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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER OF THE IDAHO BRITISH CAR CLUB

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Snerds Words For The Birds

The club and its members hosted another fun Christmas party. Terry Thompson, wearing his now signature union jack loafers, did a great job keeping the gift exchange under control and moving ahead. The food was delicious thanks to the members that attended. Thanks to those that helped decorate and clean up after the party. The crew from the grange said that it was left the cleanest ever. Mark your calendars for next years event December 11, 2010. Not much else happening that I'm aware of except Rod and his son will be making some major changes in the web site. You'll know when it happens.

Happy New Year.

Ada County Emissions Program

(Submitted by Realy Ann Wingert)

The Ada County Air Quality Board has made several changes to the county's emissions program, slated to start Jan. 1:

- Testing will be every other year, instead of every year.
- New vehicles will be exempted for four years (based on their model year).
- Vehicles built before 1981 will be exempted.
- Hybrids will be exempted.
- The maximum test fee will be \$20.

The new rules are based on those proposed by the Treasure Valley Air Quality Council and approved by the Idaho Legislature.

Vehicles slated to be tested this calendar year, though, will still be expected to comply with the old rules.

The board says the changes will mean 57 percent fewer tests, and that may mean some testing stations will close

From the Editor:

The annual IBCC Christmas Party was a success again this year. If you are missing a plate from the Christmas party, let me know and I will get it to you.

I am always looking for articles for the newsletter. If you have any for the February newsletter, please submit them by February 3rd. The winter months don't offer many club events, so if you would like to set up a tech session, club gathering, etc., let Rod know at tr6driver@gmail.com and he will get it on the calendar...HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Becky

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IBCC 2010 EVENTS CALENDAR

Jan 2nd	9:30 AM	Coffee Gathering	Tully's @ Federal Way & Gowen Rd
Jan 16th	9:30 AM	Coffee Gathering	Moxie Java @ Five Mile & Overland
Jan 28th	7:00 PM	Pub Night (place TBD)	Check the website later this month
Feb 6th	9:30 AM	Coffee Gathering	Tully's @ Federal Way & Gowen Rd
Feb 20th	9:30 AM	Coffee Gathering	Moxie Java @ Five Mile & Overland
Feb 25th	7:00 PM	Pub Night	
Mar 6th	9:30 AM	Coffee Gathering	Tully's @ Federal Way & Gowen Rd
Mar 20th	9:30 AM	Coffee Gathering	Moxie Java @ Five Mile & Overland
Mar 25th	7:00 PM	Pub Night	
Mar 27th	6:00 PM	Annual Meeting and Election of Officers (place TBD)	

For further information (times, locations, contact info) please check the
Web: www.idahobritishcars.com

NAMETAG DRAWINGS

1st Coffee (Dec. 5th) Bob Huston missed out on his \$20.
2nd Coffee (Dec. 19th) Terry Thompson missed out on his \$20.

Come join us for coffee the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of every month, wear your nametag, and maybe you will be \$20 richer....

SUMMER TOUR 2010

Mark your calendars for a fun filled summer tour to Salmon, Idaho next June 25-27, 2010. An interesting and exciting trip is being planned. Don't miss this one. The Stagecoach Inn will start taking reservations right after the first of the year.....Lyla Scheihing

Dues Increase

Your membership dues may be increasing in 2010...More info to come in a future newsletter.

ANNUAL MEETING & ELECTIONS

Mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting on March 27th

IBCC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY



SOME LIGHT READING:

So what type of widow would you like to be? (Taken from British Car Week web site)

The other day my wife and I were lounging on our living room couch discussing our workday, when she told me about a discussion she had with her co-workers. I'm still not quite sure how the conversation got started, but one of her co-workers mentioned that she was a model airplane widow and how she rarely sees her husband because he's always playing with or working on his model airplanes. Another person peeked through the rubbled landscape of her desk and said that she was a hunting widow. The fishing widow then bobbed her head up and said that her catch-of-the-day is hooked on fishing, and as a matter of fact, she said, "he's out in a row boat as we speak!"

Next, the TV sports widow pitched in with her story, then the golf widow chipped in with her slice of the conversation. Pretty soon the room full of conversation about this widow and that, and why each had been widowed by some sort of hobby that has taken their sidekick away from them. Of course, I'm sure my wife, the British sports car widow, added some petrol to the combustion of things.

The very next day I began thinking about this "widow" conversation, and how I felt that my wife should be very grateful that she's a British sports car widow. I decided that maybe these ladies should get involved with their hubby's hobbies (and vice versa of course). But then again, maybe there's a good reason they don't.....

Let's analyze some of the various hobbies that came up during the conversation:

The model airplane widow: The model airplane builder enjoys building airplanes, then takes them to an open field to test his flying skills. Once the plane has been built and is ready for flight, the trusty companion can go along to the field, pull up a chair, and then enjoy watching the plane go around and around and around for hours upon hours. If batteries or other supplies are needed, there's always a chance to volunteer for a run to the store and maybe do some other shopping while you're there. Be sure to ask for his credit card before you go.

The hunting widow: A good hunter always needs an extra hand or two for dragging the lifeless catch back to the camp. This is your chance to join in with the fun! It's a great opportunity for some good chat, fresh air, and exercise. Once the carcass is dragged back to camp, there's the skinning or plucking, gutting, and then of course the cleanup. While doing all of this, you can enjoy the sights, the sounds, and the scent of the outdoors. Once the usable portion of the mess has been gathered up for digestion, the preparation and cooking can be a great way to spend some quality time together. Of course the feast is the best part. Just think of the great subjects for table talk!

