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NEWSLETTER

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UPCOMING EVENTS :

Sunday, August 26th - Autocross TLAC#5 at Cortana Mall in
Baton Rouge, La.

Tuesday, August 28th - General meeting at 8:00p.m. at Big
Cheese Pizza on Veterans Blvd. in Metairie.

Friday, September 14th - Annual "Night at the Races" at
Jefferson Downs on Sunset Blvd. in Kenner. Post time
is at 7:15p.m. Tickets may be obtained from Audrey
Kennedy.

Sunday, September 23rd.-Autocross at Belle Promenade Mall.

MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING :

Meeting was called to order at 8:25 p.m.

Treasurer's report - \$488.76.

Introduction of members & guests.

Report on upcoming rallye - Aug.18th - by Lin Lee.

John Winter gave a demo on EEZI BLEED.

50/50 was won by Lin Lee.

The entrance prize was won by Jim Van Sickle (but not
before the following names had been drawn - Karen
DeGrasse, James Clark & Joseph Bellemore. If you
had been there you would have won !).

There were 13 members present.

TALLEY'S TECH TIPS

BY
RODGER TALLEY

Below is an article from Paeco Industries quarterly newsletter "TECH TIPS" written by Mr. Carl Stringfellow. How does your exhaust 'stack' up?

EXHAUST SYSTEMS

DURING THE LAST TWENTY YEARS, WE AT PAECO HAVE HANDLED JUST ABOUT EVERY MAJOR BRAND OF AFTERMARKET EXHAUST SYSTEM THAT HAS EVER BEEN IMPORTED INTO THIS COUNTRY FOR IMPORTED CARS. THIS ARTICLE WILL BE DEVOTED TO A COMPARISON OF THEM, WITH THE GOOD AND BAD QUALITIES OF EACH POINTED OUT. IT MAY MAKE SHOPPING FOR AN EXHAUST SYSTEM JUST A LITTLE BIT EASIER FOR YOU.

TO FACILITATE COMPARISONS, WE HAVE RATED THEM IN THE AREAS OF PERFORMANCE, DURABILITY, AND COST. THESE RATINGS ARE BASED ON OUR OWN EXPERIENCE IN HANDLING EACH OF THE DIFFERENT MAKES OVER THE YEARS.

ABARTH -

THIS IS THE GRANDDADDY OF THEM ALL, AND WAS FIRST IMPORTED INTO THE USA SHORTLY AFTER WORLD WAR II FROM ITALY. THEY PUT OUT A FAIR AMOUNT OF HORSEPOWER, WERE FAIRLY RELIABLE, AND LOOKED AND SOUNDED GREAT. IN FACT, MOST BRANDS THAT HAVE COME ALONG SINCE THEN ARE FAIRLY CLOSE IMITATIONS OF ABARTH.

UNFORTUNATELY, ABARTH'S DISTRIBUTION AND MARKETING PRACTICES IN THIS COUNTRY LEFT SOMETHING TO BE DESIRED, AND ABARTH FINALLY DISAPPEARED FROM THE SCENE.

WARRANTY COVERAGE WAS SOMETHING OF A "CATCH-22" SITUATION. YOU HAD TO FIRST GET PERMISSION TO RETURN A BAD UNIT, THEN PAY FOR THE SHIPPING, AND THEN YOU WERE ALLOTTED A PERCENTAGE OF THE PRICE THAT YOU HAD PAID FOR IT, TO BE APPLIED TOWARD A NEW UNIT OF THE SAME TYPE, BASED ON HOW MANY MILES IT HAD BEEN USED, WHICH HAD TO BE VERIFIED BY AN ABARTH DEALER. IT WAS USUALLY CHEAPER AND EASIER TO SIMPLY BUY A NEW UNIT.

RUMOR HAS IT THAT ABARTHS STILL FIND THEIR WAY INTO THE COUNTRY FROM TIME TO TIME, AND YOU COULD DO A LOT WORSE THAN BUY ONE. WE DON'T KNOW WHAT THE CURRENT WARRANTY SITUATION IS.

** PERF-GOOD DUR-GOOD COST-MED **

ANSA -

THIS BRAND IS ANOTHER ONE OF THE ABARTH COPIES, AND THEY MAKE A UNIT FOR ALMOST EVERY MAKE OF IMPORTED CAR KNOWN TO MAN. THEY ARE INEXPENSIVE, AND LOOK AND SOUND GOOD.

