

## **Reno British Car Club – December and January Meetings**

December –

December's meeting wasn't really a meeting, but our annual Christmas Party. We had over 30 members attending and we had enough food to feed an army. Ham, Salads, Potato dishes, Desserts, we had it all. I don't think anyone left hungry. The election of officers was done by popular acclaim as all serving officers agreed to a second term, and nobody objected. The gift exchange was, as usual, really funny. I wound up with a hat that was very apropos in that on the front it says "Old Guys Rule," and on the back it says "living legend." Perfect. I think that we had such a nice turnout was because we didn't have snow for the first time in recent memory. The January meeting will be held at the Firkin and Wolf in Reno. We'll see if the weather holds.

January –

The January meeting of the club was in one of our favorite eateries, The Firkin and Wolf in the huge Summit shopping mall in Southwest Reno. This place is so big that I haven't figured out what stores are there and which are not. It's an outdoor mall so there is plenty of parking right outside the restaurant. Again, no snow, so we had a wonderful turnout. There were about 18 members British cars in the lot and around 35 people in attendance. We picked up a new couple, Jim and Nancy Brockhaus, who brought their maroon MGB and joined the club. The Marsee's drove up from Gardenerville, and Steve Polimeni brought his really beautiful MG Midget. I'm not normally a Midget fan (I'm too big to fit in one) but this is an exceptional little car.

After lunch I called the meeting to order and after wishing Grant Ross and Larry Nicholson a happy birthday, we got down to business. I told the group that in the coming year we would have our monthly meetings as per usual on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday of the month, but on off weekends we were going to have some day tours to places of interest. This plan is to enable car owners to get out and drive their cars, or not, as they choose. I have planned tours to the Portola train museum; the Bridgeport covered bridge near Nevada City, California; Christmas Valley; and somewhere along the line a parking lot car show to be held somewhere that doesn't cost an arm and a leg, and with the members paying an entry fee of five dollars to cover that cost of some little trophies and, of course, the price of the pizza. A few more events were suggested and all of them will be looked into. None of these will include meetings. Meetings will be as usual.

The board will meet soon at Dennis Conly's house to map out the meetings for the balance of the year.

The proposed ideas were well received by the membership, and hopefully some of the members who have sort of been among the missing will choose to participate. I really hope so.

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