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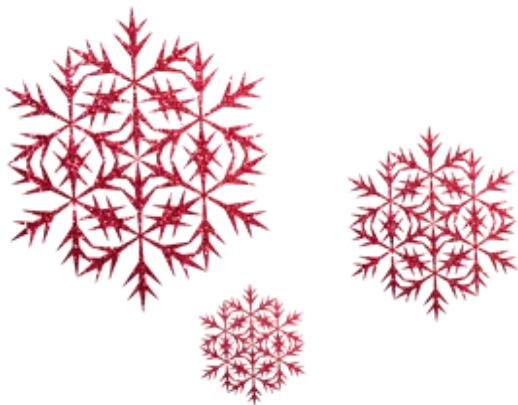
*For The British Motoring Enthusiast*

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*Established in 1989*

*December 2019*

*Merry  
Christmas*





**Charles Hutchison**

**was the first**

**President of BMCA**

**30 years later.....**

**Lisa Hutchison**

**Is**

**Our President.**



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**All Dues are due in January**

## **MARQUE RESPONSIBILITIES**

Jan Event...MG

TechTalk...Empire

Feb Event...AH/Mini

TechTalk...TR

March Event...Empire

TechTalk...MG

## November Minutes

by Orlando Tapia

President Lisa started the meeting promptly at 7 pm. The approval of the meeting minutes was followed by a review of the treasure report. Motions were made and the treasury report with a balance of \$7,319.58 was approved.

Debbie King addressed the club with the Oct Marquee Event – Cars and Coffee. The Izzy's location has some problems with meeting adequate parking so some cars had to park at the Riverside Grocery parking lot.

Mr. Wheeler the gave a summary of the Fort Roots 18th Annual Dad's Ole Car Show Ain't What It Used To Be. According to Mr. Wheeler the show was a absolute success with many wonderful cars (approx. 140 to 150) both young and old. Cars such as the Avanti, McLaren, some street rods, 50-60s American Classics, and best of all nine British cars. Food was provided free and many thanks to the suppliers who provided and served the food. Three Categories of trophies were provided: Veteran's Choice, Participant Choice, and the Arkansas Pontiac Association. Charles and Lisa walked away with the Arkansas Pontiac Association trophy with their Mini entry. Interest was given to make club attendance to the Ft Roots Show as an annual club event.

Chris provided the club with researched information regarding DeWalt and Motorola walkie-talkies. Both radio brands are covered by lifetime warranties, both had a 35 mile range, and a battery life of 12 hours. The significant difference between the two radio brands came down to the DeWalt appearing more rugged looking and bright yellow in color. The Dewalt radio price \$129 per pair and Motorola was priced at \$79 per pair. Motion was made and passed for the purchase of four DeWalt radios at a price of \$258

Motion made and passed on the 2020 Officer slate

Proposal regarding Club dues to continue/stay the same was made . Motion made and passed.

The Annual Christmas celebration will be on December 7th at the Reynolds Institute @UAMS . Starts at 6pm and everyone must be out by 9 pm. See Fred or Vera for tickets.

Birthdays: Rose Ann Foster, 7th; Leland Felix, 8th; Janet Moss, 10th; Jerry Boyd 12; Dale Foster, 24th. Anniversaries: Brian and Trish Wright, 14th.

Gots and Goofs: Jim Clark told the club about the restoration of his Austin Healy which was rear-ended 1 year ago while they were driving to the club meeting. The car was restored in Florida by Paul Secarios. Apparently Jim went to school with Paul but they never knew of each other while they were in school. Paul has 38 years experience in car restoration. Jim then gave testimony as to the cost of getting a car painted by Paul's painter, the standard one color paint job cost \$20,000, a two-tone paint job adds another \$5,000, adding metallic to the job adds an additional \$5,000 cost. Jim and his wife drove their Austin Healy back from Florida but did have to return to Paul's shop shortly after beginning their journey due to engine heating problems which were corrected by a bigger radiator and some innovative ducted air designed scoop. Additionally the car was fitted with some AC.

Malcom Smedley's health is not doing so well and he has put his MGTF and 2013 BMW up for sale.

The Big Jingle Jubilee will be Union Station from 1-4 pm on Dec 7.

The Maumelle X-mas is also Dec 7th. but Ron would be the POC for information

Chris addressed the Arkansas law that pertains to antique car plates and requested assistance to help bring attention to the misdirected law that Jack Fortner pushed through Gov Asa's office. The new law limits people registering classic cars that are not 45 years or older. Some brainstorming ideas were provided such as contacting the Governor directly, asking other Arkansas car clubs like the Rockefeller Car Club, Cars and Coffee Club to join the initiative to address the inability for people to register older cars due to the new law. Cars that already have Antique plates are grandfathered in.

