

## BEHIND THE WHEEL (FROM THE RIGHT HAND SIDE)

In the absence of a newsletter editor and, therefore, a newsletter, I'll provide what used to be my monthly column via the Bi-List. I hope someone will step forward soon and express an interest in taking this position on. It does not have to be an indefinite appointment. If you want to take it on for only a specific period, say, one year, that would be fine. Maybe that way we can begin to rotate the position among the members . . . something we should probably be doing anyway with all of the club leadership positions!!! (ahem)

May was a very active and fun month for the club - at least I thought so. The winery tour may have been the most enjoyable club drive I have participated in. I know that, thanks in particular to Mark Brewer and Larry and Cathy Roe, the wineries certainly enjoyed having us! I particularly enjoyed the roads, especially the drive from Altus to Oark up a wonderfully crooked road I had never been on before. At one point on the road to Oark Kate and her Lotus and the fellow in the BMW M-Coupe were behind me so I pulled over to let them by. As they wailed past me up the road I knew then that the "something new and different" I have had the itch for would have to be something modern and high performance. I am now looking for that "something" that both stirs the soul and fits both my budget and my physique. As always, many thanks to Sue for making the arrangements with the wineries.

The photography symposium in Eureka Springs on May 21<sup>st</sup> was also fun and it was interesting to watch the photographers work with the models, our cars, and the available light. I was told that they enjoyed having us and we will be on the list to be invited back in the future. Thanks to all who brought their cars. They had hoped 5 of us would show up and they were quite happy that we had 11.

June is a busy month for the car show season. Next weekend, June 9 and 10, is the GOBMC all British show in Carthage. Six weeks earlier this year, the organizers should be able to avoid the whining about the oppressive heat that they have had to listen to for years. It is always a fun, well run event and, as I have said before, they support our show pretty well so we should support theirs. I hope you will attend. Lisa and I will be there with the Jensen - which should have functioning AC by then.

The Carthage show is followed by the Jaguar Club of Tulsa event in Sand Springs June 23 and 24. Their host hotel is the Hampton Inn that you see on the right as you leave Tulsa just before Sand Springs. They will have a cookout and registration (sound familiar?) there on the Friday and the Euro-Motor Extravaganza on the Triangle in downtown Sand Springs on Saturday. Again, Lisa and I plan to attend. Join us.

We had a pretty small turnout for 4<sup>th</sup> Friday Social Night at the Brit Stop. Maybe the fact that it was the Friday before Mothers Day impacted attendance. 4<sup>th</sup> Friday this month will be the 23<sup>rd</sup>. If you don't plan on attending the Friday night activities in Sand Springs you can come to the Brit Stop for a cold one.

Regarding our own car show, Mark and Greg have volunteered to lead the Thursday and Friday driving tours. I am already getting calls about these events so maybe they will have the desired effect and be attractive to those traveling from farther away. These two guys cannot be expected to coordinate these events by themselves so I am now asking for at least **two more volunteers for each day** to assist them. In addition to the leaders, we should have someone running "sweep" behind the group and another on hand to help with those who may fall by the wayside. It really would be best to have three members, at least, on each drive. I'll ask for volunteers at the next meeting.

Speaking of the next meeting, it is early this month. Since June 1 was the first Thursday, that makes June 8 the second Thursday and, therefore, our meeting date. See you then.