

THE LOUISIANA CENTRE OF THE MG CAR CLUB

NEWSLETTER

APRIL

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UPCOMING EVENTS:

Tuesday, April 30th - General Meeting at Pizza Inn, 3225  
 Williams Blvd. in Kenner. Meeting begins at 8:00p.m.  
 Sunday, May 5th - TLAC II at K Mart on Florida Blvd. at  
 Ardenwood Dr. in Baton Rouge. For more info, contact  
 C.J. Taravella.  
 Saturday, May 11th - Novice Rally II sponsored by CENLA  
 in Baton Rouge. For more info, contact Snubbs or  
 Peggy Bienvenu.  
 Saturday, May 18th - British Car Day at Lafreniere Park  
 (SEE FLYER INSIDE !) To pay or more info, contact  
 Rodger Talley at 431-8053. Rodger says " Don't  
 forget to bring what you might have for the 'What's  
 It ? ' Board."  
 Saturday/Sunday, June 8th,9th - Cajun Country Weekend VI  
 in Lafayette,La. (SEE FLYER INSIDE) For more info,  
 contact Snubbs or Peggy Bienvenu.  
 Tuesday, June 25th - General Meeting at Pizza Inn, 3225  
 Williams Blvd. in Kenner.

NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE NOTICE

Due to certain circumstances, Perry Ford has had to resign as  
 Member-at-large. Nominations for this position were opened at  
 the March meeting. The following people have already been  
 nominated. Nominations will be open through the time that the  
 election will be held at the April business meeting.

MEMBER-AT-LARGE

JOHN IRION

JACK HINSON

Ballots will be available at the April meeting.



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### MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING

The meeting was called to order at 8:35. Each person present was asked to introduce themselves and say what he/she was doing with car/cars at the time. Treasurer's report - \$ 561.75. President, Jim Van Sickle stressed how important it is that members support the many activities planned for these next 3-4 months.

#### Committee Reports :

Rally - Short rally school given by Peggy Bienvenu in preparation of upcoming rally on 4/27/85.

Restoration - Rodger Talley gave a report on the British Car Day scheduled for 5/18/85. He also said that he is trying to compile a file on MG technical info.

Autocross Report - C. Taravella & John Winter gave a report on performances at past autocrosses and a list of those that will be held soon in our area. ( See upcoming events).

Membership Report -- Connie Zimmermann spoke to members about sponsoring new members.

Since Perry Ford has had to resign, nominations were opened to fill the office of member-at-large. John Irion & Jack Winson have been nominated. Nominations will be open until voting at the April meeting.

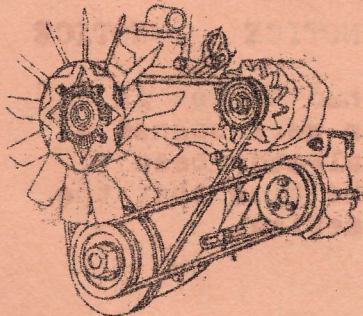
Jim Van Sickle is conducting a parts house investigation. If interested, contact him.

50/50 was won by Al Degrasse. The entrance prize (a circuit tester) was won by Bob Logan. There were 19 members present.

For Sale:

1960 White Sunbeam, extra motor and spare parts. \$ 4000.00. Call Jean Olson at 888-2658.

## DISCOUNTS



A Special thanks to those listed below! We appreciate all of their help & support. Please Support Them !

