

# QUAD-CITIES BRITISH AUTO CLUB



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## THE QCBAC

The QCBAC was also formed to promote interest and usage of any, and all British cars. The QCBAC website is at: [qcbac.com](http://qcbac.com)

In a 25 April email, QCBAC president Jerry Nesbitt wrote about a benefit for the family of Buster Miller. Jerry stated, "I am told that Buster used to be a member of our club. His son Matt recently passed away leaving his wife and young children behind. There will be other car clubs at this benefit so let's see if we can get a big participation to show our support." [See QCBAC events]

## QUEEN'S ENGLISH

**Botch or bodge:** Careless repair or fixing.

**Caravan:** Vehicle equipped for living in, typically towed by a car

**Carriageway:** Highway

**Central Reservation:** Median

**Chips:** Fries

**Crisps:** Chips

**Coffin Dodger:** Old Person

## QUOTATION

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*"When you step on the brakes,  
your life is in your foot's hands.*

*- George Carlin -*

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QCBAC Heartland Autofest 2015 – LeClaire, IA



## ANSWER

The quote, "Durability was based on drivers' discomfort – we damaged more drivers than vehicles during testing" is attributed to an engineer with the upstart Land Rover in the 1940s. The name of the first prototype was the Centre Steer and was built on a Jeep chassis and axles.



*Land Rover Series I*

## QUESTION

BMC was the largest British car company of its day, with (in 1952) 39% of British output. BMC produced a wide range of cars under brand names including Austin, Morris, MG, Austin-Healey, Riley, and Wolseley, as well as commercial vehicles and agricultural tractors. From 1955 to 1961, BMC was run by Austin's Leonard Lord. In 1955, the Morris engine designs were dropped and all new car designs were coded ADO. What did the ADO stand for?

## FUTURE QCBAC EVENTS

May Dinner Hollar's Bar & Grill	15 May 2016 4050 27 <sup>th</sup> Street, Moline, IL	4:00 pm
Buster Miller Fund Raiser Credit Island Lodge and Park Meet at Majors Service Station, 901 W 2nd St., Davenport. Depart at 9:15 am in a caravan to the show.	21 May 2016 2200 W River Drive, Davenport, IA	9:00 am to 3:00 pm
June Dinner	TBD	4:00 pm

### ***Our Premiere Event:***

Heartland Autofest Riverfront Park, Le Claire, IA (Don't forget to register!)	6 Aug 2016	9:00 am – 3:00 pm
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## OTHER CAR CLUB EVENTS

British Boots & Bonnets Drive & Museum	21 May 2016 Cantigny Park, Wheaton, IL
16 <sup>th</sup> Annual Mt Carroll Mayfest Car Show	22 May 2016 900 am – 4:00 pm Campbell Center
Lyndon Car Show Richmond Park	5 June 2016 Lyndon, IL
QC Cruisers Car Show Open Run XXXIV	11 June 2016 South Park Mall, Moline, IA
Dwyer & Michaels Car Show Mississippi Valley Fairgrounds	18 June 2016 8:00 am – 4:00 pm Davenport, IA
2016 Hemmings Great Race From San Rafael, CA to Moline, IL (John Deere Pavilion) Time-Speed-Endurance Rally for Vintage cars 1972 or older.	18 – 26 June 2016
Walcott Car Show Meet at Courtesy Ford, 3921 West River Drive, Davenport, IA Depart by 8:00am to caravan to Walcott.	16 July 2016 9:00 am – 3:00 pm
Route 6 Retro Road Trip 2016 Drive across Iowa	16-18 Sep 2016. Special Event in Davenport, 15 Sep 2016: "Cruise the Ones" event ends with a visit to Dahl Ford's Old Car Home

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Note: QCBAC does have a Facebook page.

Log onto to Facebook, locate the “Quad City British Auto Club” page and ask to be added to the group.

QCBAC events, pictures, discussions, etc., are presented on the QCBAC Facebook page.

Come join the conversation!

**Note: This is an abbreviated form of the QCBAC Newsletter. The full version is supplied to all QCBAC members.**



2014 QCBAC Auto Fest, LeClaire, IA



2013 QCBAC Auto Fest, LeClaire, IA

**Addendum to Land Rover answer.** In the 1860s, J.K. Starley sets up business in Coventry manufacturing sewing machines. In 1884 Starley introduces early tricycles and bicycles, using the name 'Rover'. In 1888, Starley creates Coventry's first 'car' - an electric tricycle which is never developed beyond the prototype stage. In 1904, Rover starts to build its first car and by 1906 bicycle production stops. The company is renamed to Rover Company Limited. By 1920, Rover was one of Britain's important car manufacturers but suffers badly from the Depression in the 1930s.

In 1933, Spencer Wilks becomes Managing Director and focuses on the production of prestige vehicles. From 1937 to 1945 the Rover factories become a part of the Government's Shadow Factories scheme and build a variety of war parts including engines for aircraft and tanks. In 1946, Spencer's brother Maurice needs a utility vehicle for his farm. No British utility vehicle existed, and parts for the Willys Jeep were hard to get at that time. In 1947, the 'Land Rover' project was made official. In 1948, the Land Rover appears at Amsterdam Motor Show and the “new” vehicle is greeted with enthusiasm and was revealed by the motoring press.

**Can Land Rovers be double parked?** Yes. Engage first low, and park on top of the Buick in front.