Charlie indicated the January Polar Bear run will take place on January 18, 2020. Details elsewhere in the newsletter.

Cars and Coffee in LR, Nov.16th, Cars and Coffee in Hot Springs, Nov. 23rd.

Tech Talk was provided by Brent who discussed overnight storage of Tops

Jim Clark walked away with a \$25 Cracker Barrel gift card from the door prize draw.

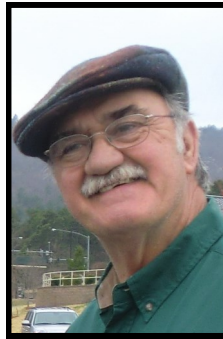
Motion to adjourn was made and the meeting closed before the 8 pm suspense time.



**Austin-Healey /  
Mini Marque  
Leader....**

**Jim Peckham**

*AH/Mini events will be  
Feb, June, and October*



**Empire Marque  
Leader**

**Nick Dawson**

*Empire events will be  
March, July and November*



**TR Marque  
Leaders**

**Chris Cooper  
&  
Ron Kew**

*TR Marque events will be  
April and August*



**MG Marque  
Leaders**

**Charlie Collins  
&  
Mike Salzman**

*MG Marque events will be  
January, May and September*



Our family of BMCA'ers is a very special group  
who needs leadership to keep the momentum going.

Above are our Marque Leaders for 2020

Please support your marque and help if needed.

## BMCA Meeting Dates for 2020

January.....7th

February.....4th

March.....3rd

April.....7th

May.....5th

June.....2nd

July.....7th

August.....4th

September...1st

October.....6th

November....3rd

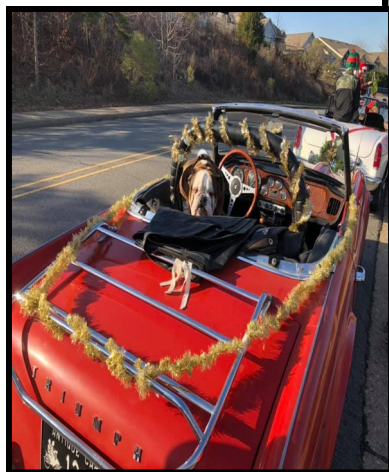
December.....  
No Meeting

## Marque Responsibility 2020

Month	Event	TechTalk
January	MG	Empire
February	AH/Mini	TR
March	Empire	MG
April	TR	AH/Mini
May	MG	Empire
June	AH/Mini	TR
July	Empire	MG
August	TR	AH/Mini
September	MG	Empire
October	AH/Mini	TR
November	Empire	MG
December	Christmas Party	

Happy  
New Year!





Maumelle Christmas Parade



## New Year's Eve Party

Lisa and Charles Hutchison  
26 Ferncrest Dr.  
Little Rock, AR 72223

501- 821-2050

December 31, 2019 8 pm until.....?

BYOB



## 2020 Calendar of BMCA and Regional Events

Jan 18.....Polar Bear Run (*details below*)

April 4..... Batesville Scottish Fest

June 20.....62nd Annual Petit Jean Show & Swap Meet

Sept 12.....Brits in the Ozarks

Little Rock Cars and Coffee, 3rd Saturday of every month, 8 am to 11 am  
Hot Springs Cars and Coffee, 4th Saturday of every month 8 am to 11 am



### POLAR BEAR RUN



Saturday, January 18, 2020

Meet at Walmart on Cantrell Rd. (hwy 10) at 9:30 am **Leave at 10 am**

After a lunch stop (yet to be determined) we will continue on to Gulpha Gorge.

We will vote for our favorite costume, (costumes are optional)  
Then the brave ones will take a dip in the Gorge.

We will then drive into Hot Springs to the Arlington Hotel. This will be our gathering spot  
to relax before we have dinner at the Stienhaus Keller at 6 pm.

Ten rooms have been blocked for British Motoring Club of Arkansas. Rate is \$102 plus tax.  
If you are staying overnight, please call now to reserve your room. (cut off date is Dec.19th)


**Arlington Hotel.....501) 623-7771**

### BMCA BOARD MEETING

Please note that there will be a  
**BMCA Board Meeting on December 28th, 2019, 3pm**  
at McLeod's in Morgan/Maumelle.

All new officers are required to attend  
and any BMCA member is welcomed to attend and participate in discussion,  
but only Board Members may vote.





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 Hot Springs    Fayetteville

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