HAPPY NEW YEAR

PREZ WORDS and THE END OF 2012

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. Hope everyone has had an adequate 2012 so you can have a superior New year in 2013. It looks like the snow is here but it is conveniently staying in the mountains and I’m sure some of you are still driving your LBC’s. Mines undercover and the big car XJ 6 with a real heater and comfy seats is out for now. Last month we had floating dinner at the Drink Pub and then a few weeks later moved on to our Christmas dinner at the Maple Grove Grange. Thanks so much to those who helped with set up and take down. A special Thanks to our Gift Exchangers Bill Dryden, Margaret Sufke and of course Charlie. Also, Thanks to Jerry Grussel for musical entertainment during the social hour. Jerry if you had stuck around we would have given you a round of applause or a Bronx cheer if you’d prefer.

A special appearance by Pete Rolfe and a round of applause to the call of “Good Night Pete” was an emotional part of the night. For those of you who don’t know, Pete got a lot out of our evening of camaraderie, He could use your support, please feel free to send your messages of support to Pete and good thoughts for his recovery or at least some pain free or no whirly’s days.

Our coffee draw has come up empty with Margaret Sufke not present and Steve Brood caught without his name tag on.

Decembers Pub Nite falls on Boxing Day, the English Holiday providing presents for servants, underlings or a paid day off as opposed to the American tradition of taking all the fine presents back for refund or exchange.

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“HOW I LOVE YA PETE”

Please send him a get well card or a recollection of some car he helped you fix, got you parts, or otherwise shoved you along in the hobby we call Adults Playing With Cars.
Send care of Michelle Rolfe, 3411 Lassen St, Boise 83703-4734
**IBCC Related Events**

**December 26th – 6:30pm,** Pub Night—Dave & Karen Countryman picked the *Dutch Goose* at 3515 State Street, Boise

**December 29th, 10:00 am.** Odd Saturday Out—Todd and Carlene Eshelman have organized this OSO. We will be touring the Yanke Machine Shop (antique equipment and autos) at 1090 Boeing St. Directions: Take Broadway exit—go south (on airport side of freeway), left on Enterprise and then Left on Boeing to 1090 Boeing St (near railroad tracks).

Let’s meet for breakfast at 8:30 at Sunrise Café off Federal Way (where we use to meet earlier this year for first Saturday of the month coffee). We can have breakfast and then head over for our 10:00 am time to look at the cars, etc. Make sure to bring a warm jacket as buildings that the cars are kept in will not be up to normal room temperatures!!!

**January 30,** 6:30 Pub Night—Terry Thompson has arranged for us to meet at the Sun Ray Café in Hyde Park (original Lucky 13) 1602 North 13th Street, Boise

**March 23** Annual Meeting—details to come

**June 21, 22, 23 2013,** Summer Tour 2013—Baker City, OR

The Host Hotel will be the Best Western Sunridge Inn. Although the Registration form is still a few months away, you can make the room reservation now! Call Sunridge Inn directly to make your reservation for the group rate. The toll-free direct line is 1-800-233-2368 and ask for the special group rate for the "IDAHO BRITISH CAR CLUB". The rates are as follows: Single King or Queen Bed @ $68.00 plus tax $73.44/night or Two Queen Beds @ $78.00 plus tax ($84.24/night). Please do not attempt booking your reservation via internet, because unfortunately they do not list the group block information.

**Other Car Club Events Around the NW Area**

**May 25-31, 2013,** British Car Week

**July 17-21, 2013,** NAMGBR’s Annual MG event will be held in Corvallis, Oregon. Willamette MG Club will host the annual event. There will be the opportunity to travel along the Historic Oregon and Applegate Trails and visit some beautiful vistas as you wend your way to the Oregon State University campus in Corvallis. For more information visit http://www.mg-2013.com/wp/

**July 27, 2013,** All British Field Meet, Bellevue, WA. Information at http://abfm.com/

**August 11, 2013** Britbull, Spokane, WA.

**Aug 16-18, 2013.** All Triumph Drive In. For details: http://bctriumphregistry.com

**October 2-6, 2013,** Triumphest 2013 http://www.mossmotoring.com/ai1ec_event/triumphest-vtr-national-2013/?instance_id=
December’s Coffee Name Tag Drawings:

December 1 — Margaret & Mark Sufke’s names were drawn but they weren’t there to collect.

