some new ones, ...just keep in mind that, try as we might, there's always changes as the year progresses, so check the newsletter or website often.

March 11. St. Patty 's Day parade in Salt Lake City

April 22. Autojumble at Bailey's Service. Mark Bradakis.

May 7. Antelope Island tour. Nathan Massie.

May 27—29. Memorial Day Run to

Autojumble

For sale: 2 TR3's under restoration. Complete body sandblasted, straightened and painted. Rebuilt rear ends, engines, etc. Located in Lindon, UT. Dan Ellis, 801-824-4700, dan.ellis4@hotmail.com

Moab. Jon Hermance.

June 24. British Field Day. Bill Davis.

July 4th weekend. Cache Valley Cruise-In. Elizabeth Jaroch.

July 3-7. GoF West. Floyd Inman

July 15. Trapper's Loop. Clayton Merchant.

August 26. Alpine Loop Run. Larry, Mary, and Suzanne Bishop.

August 25-27. Concours d'Elegance.

September 4. Miner's Day Parade. Floyd Inman.

September 16. State Street Cruise. Paul Jaroch and Joe Chou.

October 8. Fall Color Tour in Cache Valley. Elisabeth Jaroch.

October 19-22. Triumphest in Buellton, CA. Mitch Johnson

October 28. End of Season Dinner. Jeff Porter.

November 11. Tech Session.

December. No event.

January 2007. Tech Session.

After we finished with the business needs of the club, our attention turned again to the remaining food and our individual car plans for the year: favorite drives, restoration projects, carb swaps, and the like. After the discussions died down, and with a

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quick cleanup of the hall, we headed out to our snow-dusted cars for the drive home.

Thanks to St. Paul's Church for use of their hall/kitchen facilities again this year.

Attending the event were: Mark and Karen Bradakis, Pugs and Diane Pivrotto, Michael Scoggins, Paul and Elizabeth Jaroch, Kevin and Marie Cowan, Mike and Becky Chambers, Louie Perez, Greg Johnson, Mitch and Diane Johnson, Larry and Margaret Farrington, Andrew Frink, Dennis Hoagland, John Perry, Susan and Jon Hermance, Dixie and Bob Jah-nke, Bill Davis, Nathan Massie, Greg Smith, Jeff Porter, Bill and Robyn Rhinehart, Gary and Sandy Lindstrom.

Exchequer Report

As of February 23, 2006

Beginning balance
(from last report) **\$1,533.96**

Income:

Interest \$.35

Expenses:

State of Utah \$ 7.00

Ending balance \$ 1,527.31

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