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# THE MORRIS GAZETTE

TO:

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*The Official Newsletter Of The  
British Motoring Club, New  
Orleans. Affiliated with the  
Louisiana Centre Of The MG  
Car Club.*

## CAR CLUB DUES:

*Car club dues are still \$25.00 for the first year of membership and \$20.00 a year thereafter. Correspondence membership is available for those members who live out of town and is still only \$10.00 a year. If you are unsure if you owe dues or not, check your newsletter mailing label. It has the date that your membership dues will expire. So, if your dues are due, send them in before you miss out on your next newsletter!*

## OFFICERS FOR 1991

Roger Gibson, President \_\_\_\_\_ (504) 887-2725  
Guy Foster, Vice President \_\_\_\_\_ (504) 888-5592  
Wayne Aucoin, Treasurer/Corresponding Secretary \_\_\_ (504) 469-9083  
Michael Delacerda, Recording Secretary/Newsletter\_ (504) 738-3246  
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Mike Brown, Member at Large \_\_\_\_\_ (504) 785-8245  
Joe Brown, Member at Large \_\_\_\_\_ (504) 467-4046

NAMGAR G.T.!	_____	Jul. 20th
North Shore Cruise (Seafood!)	_____	Jul. 27th
General Meeting	_____	Jul. 30th
Cruise and Surprise	_____	Aug. 10th
General Meeting	_____	Aug. 27th
British Car Day in Fairhope Al.	_____	Oct. 5th
Memphis British Car Fest	_____	Oct. 12th
Christmas Party	_____	Dec. 13th



**Minutes Of The General Meeting  
June 25th, 1991**

Meeting began at 7:50 pm.  
 New members and guests were introduced.  
 The wearing of club name tags was suggested.  
 A newsletter committee was selected to help with the newsletter.  
 Membership due dates are now listed on newsletter mailing labels.  
 The Gulf Coast picnic and Cruise night was discussed in great detail by Guy Foster.  
 Fred Fabre of The Carriage House Garage gave a presentation on our junk yard trip.  
 Roger Gibson spoke on our upcoming rallye on July the 13th.  
 Our upcoming trip to Bush La. was discussed.  
 Fred Fabre also suggested some sort of award should be given to members of our club with the highest annual mileage.  
 Orders for new club shirts are in the making.  
 We are designing new club decals for our windshields.  
 Guy Foster spoke on the upcoming British Car Fest in Memphis, Tn.  
 The 50/50 was won by Nick Alongi. (It pays to come to the meeting!)

Shoe



## DETAILS OF COMING EVENTS

**NORTH SHORE SEAFOOD CRUISE.** On Saturday July 27th at 6:00 pm leaving from the rear of Lakeside Shopping Center, All big eaters invited to cruise to Bush, La. for the biggest, largest seafood buffet in the area.

**ROGER'S SUMMER BIRTHDAY CRUISE.** On Saturday August 10th at 6 pm, put the top down and cruise the lake front and other New orleans neighborhoods. There will be a surprise ending as always but lots of fun is guaranteed or your money back. Meet in the parking lot across from Bart's Restaurant on the lake front.

**FAIRHOPE ALABAMA BRITISH CAR DAY.** Don't miss this first time event on October 5th sponsored by the South Alabama British Car Club. Lets support this club as they supported us in our first car show. We will caravan over to the show site on Saturday morning and return that evening. Come join us for this day of fun!

\*\*\*P.S. Don't forget about the British Car Fest in Memphis!

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- 1962 Austin Healey Sprite - Red with black interior. Garage kept.  
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1-886-5814.

 **Election of Officers**   
(from your President)

You probably think this is too early to start thinking about electing new officers for our club but it's not. This is the end of July, we start nominating officers in September and October with the election in November. Look around you, who do you want running your club. We always need new blood and with my new job, I may not be available to serve you as president. It's too early to say but it is not too early to start thinking about it. Don't be afraid to approach someone you feel is qualified and ask them if you can nominate them for office. Some of you "old timers", aren't you ready for another tour of duty?

**Summer Rallye Fun**

Thanks to Snubbs and Peggy Bienvenu and John and Kathie Winter our Summer Evening Rallye was a lot of fun. The turn out was small but it was quality. I think we had about 7-8 cars. The Bruno's got the prize for turning out the most family members. And little Jeff got lots of attention. The rallye took us from the "Shark" in the air to the A.M. phone call and the trucks that ware hats. If all this is Greek to you then you should have been there. I won't tell anyone. Mike DeLaCerde and Leon Tsai won, with the Barton's and the Bruno's tied for second place.