December 15 — Steve and Tami Brood’s names were drawn but Steve didn’t have his name tag on. So, there will be lots of money to win at the next drawing in January!


Welcome

Karl Steiger and he drives a 1976 Jaguar XJ12L

New Members

IBCC CLUB REGALIA

License plate frames $20 (silver or black)
Grill badges $30
Sew-on patches $5
Window decals $1

Contact VP Steve Brood

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We will be meeting at the Dutch Goose where the beer taps rotate thru various brews and Boise High holds class reunions. 3515 Sate Street see you there.

December Odd Saturday out - a tour of the Yanke Machine Shop Machine and Auto Museum 10 a.m. at Yanke or 8:30 for Breakfast at Bob’s Sunrise Café. See the web for specific direction to Yanke.

January’s Pub nite is set for Sun Ray Café in Hyde Park in of all places the garage (this was the former Lucky 13).

Have a safe and Happy Holiday

Dave

What four letter word triggers instant nausea, utter despair, and total helplessness?

By Terry Thompson or more affectionally called “Maroon”

This foul letter word was first etched into my youthful brain when listening to a Bill Crosby album circa 1960, Crosby was in surgery and the good doctor exclaims “OOPS” under his breath. As testament to the power of this foul word, Bill Crosby immediately shot up and out of his drug induced coma and panically asks the good doctor what he meant by “OOPS”?

Fear, terror, and hopelessness, we have all been there. Imagine being 13 and seeing the wash rag that you are using to shine up your older brothers pristine canary yellow TR-3 start to turn a light yellow... OOPS – shouldn’t have used the comet cleanser. Or, forcing the bonnet closed on my MG was another major OOPS when I had left a tool on the engine head. What is your first thought when you torque that hard to reach bolt just a tad more and it suddenly spins?

Come on, be honest and confess your OOPS’es for us all to enjoy/share your pain. Please be a man/woman and take ownership by providing Nancy O. with your story.

Send your name and OOPS story to Nancy to be included in the newsletter.

PS – Terry Thompson has sweated the pot by adding a prize of $5.00 to be awarded to the best monthly OOPS story. Terry has “volunteered” Dave C and Nancy O to judge the stories!

The Club’s Photo Directory is available. Please see Nancy Otterness at a coffee to get your copy.

We will be creating an addendum page with photos of new members and photos of those cars we were unable to include in the first printing. Rick Kloss has volunteered to take the pictures of the missing cars.

Correction:
Rodney Rindlisbaker’s email address to Rodney@rcbuilders.us
Craig & Laurie McAllister’s home phone number 208.336.3242
Alan & Lorna Lemen drive a 1998 Jaguar XK8 and Land Cruiser
Anybody want to run for office? Dave is taking applications. Or, if you'd just like to shadow our current officers and take over next year—let Dave Know. Voting is in March at the annual meeting. Dave is hoping for some volunteers—or he may have to “volunteer” you!

Dave’s second appeal is for members to step up to volunteer for Pub Nites, Odd Saturday Out events and summer drives. Please contact either Dave or Todd Eshelman, Events coordinator.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING—MARCH 23RD

As Editor of the Spoken ’n’ Word, I belong to a British Car Club editor’s group. We agree to share information—as long as we give credit to which club a story came from. In the December issue of mgTalk, of Atlanta, GA, the editor Don Harmer posted the following story. I thought it fit nicely with what Dave C wrote in his Prez comments about having a good 2012. Just substitute the towns listed for ours and I think you have our club too. Nancy

Caught at the light

By Mrs. Minivan

Hang around the British car hobby for any length of time and you will hear it said: “We got into this for the cars, but we stay in it for the people.” This statement is usually followed by musing upon the subject of friendships formed over British car enthusiasm being the deepest and truest of any known to the speaker. What is it about “British Car People,” everyone asks, that makes them such wonderful companions and friends?

It could very well be that the kind of person who would keep a cranky little bucket of bolts running and in good repair turns these same nurturing and caring instincts towards people as well as cars and those qualities make people good friends to have. The word “keep” is used above for a purpose. All it takes is a momentary impulse and money to buy an old car, but, keeping it and caring for it over time requires something much more. Along with technical knowledge there is usually a nostalgia and affection for the past and a desire to keep something that was good and preserve it. And thus, those of us likeminded souls come together, and while we treasure and care for our cars, we also treasure and care for one another.