The fishing widow: The ride in the boat to the middle of the lake is always enjoyable, and maybe he'll even let you row or steer the boat! Once you've reached your destination, you can be in charge of the anchor, then throw out your line and engage in some uninterrupted chitchat. Just think, just the two of you in the boat with nowhere else to go. Now you've got him where you want him(?), and there's no reason to get distracted. As with hunting, the cleaning and preparation are a great time to talk about the day. While you're eating dinner, you can discuss what bait to use the next time. It's a great subject that will keep the interest up during table talk.

The TV sports widow: With today's highly entertaining commercials that take place during televised sporting events, you'll surely have an enjoyable day on the sofa. Also, the food is just around the corner and you can even help prepare it for the rest of the gang in between commercials. "Are the sandwiches ready dear?" "Oh, and by the way, can you run to the store and get us more beer?"

The golf widow: I'm not quite sure of the origins of this sport, but it has always intrigued me. Pulling a club out of a bag, then using it to hit a little white ball around a grassy field, filled with trees, bushes, water, and sand, then hoping you don't lose it (quite literally) before you can get it into a hole several hundred yards away. As with many golfers, they'd love to have a caddy to carry their clubs, or even someone to drive the golf cart. The best time for conversation of course is while everyone is gathered at the tee, because the rest of the time, the players will be scattered all over the fairway. Is this where the term "tee'd off" came from?

The British sports car widow: Other than some of the dirty maintenance work involved once in a while, this hobby can be great fun. With an endless list of places to go, and interesting sights to see on a beautiful sunny day, you can put the top down on your British sports car and head off anywhere your heart desires. Whether it's a picnic basket well stocked with your favorite goodies and a cozy place to eat, or a plan to stop at a choice restaurant on the way to or from wherever you're going, there's always something different to look forward to with each outing. The British sports car widow can sit back, relax, and enjoy the fresh air and beautiful scenery, and help navigate or even drive the car. My wife and I have some of our best conversations while driving in our British car. She can pick out the best places to eat, the ice cream shop for desert, or even a nice, romantic, cozy spot to stop and rest during the drive. It's amazing the interesting places you'll find while roaming the back roads that are seldom traveled anymore. The possibilities are endless, and that keeps my wife and me yearning for more fun in our favorite British car.

So the next time your significant other makes a derogatory comment about your British car hobby, have her compare it with some of the other alternatives. They just might decide that being a British sports car widow isn't so bad after all! I know my wife would agree.....

CLASSIFIED ADS

*** 1973 Jaguar E Type 2+2 Coupe, meticulously cared for with 36,000 original miles. Asking \$27,500. If interested, please call 345-2932.

*** 1963 Sunbeam Alpine - restoration started, many new parts some installed and some not. Weber carb and intake - stainless header, many other used spare parts. Call or email for more info or come by and look at all of it. huston208@aol.com 440-9384 Bob \$2500.00 OBO.

*** Over the past 25+ years I have acquired numerous OEM parts and repair manuals for British cars. I also have a video tape on the correct procedures to rebuild the various types of SU (Skinners Union) carburetors I would be happy to loan these to any IBCC member. Contact Pete 344-4144 or petebts@aol.com.

*** 1952 MG TD—Desirable Mark II model - Frame off full restoration (all receipts) completed in 1994—BRG with tan top/curtains and biscuit leather interior.—\$20,000. Martin 461-5988 or martinscheffer@clearwire.net.

*** 1977 MGB 70,000 original miles, 4 speed with overdrive, Sony XPLOD stereo system, 5 new Lemans tires, 3 tops, excellent gas mileage. Has “forever” license plate. Restored. Asking \$4,000 OBO. For more info, call Bob 541-548-8802 or email to studi1935@crestviewcable.com.

*** Beautiful British Triumph TR7 Barbie-Mobile seeks long term relationship with someone who will let me wrap myself around them and cruise topless. I came to the States in 1980 from Coventry and I am still tight in all the right places at 52, 000 miles. I love the feeling of cornering and reaching overdrive in 5th gear. My interior is smooth, with no rips, tears or cracks. Let my heart sing to you with CD's while exposed to the moonlight, or be your intellectual soul mate with satellite radio. I can be your good time girl for \$7700.00, with reasonable offers being considered. You can reach me for a photo expose' at Hoola-hann@yahoo.com or live chat 208-507-0207.

*** '74 Triumph Spitfire Very good condition, bought in May 2005 & only driven ± 300 miles since. Stored in garage the last 2 years. Prior Owner stated 35,000 miles on re-built motor. Runs/drives good, Weber Carb, near new tires. Original interior wood panel in excellent condition. Undercoat on body, no rust evident anywhere. Original interior & soft top. Pics available on request. Located in Sandpoint, Idaho. Asking \$4500. Contact Jim Puthoff @ 208-263-3825 or sailmore@verizon.net

*** 1974 Jensen Interceptor III, 68K miles, 440 Cu In Chrysler V8, torqueflite trans, All beige leather interior, factory mags ,PS, PW, PB, Air Cond. Blue exterior. \$10,000.00. Located in Twin Falls. Contact Gene 208 308-4120 or 949 500-7810. Pete has pictures and a flyer on the car.

*** 1976 spitfire, no rust, straight body with one small dent, serviceable interior, suspect engine, as pan is off. Price negotiable. Contact Diane at dperkins726@yahoo.com to view.

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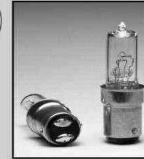
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