**CRUISE NIGHT/ELMWOOD**

Rock and Roll music, Hot Rods, Antique Cars and British Cars all came together to have a good time at the monthly Super Cruise Night at the Elmwood Shopping Center. Our British Cars were well represented with 15 cars. The crowd was very large with one radio station estimating 3000. Our cars were a big hit and we had more than our share of lookers. Several people came by and asked about the club, saying they had British Cars at home.

FIRE HARARD

THE ZENITH-STROMBERG CARBURETOR ON THE 1975 THRU 1980 MGB WAS DESIGNED WITH A SAFETY HAZARD. THE SCREWS WHICH BIND THE AUTOMATIC CHOKE ASSEMBLY, CAN AND USUALLY WILL LOOSEN.

WHEN THE ASSEMBLY IS LOOSE THE FUEL MIXTURE ENRICHENS. THE UNBURNED FUEL PASSES THROUGH TO THE CATALYTIC CONVERTER CAUSING IT TO OVERHEAT. THAT'S BAD ENOUGH, BUT THE LOOSE ASSEMBLY ALSO DRIPS FUEL ONTO THE CONVERTOR.

A FIRE COULD BE THE RESULTS. THE SCREWS ARE COPPER IN COLOR. MAKE SURE THAT THESE SCREWS ARE TIGHT FOR SAFETY'S SAKE AND MAYBE SAVE YOUR MGB'S LIFE!

MR. GOODSPANNER

TECH TIP

NEVER SPRAY CARB CLEANER INTO YOUR ZENITH-STROMBERG CARB. UNLIKE OTHER SU CARBS, THE FLOATING PISTON USES A FLEXIBLE DIAPHRAGM. THE CLEANER WILL CAUSE THE DIAPHRAGM TO EXPAND WITH RESULTING PROBLEMS.

THIS TYPE OF CARB NEEDS TO BE REBUILT AT ABOUT 35,000 MILES ANYWAY. WHY MAKE THIS JOB NECESSARY ANY SOONER?

MR. GOODSPANNER

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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N.O.L.A. 70184  
525-6458  
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Eugenie Reimers  
1118 Amelia St  
New Orleans 70115  
895-4754  
1971 MGB

Roy Pfister  
4801 James Dr.  
Metairie, 70003  
887-3623  
1965 Triumph TR4-A

Henry Teller  
1618 Kenilworth Pkwy  
Baton Rouge 70808  
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1965 MGB

Darlene Hennessey  
8029 Elizabeth Ln.  
Mandeville, 70448  
504-624-8813  
1988 Jaguar XJS

## Prolonging the Useful Life of a Car Battery

Very few car batteries are replaced because they stop working; in almost every case the battery is replaced because it doesn't work well enough any more. What is not generally realized is that something can be done at this stage which may well prolong the useful life of the battery—quite often by many years, and that the same treatment carried out earlier in the battery's life may well have stopped the symptoms from occurring in the first place.

The reason for a battery failing to work properly any more is due to the chemical processes which take place within each cell when the battery is not fully charged. Even the slightest of discharged conditions allows both plates to react slowly with the sulfuric acid electrolyte to form lead ions. It is the lead ions which cause problems; they combine with sulfate ions in sulfuric acid to form highly insoluble lead sulfate. When this coats the plates of the battery, it fails to deliver enough power to be of use. The battery may well be thoroughly serviceable in every other way only the "sulfating" stops the battery from delivering enough power to start the car.

The sulfating can effectively be removed, or prevented, by adding to each cell a chemical called tetrasodium ethylenediaminetetracetate (often abbreviated to tetrasodium EDTA). This chemical forms co-ordination compounds with many metal ions, including the lead ions formed in the discharge cycle of a battery. The compound formed by lead ions and the EDTA ion is not particularly stable in the acid medium of a battery, but when it breaks down again any lead sulfate regenerated tends to drop to the bottom of the cell where it lays harmlessly since it doesn't conduct electricity. Any regenerated EDTA ions are free to continue their work. Continued next month. DR. WHO???

Hi, I am Steve Kippers and just recently purchased a 72 Triumph Spitfire. I drove the car to a friend, Mr. Camille Marino, who does body and fender work and decided to let him paint it.

Working out of a 12'x15' garage, after three days preparation, he began spraying. Dropping by to see how things were progressing I was amazed. The garage is not properly ventilated and I could feel the paint on my skin. He was not wearing a mask because hanging from his mouth was one of his five daily cigars. But since he is 93 years old and has been in this business since 1926, who am I to give him advice?

### CAR CLUB REGALIA:

Your club is redesigning all items with the new logo. We will advise you as soon as they are available. At this time we have the following item:

BRITISH MOTORING T - SHIRTS.....\$7.00