Autumn is a time that highlights these friendships. Between the flurry of car shows and the holidays our loved ones are much in our minds. But Autumn is also a season that heralds the end of the year, a last glorious display before winter sets in.

With autumn, and changes and endings much in our minds, we attended our favorite car show last weekend. Our hosts had chosen “Traveling Back in Time” as the theme for the event. How fitting it was. The last few years have wrought sad changes in our little group, so, everywhere we looked evoked fond memories of the not so long-ago. Here, a the place where we had been so happy together, we missed our friends the most. We did have a good time over the weekend. But there was sadness too, the pain of loss and separation from those we love. A sadness we didn’t want to avoid because the sadness is part of remembering and we want to remember.

So now, before the light turns green and there is no one left to remember, let it be set down in writing and celebrated, this “us-ness” that was. For when we rolled together we rolled right well and with style. Not destination oriented, we ruled as Lords of the Slow Lane, which is a state of mind, not a place.

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We possessed this wisdom, which is no secret, the journey is all and everything, the destination marks its end. So take your time. Look around, savor the trip. Stop for ice cream. Along with friendship and camaraderie we were granted the gift of mindfulness. We knew how good we had it. We also knew that our season was autumn, but, we didn’t hide from it, we rode out to meet it and treasured each moment. We were rewarded with a season both long and golden and its fruits were sweet.

Some of our experiences may have differed only in detail from those of other British car clubs. Our occasional mechanical failures which led to our finest moments of team support and improvisation. Some of the “interesting” people we met while the above incidents were taking place. The times that we took a little extra scenic route (destination-minded people will call this “getting lost.”) The added frisson experienced when some of us took that extra route and others took a different one. The subsequent joy of reunion.

Other experiences and images were ours alone. The meeting place before the official meeting place. Restaurants where we did and did not like to eat (also known as the great Waffle House debate). Our Chattanooga after-party in Rome, Georgia. Our amnesia inducing British car day picnic that was so luscious that it caused perfect strangers to forget themselves and attempt to serve themselves banana pudding! Our all you can eat crumb cake and biscotti hospitality room. Our famous rear-end conversions (shades of greasy black not gray). Veneration for good BBQ and the factors taken into consideration by all right-thinking persons when evaluating it as well as Brunswick stew. The proper moment to observe and report RPM, goats at the roadside, and old tractors for sale. The perfect imprint of a single fallen leaf in the well seasoned paint on a certain MG TD fender...

Little things some might say, meaningless in the larger cosmic scheme of existence. Maybe so, but, they were ours. Our little dust specks of joy and to us they meant the world.

So, now along with keeping our cars we find ourselves the keepers of memories. Memories of the best of times spent meandering down country roads or working together under the bonnet of one British car or another. Just sitting in the shade admiring our parked cars, always laughing and never, ever running out of things to say.

Autumn is coming to an end soon and winter is on its way. The few of us left keep our memories close, like people on a dark and chilly night will huddle together around a cozy fire. The fire of our memories may seem a tiny light in the vast darkness, but it burns warm and clear. There was once something wonderful and we are proud to have been a part of it.

To absent friends, to all who are faithful but unable to gather, we carried you in our hearts to Chattanooga, and in our hearts we will carry you always.

Mrs. Minivan
The origins of the famous motto of both the MG Car Club and the MG Car Company may be lost in the mists of time, but here’s a story that, while it may be apocryphal, strikes us as believable.

**SAFETY FAST**

Back in 1930, when the Company was casting about for a marketing slogan, several ideas were being kicked around in the factory at Abingdon. The one that seemed to offer the most promise was “Faster Than Most!” However, when tested on billboards in and around the neighborhood, pranksters quickly altered it to read: “Faster Than Most Bikes!” That was not funny, of course, in the eyes of Cecil Kimber. At that point, someone pointed out that the slogan of the Oxford Bus Company, “Safety First!,” could be borrowed and altered to read “Safety Fast!” Kimber is said to have embraced the idea in a heartbeat.

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Steve Deis; Phone 208-866-6738 email: 1fn fal <1fnfal@gmail.com (1/13)
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