ON THE BAD SIDE, THEY ARE NOTORIOUS FOR RUSTING OUT AND BURNING OUT, AND ALTHOUGH THEY PROVIDE MORE POWER THAN A STOCK MUFFLER SYSTEM, THEY ARE NOT AS GOOD IN THIS DEPARTMENT AS SOME OTHERS. WARRANTY COVERAGE IS OF VERY BRIEF DURATION.

IF YOU NEED A MUFFLER SYSTEM QUICK TO KEEP JOHN LAW OFF YOUR BACK BECAUSE OF NOISE AND DON'T PLAN ON KEEPING THE CAR A LONG TIME, THIS COULD BE A GOOD BUY FOR YOU.

** PERF-FAIR DUR-POOR COST-LOW **

MONZA -

THIS BRAND IS A FAIRLY RECENT ARRIVAL ON THE SCENE, HAVING BEEN INTRODUCED ABOUT FIVE YEARS AGO. MONZA IS NEITHER THE BEST NOR THE WORST, AND COMPARES ROUGHLY WITH ABARTH, ALTHOUGH THE WARRANTY SITUATION IS BETTER (3-YEARS, TOTAL REPLACEMENT). THE SOUND AND APPEARANCE ARE BOTH GOOD, AND THE COST IS REASONABLE.

** PERF-GOOD DUR-GOOD COST-MED **

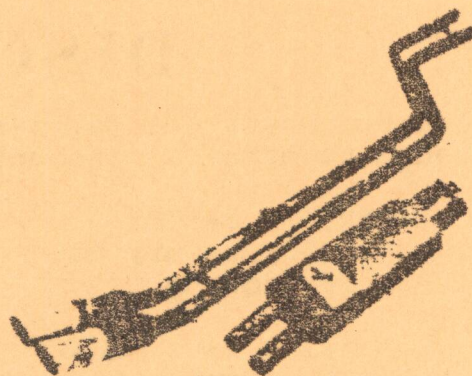
PRIMA-FLOW-

THIS IS THE NEWEST OF THE EXHAUST SYSTEMS ON THE MARKET, WITH SOME NEW TECHNOLOGY AND HEAVY EMPHASIS ON QUALITY. THEY ARE MADE OF A VERY HEAVY GAUGE OF STEEL, WITH A CERAMIC COATING INSIDE THAT IS BAKED AND CURED TO THE METAL. THE WARRANTY IS LIFETIME, TOTAL REPLACEMENT.

THE PRIMA FLOW COMPANY CLAIMS HIGHEST PERFORMANCE OUTPUT OF ANY BRAND ON THE MARKET, AND BACKS THIS UP WITH CERTIFIED DYNO TESTS. THEY LOOK AND SOUND EXTREMELY GOOD, AND THE NOISE LEVEL IS LOW.

UNFORTUNATELY, PRIMA-FLOW UNITS ARE E-X-P-E-N-S-I-V-E, AND ARE NOT LIKELY TO COME DOWN IN PRICE. IF YOU PLAN ON KEEPING YOUR CAR FOR A LONG TIME AND WANT A REALLY HIGH QUALITY SYSTEM, THIS IS THE ONE.

** PERF-HIGH DUR-EXCEL COST-HIGH *



SUPERSPRINT-

THIS BRAND HAS BEEN MADE BOTH IN ITALY AND THE USA, AND THE COMPANYS REPRESENTING THE TWO SOURCES HAVE BEEN ENBROILED IN LEGAL MANEUVERS WITH ONE ANOTHER. IT IS NOW IN THE HANDS OF A NEW DISTRIBUTOR AND MAY BE READY FOR A FRESH START.

SUPERSPRINT IS A HIGH QUALITY SYSTEM WITH GOOD PERFORMANCE. CURRENT WARRANTY COVERAGE IS FOR TWO YEARS, AND DURABILITY IS COMPARABLE WITH STEBRO.

** PERF-GOOD DUR-GOOD COST-MED

STEBRO-

STEBRO HAS A STRANGE HISTORY, HAVING BEEN DISTRIBUTED BY SEVERAL DIFFERENT OUTFITS - CURRENTLY BY ONE BASED IN CANADA. THEY HAVE TWO SEPARATE PRODUCT LINES, ONE MADE FROM MILD STEEL AND ONE FROM STAINLESS.

BOTH SYSTEMS HAVE THE SAME PERFORMANCE AND BOTH HAVE THE SAME GOOD APPEARANCE. THE SOUND IS VERY PLEASING, BUT THE NOISE LEVEL IS DISTINCTIVE - IT'S LOUD! INSERTS ARE OFFERED AT EXTRA COST TO INSTALL IN THE TIP OF THE OUTLET PIPES TO QUIETEN THEM DOWN A BIT.