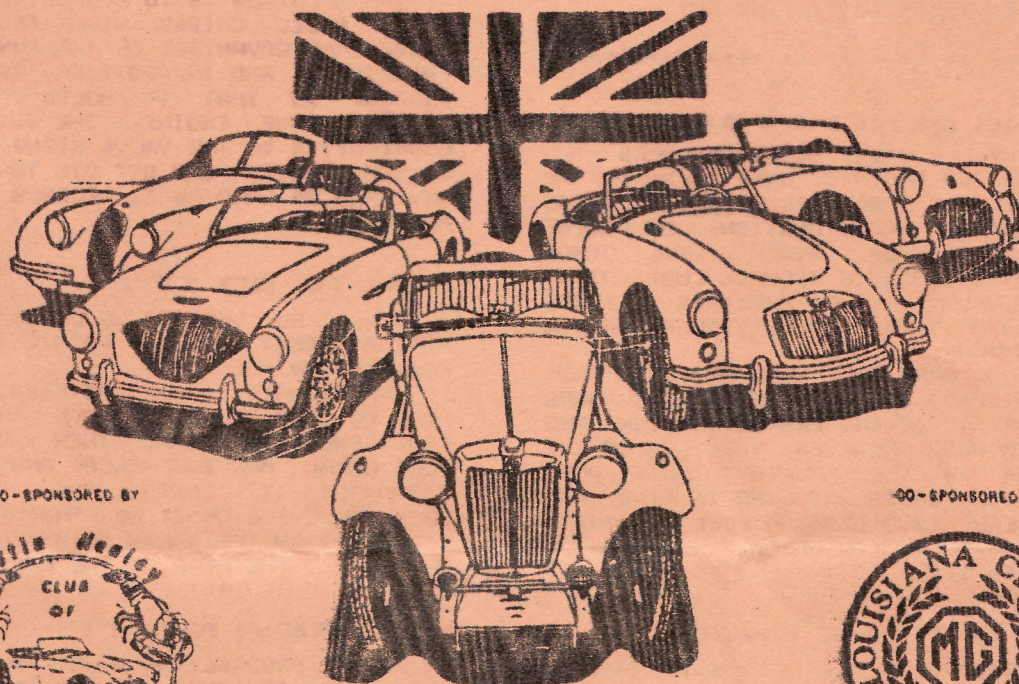
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Metairie, LA.

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New Orleans, LA.

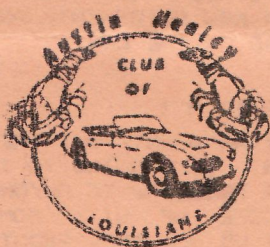
NAPA  
GENUINE PARTS  
500 Shrewsbury  
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## BRITISH CAR DAY 85

LAFRENIERE PARK  
SHELTER #1

SAT. MAY 18, 1985

10:30 A.M. - 4:00 P.M.

CRAWFISH - BEER - DOORPRIZES

\$5.00 PER PERSON

DIRECTIONS ON OTHER SIDE

# TALLEY'S TECH TIPS

BY  
RODGER TALLEY

AN INTERESTING ARTICLE FROM PAECO TECH TIPS ON WHAT TO DO WHEN OUR WORLD COMES TO AN END.

## WHAT HAPPENS WHEN

### THE LEAD ENDS?

EVENTUALLY, IT'S GOING TO HAPPEN. THE DAY WILL COME, THANKS TO OUR ALL-KNOWING READERS, WHEN THERE WON'T BE ANY MORE LEADED GASOLINE FOR OUR HIGH PERFORMANCE ENGINES. SO WHERE DOES THIS LEAVE US HIGH PERFORMANCE TYPES? LET'S FIND OUT ---

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### THE TWO BENEFITS:

TETRAETHYL LEAD IN GASOLINE DOES TWO THINGS FOR OUR ENGINES. ONE, IT MAKES THE FUEL/AIR MIXTURE BURN MORE EVENLY, HELPING TO ELIMINATE PREDETONATION, OTHERWISE KNOWN AS "PING" OR "KNOCK". THE OTHER THING THAT IT DOES IS PROVIDE LUBRICATION FOR THE VALVES AS THE FUEL/AIR MIXTURE FLOWS AROUND THEM, PREVENTING PREMATURE VALVE STEM WEAR.

LATE MODEL CARS THAT WERE DESIGNED FROM THE GROUND UP TO RUN ON UNLEADED FUEL HAVE OTHER MEANS TO PREVENT PRE-DETONATION AND VALVE STEM WEAR. HOWEVER, THE BULK OF THE SPORTS CARS IN THE COUNTRY TODAY WERE DESIGNED WITH LEADED GASOLINE IN MIND, AND THE ABSENCE OF THIS TYPE OF FUEL IS GOING TO PRESENT A PROBLEM UNLESS YOU KNOW HOW TO DEAL WITH IT.

