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BMCU in a Dickens of a Fix

"It was the best of times, it was the worst of times ..." so starts the *A Tale of Two Cities* by Charles Dickens (1870).

Although there is no evidence that Dickens was ever conveyed by a British car (perhaps his remains at some point?), his words aptly describe the fix the British Motor Club of Utah currently finds itself in.

We are in best of times in terms of membership (over 300 on our email list), activities planned at the recent pot luck dinner, and exchequer health.

But we are also in the worst of times in terms of club leadership. Mitch has stepped down as Governor General after three yeoman years of service, and I have stepped aside as Newsletter Editor and Webmaster.

Drew Frink has stepped up as Webmas-

ter, and plans exciting expansion and freshening of our website (which merits listing under Best of Times above!).

However, we are still without GG and newsletter editor. Mitch has left the Board of Governors in place pending new hands in the reins (let him/her pick the horses), and somehow I guess we governors will cover the bases as a "GG of the Whole" in the meantime.

The newsletter is another matter. While the view was expressed at the pot luck that "maybe with the Internet we no longer need a newsletter" in my view this is short sighted in three respects:

- 1) There are approximately 65 members who renewed this year and requested USPS delivery. Many of these fine folks do not use the Internet, and would be cut off from

the club if the newsletter were ended. (Note: these folks were particularly generous in their cash donations at renewal time.)

- 2) The newsletter is the primary historical record of the club. For example, in planning this year's Hwy. 12 Memorial Day run, Jon Hermance researched reports from 1998, 2000 and 2001 trips through this region as a starting point in his planning.
- 3) The Internet is fine for distribution and communication, but needs timely and well edited content to be effective. This is the largest service that the newsletter editor provides.

In short, I fear for the future of the club without a GG and a Newsletter Editor. Perhaps it will survive, but I am sure it would be a different, probably smaller and more erratic (possible?) endeavor.

Over and out,

—Gary Lindstrom

2009 Pot Luck Dinner and Planning Meeting

Saturday February 28th was a beautiful day and a great night for a BMCU get together at the old St. Paul's church. This was one of the largest turnouts in memory. There were all kind of tasty treats and things to enjoy, I doubt anyone went away hungry.

The planning session was opened with the business of filling vacancies of retiring BMCU officers. Andrew Frink stepped up to fill the Webmaster / Membership Director position. Marty Van Nood will continue as ex-checker. Mitch

will stay on as Quartermaster. No changes were made to Board members and we are still looking for a new Governor General. If anyone is interested in giving this a try, please contact any of the BMCU board members. Believe it or not, there is not that much to doing the job. You will be contacted occasionally regarding club business, events and opportunities. Stand up to say a few words at some events. Ask Marty to pay a few bills and that is pretty much it! Of course all the benefits and prestige of being a BMCU GG is priceless!

We are also in need of several folks to volunteer to head up a few of this years driving events. These events are pretty much and "Auto-Pilot" thing, we just need someone to be the point of contact, maybe check for road conditions or closings and usually a short story about the event. Pretty basic!

Check the updated Lucas calendar for the updated information of this years events.

Thank you for allowing me the opportunity of serving you these past three years, I am looking forward to another great year of enjoying our cars and hobby!

— Mitch D. Johnson