THE COST AND WARRANTY SITUATION DIVIDE THE TWO PRODUCTS, WITH THE MILD STEEL UNITS HAVING A ONE-YEAR WARRANTY AND THE STAINLESS UNITS HAVING A LIFE-TIME WARRANTY (THIS WARRANTY INFO MAY BE OUT OF DATE NOW). THE MILD STEEL UNITS ARE FAIRLY REASONABLE IN PRICE, BUT THE STAINLESS ONES ARE V-E-R-Y E-X-P-E-N-S-I-V-E.

THE STEBRO LINE AS A WHOLE IS A GOOD ONE, AND WE WERE SORRY TO SEE THEM LEAVE THE GOOD 'OL USA.

MILD STEEL RATING -

** PERF-VERY GOOD DUR-GOOD COST-MED **

STAINLESS STEEL RATING -

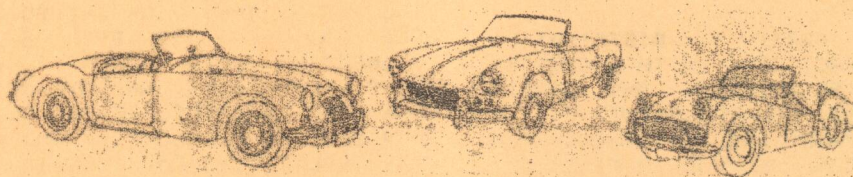
** PERF-VERY GOOD DUR-EXCEL COST-HIGH

HOW NOW ?-

SO WHERE DOES ALL THIS LEAVE US? HOPEFULLY WITH ENOUGH KNOWLEDGE TO BE ABLE TO MAKE AN INTELLIGENT DECISION. KEEP IN MIND THAT THE VARIOUS BRANDS FOR A PARTICULAR MAKE OF CAR MAY NOT ALL INCLUDE THE SAME PORTIONS OF THE EXHAUST SYSTEM, AND THAT THE SAME SYSTEM MAY NOT BE THE BEST FOR TWO DIFFERENT OWNERS.
HAPPY EXHAUSTING !!!

COMPARISON CHART

BRAND	PERF	DURABILITY	COST
ABARTH	GOOD	GOOD	MED
ANSA	FAIR	POOR	LOW
MONZA	GOOD	GOOD	MED
PRIMA-FLOW	EXCEL	EXCEL	HIGH
STEBRO MILD	V GOOD	GOOD	MED
STEBRO STNLS	V GOOD	EXCEL	HIGH
SUPERSPRINT	V GOOD	GOOD	MED



DISCOUNTS

Please support the following dealers who are generous enough to offer a discount to MG club members :

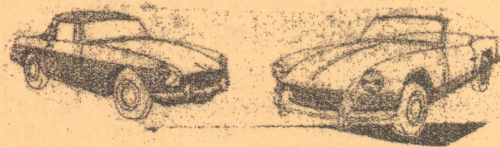
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3949 Veterans Blvd.
Metairie, LA.

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DOCKSIDE
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SLACK IMPORTS
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SUNDAY! SUNDAY! SUNDAY!

AUG. 26

ROAD 

RALLY

FOR M.D.A.

SPONSORED BY THE
KENNER JAYCEES

REGISTRATION 10:30

FIRST CAR OUT 12:00 NOON

LAKESIDE & WINN DIXIE

DONATION \$10 FOR CAR AND
NAVIGATOR

BEER MUSIC

AND

JAMBALAYA

AT FINISH

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LOUISIANA LOOP '84



A 1,200 MILE, 24 HOUR, TSD (PERFECT TIME) ROAD RALLY, USING PAVED 2 LANE, RURAL ROADS AND CIRCUMNAVIGATING 14 PARISHES ALONG THE BOUNDARIES OF LOUISIANA.

CONDUCTED AND SANCTIONED BY THE CENTRAL LOUISIANA REGION OF THE SPORTS CAR CLUB OF AMERICA.

SATURDAY & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6-7, 1984

ENTRY - WILL BE ON A PRE-REGISTRATION BASIS ONLY UNTIL CUT-OFF DATE OF SEPTEMBER 10, 1984.