### KNOCK OUT THE KNOCK:

THE EASIEST SOLUTION TO PRE-DETONATION IS TO SIMPLY ADD SOME OCTANE BOOSTER TO YOUR GASOLINE EVERY TIME YOU FILL UP. THERE ARE A NUMBER OF DIFFERENT BRANDS ON THE MARKET, AND BASICALLY, YOU ADD ANYWHERE FROM 1/4 PINT TO A QUART OF THE STUFF TO A TANKFUL OF GASOLINE. THIS BOOSTS THE OCTANE UP HIGH ENOUGH TO STOP THE "KNOCK", AND YOU CAN CONTINUE TO MOTOR ON AS BEFORE.

### OLD DEMON WEAR:

UNFORTUNATELY, OCTANE BOOSTER DOESN'T ADDRESS THE QUESTION OF VALVE STEM WEAR, AND RUNNING NO-LEAD FUEL IN A YES-LEAD ENGINE CAN HALVE THE LIFE OF YOUR VALVES. THERE IS AN ANSWER TO THIS, BUT YOU'RE NOT GONNA LIKE IT --- READ ON.

### VALVE GUIDES:

NOW THE NATURE OF ENGINE VALVES IS THAT THEY RUN UP AND DOWN IN SLEEVES CALLED VALVE GUIDES. THESE GUIDES ARE PRESSED INTO HOLES IN THE CYLINDER HEAD, AND HOLD THE VALVES IN THE CORRECT POSITION RELATIVE TO THE VALVE SEATS, WHICH ARE LOCATED IN THE COMBUSTION CHAMBERS AT THE END OF THE HEAD PORTS.

THESE GUIDES ARE NORMALLY MADE OF STEEL, AS ARE THE VALVES. ANY MACHINIST WILL TELL YOU THAT WHEN TWO METAL PIECES RUB TOGETHER, THE RATE OF WEAR IS SEVERAL

TIMES FASTER IF THE TWO PIECES ARE BOTH MADE OF THE SAME MATERIAL, THAN IT WOULD BE IF THEY WERE MADE OF DIFFERENT MATERIALS. THIS IS THE KEY ---

### BRING ON THE BRONZE:

THE SOLUTION IS TO SIMPLY REPLACE THE STOCK STEEL GUIDES WITH BRONZE GUIDES. THESE TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE "UNLIKE METAL" PRINCIPAL, AND IN ADDITION, THE BRONZE IS POROUS, SO THAT IT HOLDS OIL. WHEN STARTING THE ENGINE, THE GUIDES FURNISH LUBRICATION TO THE VALVE STEMS UNTIL THE OILING SYSTEM CAN GET OIL TO THEM (WHICH MAY TAKE AS LONG AS 30 SECONDS ON A COLD MORNING).

### HOW TO DO IT?

O.K., SO WHAT DO WE DO --- JUST BRING HOME A POCKET FULL OF BRONZE GUIDES AND POKE 'EM IN THE HEAD?

UNFORTUNATELY, NO. THE FIRST THING THAT MUST BE DONE IS TO REMOVE THE CYLINDER HEAD FROM THE CAR. THEN YOU TAKE IT TO YOUR LOCAL MACHINE SHOP AND HAVE THEM DISMANTLE IT, INSTALL THE BRONZE GUIDES, DO A VALVE JOB ON IT SO THAT THE VALVES WILL SEAT IN THEIR NEW ALIGNMENT, AND THEN RE-INSTALL THE HEAD ON THE CAR.

### YOU'RE A NUT!!

YES, I PROBABLY AM A NUT, BUT THE ABOVE PROCEDURE IS WHAT IT'S GOING TO TAKE TO CURE THE STEM WEAR PROBLEM. IF ANYONE ELSE OUT THERE CAN COME UP WITH SOMETHING EASIER, PLEASE LET US ALL KNOW ABOUT IT.