EVENT SCHEDULE:

- Pre-Rally Party - Friday, Oct. 5, 1900 hours til at Oak Manor Hotel.
- Paperwork and Tech. Inspection - Friday, Oct. 5, 1900 Hours - 2200.
- Paperwork and Tech. Inspection - Sat., Oct. 6 - BY APPOINTMENT ONLY.
- Drivers Meeting - Saturday, Oct. 6, 1000 Hours.
- 1st Car Departs Oak Manor 1101 Hours, Saturday, October 6th.
- 1st Car Arrives Oak Manor 1100 Hours, Sunday, October 7th (approx.)
- Party and Awards - 1200 Hours, Sunday, October 7.

CONCEPT: Simple course following rally with scores based on perfect time of arrival at Controls scattered along the route. Contestants will be assessed equal penalty points for early or late arrival. Lowest total of time penalties will be used to determine winners.

TROPHIES AND CASH AWARDS: LOUISIANA LOOP '84 T-shirts to all contestants. Trophies and CASH Awards to best 6 finishers. CASH AWARD FUND - \$2,500.00, plus additional Leg Money and Contingency Money.

HEADQUARTERS: OAK MANOR HOTEL, 8181 Airline Hwy., Baton Rouge, La.
Tel. (504) 925-8102. SINGLES - \$36.00, DOUBLES - \$43.00.
Map to hotel will be sent upon receipt of entry.

RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE SENT UPON RECEIPT OF ENTRY AND CHECK. BOTH DRIVERS MUST FURNISH A VALID DRIVERS LICENSE AND PROOF OF INSURANCE.

LIMIT 2 DRIVERS PER CAR - LIMIT OF 60 CARS TOTAL

LOUISIANA LOOP '84 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM

NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS (1st driver): _____

(TELEPHONE)

NAME AND COMPLETE ADDRESS (2nd driver): _____

(TELEPHONE)

Lic. No. (1st driver): _____ Lic. No. (2nd driver) _____

Car Make and Model: _____ Tire Make: _____

Club Affiliation: SCCA _____, Marque Club _____, Other _____
(Specify) (Specify)

If entry is sponsored, name of sponsor: _____

Insurance Carrier _____ Policy # _____

T-shirt Sizes: _____ (ONE FOR EACH DRIVER).

CHECK APPLICABLE ENTRY FEE: _____ (\$80.00 SCCA memb., must show SCCA card)
_____ (\$100.00 other club, or no affiliation), _____ (\$125.00 Late Entry Fee,
after 9/10/84), _____ (Sponsored. If car is sponsored, must send check with
entry).

MAILED ENTRIES MUST BE POSTMARKED BY 12:00 MIDNIGHT, SEPT. 10, 1984. CHECK
OR MONEY ORDER MUST ACCOMPANY ENTRY.

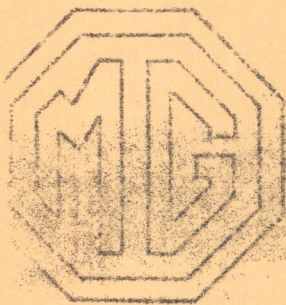
CUT-OFF DATE FOR LATE ENTRIES IS: MIDNIGHT, SEPTEMBER 17, 1984.

RALLYMASTER: Roy Rackley, 1776 Sharp Road, Baton Rouge, LA 70815
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PRESENTS

A Midsummer Night's Rallye

THE SNOWBALL RUN



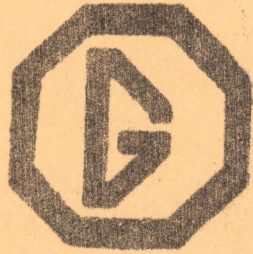
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Congratulations to Rallye Master, Lin Lee! As always, she has shown that she can put on an interesting rallye. The weather was good - just a bit hot - just what you need when you are visiting snowball stands. Turnout was a bit disappointing though, especially after all the hard work put in to this event by Lin and her helpers Jim Van Sickle and Eric Tawchke (yes, you did read correctly. It was good seeing Eric.). There were nine cars entered - 5 from the MG club, 3 Corvettes and a BMW. Second and third went to Corvette owners. While first place was won by our own John & Kathie Winter. Congratulations!

For those who might be interested - Each contestant was given a list of 6 snowball stands in the New Orleans area. Two of them were across the river - one at Algiers Point and one in Terrytown. The object was to visit 5 of them. (If you visited the sixth one, you received a bonus). Whoever had the least number of miles was the winner. It was great fun! I am only sorry that more of you did not make it.

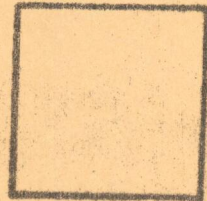


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