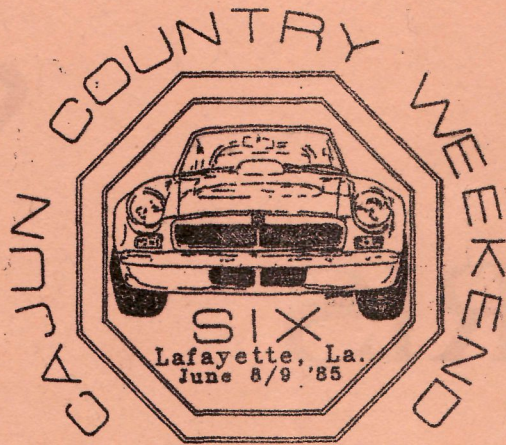
PROBABLY THE BEST WAY TO APPROACH THE SITUATION IS TO SIMPLY KEEP DRIVING THE CAR UNTIL IT HAS TO HAVE A VALVE JOB, AND THEN HAVE THE BRONZE GUIDES INSTALLED WHEN THE REST OF THE WORK IS DONE ON THE HEAD. THERE IS ABSOLUTELY NO WAY THAT I WOULD PULL A CYLINDER HEAD OFF JUST TO INSTALL BRONZE GUIDES, UNLESS THE VALVES ON MY CAR COST \$50 BUCKS APIECE, AND I DIDN'T DARE LET THEM WEAR OUT.

THE EXCEPTION TO THAT APPROACH MIGHT BE IF I HAD A CAR THAT WAS GOING TO NEED A VALVE JOB WITHIN THE NEXT 10,000-20,000 MILES ANYHOW. I JUST MIGHT DO THE VALVE JOB NOW INSTEAD OF WAITING IF I HAD A CHANCE OF SALVAGING THE VALVES BY DOING IT.

### LET'S KEEP ON CHUGGING

AT ANY RATE, OUR CARS ARE LOTS OF FUN TO DRIVE, WITH OR WITHOUT LEADED GASOLINE. ON SOME BRITISH CARS THAT I HAVE OWNED, THE PROBLEM OF IMPROPER FUEL IS MILD COMPARED TO THE PROBLEMS THAT THE CAR MANUFACTURER BUILT INTO THE CAR TO START WITH, SO I'M REALLY NOT GOING TO WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT IT. HAPPY MOTORING, EVERYONE!

- CARL STRINGFELLOW



WHEN : Saturday , June 8th and Sunday , June 9th  
WHERE : LAFAYETTE , LA.

W E E K E N D S C H E D U L E

Saturday , June 8th - 8:00a.m. Meet at the corner of  
Vets. and Williams. We will be  
leaving there by 8:30 a.m. If you can't  
meet us there , don't worry . We will be  
stopping for breakfast at the Pitt Restaurant  
on Essen Lane (I-10 , Exit 160) in Baton Rouge.  
4:00 p.m. CAR SHOW  
6:00 P.M. DINNER & AWARDS (See form below).  
Sunday, June 9th - 9:00 a.m. Registration for time-speed-  
distance rally.

TRY TO MAKE IT ! WE ARE GOING TO HAVE A GREAT TIME !

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This year the Acadiana Sports Car Club (our hosts) will do as they did  
last year. Instead of going out to a restaurant for dinner on Saturday  
night, we will be provided with a poolside buffet. You may choose either  
crawfish or beef shish-ka-bobs. The price is \$9.00 per person. (\$4.00 for  
children). Beer and soft drinks will also be provided. Please fill out the  
form and return at the May meeting if you plan to join us. If you can't  
be there, please mail to the club p.o. box no later than June 1st.

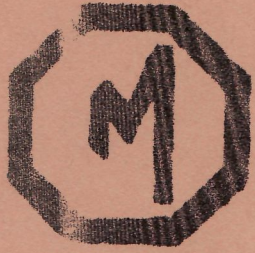
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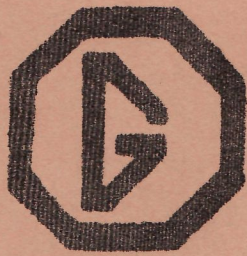
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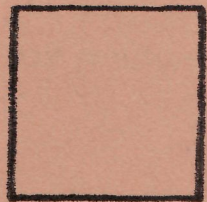


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