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THE MORRIS GAZETTE



MARCH 1992

TO

John V. Winter
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DUE 10/25/92

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

MINUTES OF THE MEETING

2/25/92

Meeting called to order at 8:00 pm.

New Business: Discussion centered around raising dues from \$20 to \$25 for regular and from \$10 to \$15 for corresponding members. A vote was taken and passed 23-3.

Volunteers are needed for the New Orleans British Car Show in May.



Congratulations to Ed Helsing 1st place winner at the World of Wheels Car Show for Foreign Sports Cars, SCCA exhibit for his MG Midget.

George Barton wins the 50/50.

Courtney Musgrave was welcomed along with his Elva and Landrover.

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Donald Lacher 504 468-9207.

WANTED;

Seat pans(frames) for 1958-61 A-H Sprite(Bugeye)
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Smiths "Black Face" fuel gauge (part # FG 2530/31) for 1958-61 A-H Sprite (Bugeye). Call Rodger Talley 504 431-8053 aft. 5pm. Will trade for part # FG FG 2530/03 "gray face" fuel gauge from A-H 100-6 and early 3000.



DRIVING SCHOOL APRIL 25-26

Want to improve your driving skills? Attend the Dave Shelton 2 day driving school April 25,26 sponsored by the Porsche Club. Dave has taught police, the FBI as well autocrossers and Sunday drivers. Limited space so call now. Cost is \$175.00. Call Earl Mathes at 504-737-2895 or talk to Julian Feibelman(club member) 504-861-1184.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

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Baton Rouge, La. 70806
504-383-5801

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200 Natchez Pl.
Mandeville, La. 70448
1957 Austin Healey 100-6

Peggy Wallace
1317 Moss St.
New Orleans, La. 70119

H. Craig Sidwell
22 Caribbean Ct.
Mandeville, La. 70448
504-624-5126
1975 TR6-Red

Mike Lewis
308 Fairfield Ave.
Gretna, La. 70056
1950 MG YA 4 Door Saloon

MONTHLY MEETINGS

OUR MEETINGS MUST BE OVER BY 8:45PM SO THAT OUR AREA CAN BE CLEANED UP BY 9PM. WE ARE VERY FORTUNATE TO HAVE THE FREE USE OF THE PICADILLY MEETING ROOM AND IF WE WANT TO CONTINUE THIS ARRANGEMENT WE MUST BE OUT BEFORE 9PM. LETS DO OUR SOCIALIZING BEFORE AND AFTER THE MEETING. ANYONE NEEDING TO PAY DUES OR ATTEND TO OTHER BUSINESS WITH OUR TREASURER, WAYNE AUCOIN, PLEASE DO SO DURING THE MEETING AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE. WAYNE WILL NOT BE AVAILABLE IN THE MEETING ROOM AFTER 8:45PM. WE NEED TO START OUR MEETINGS PROMPTLY AT 7:30PM. THIS MEANS THAT IF YOU ARE GOING TO GO THROUGH THE SERVING LINE, YOU NEED TO START GOING IN AROUND 7:15PM. ANYONE WITH SUGGESTIONS AS TO A DIFFERENT LOCATION FOR OUR MEETINGS, PLEASE SEE CLIFF HUGHES.



COOLING SYSTEMS

LET'S CONSIDER WHAT WORKS TOGETHER TO KEEP YOUR ENGINE OPERATING AT THE PROPER TEMPERATURE. IT'S NOT JUST MOVING WATER THROUGH THE UPPER ENGINE BLOCK, CYLINDER HEAD AND RADIATOR. FAR FROM JUST THAT.

THE WATER MUST BE MIXED WITH CHEMICALS COMMONLY CALLED "ANTI-FREEZE". AS IT'S NAME IMPLIES, IT WILL PREVENT THE WATER IN THE COOLING SYSTEM FROM FREEZING WHEN THE AMBIENT TEMPERATURE DROPS BELOW 32 DEGREES FAHRENHEIT.

ANTI-FREEZE IS ALSO "ANTI-BOIL". IN SUMMER, THE TEMPERATURE INSIDE AN ENGINE CAN EXCEED THAT OF THE BOILING POINT OF WATER THEREBY CREATING STEAM. STEAM CANNOT ABSORB ENGINE HEAT OR BE PUMPED TO THE RADIATOR. THE CHEMICALS IN ANTI-FREEZE RAISE THE BOILING POINT OF THE WATER SO THAT HIGHER TEMPERATURE CAN BE MAINTAINED WITHOUT PRODUCING STEAM AND THE RESULTING PROBLEMS IT CAN CREATE. THE USE OF ANTI-FREEZE IS A MUST FOR A PROPERLY OPERATING ENGINE. IT ALSO CONTAINS INHIBITORS WHICH PREVENT THE BREAK DOWN OF METALS WITHIN THE ENGINE AND THE RADIATOR. MINERALS IN THE WATER USED-NOT BEING DISTILLED-WILL CAUSE A SCALE TO FORM ON THE WALLS OF THE WATER PASSAGES. THIS SCALE PREVENTS THE EXCHANGE OF HEAT FROM THE METAL OF THE BLOCK, ETC. TO THE WATER. ANTI-FREEZE ALSO PREVENTS THIS SCALE BUILD UP FROM OCCURRING.

MR. GOODSPANNER

TO BE COND.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Taste of Bavaria_____	Mar. 29
Sonic Drive-In_____	Apr. 4
Empire Trophy Rallye_____	May 2
Crawfish Boil_____	May 2
New Orleans British Car Show_____	May 16

TR-3 REBUILD
(continued)

I coated all the new bearings with STP and install the newly ground crank. The main caps and rod bolts were torqued. It was tricky to install the timing gears and chain and the new gears are not marked. The gears are install with the crank at TDC and the #4 cylinder valves "rocking". To double check the timing, the book says to make pencil marks on the flywheel at TDC and a reference point on the block, turn the crank back until #4 intake is just opens (with .010" gap), make a pencil mark flywheel next to the reference mark, turn the crank until #4 exhaust just opens and make another mark on the flywheel. The marks should be equal distant from each other. I had to reset the gears about 6 times before I got it right.

A new clutch was installed using a plastic pilot tool to center the clutch on the flywheel, the transmission was mounted to the engine and I called my brother to help me reinstall the engine in the car.

I reinstall the exhaust and carburetor systems, the distributor (thanks for the 1/8" copper tubing), the cooling system, etc. I poured in some new Castrol oil (the oil that I won for finishing last in Terry's rally), I put water in the radiator. I turned the engine over with the handcrank a few times to get the oil in the galleries and the big moment comes!

Until next time..... Mike Brown



DETAILS OF COMING EVENTS



TASTE OF BAVARIA TRIP

Leave from the Picadilly parking lot at 8:00 am on March 29th for a short drive to Ponchatoula for breakfast at this very fine Bavarian style restaurant. This is a very popular event for the club with 20-25 cars in attendance. Call Roger (504 887-2725) for details.

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SONIC DRIVE-IN

Leave from the Picadilly parking lot at 6:00pm on Saturday April 2. This will be a nice drive to Laplace for a Hamburger, Fries and a Malt served up by pretty girls on roller skates like in the good ol days. Call Joe Rogers for details. 504-467-4246.

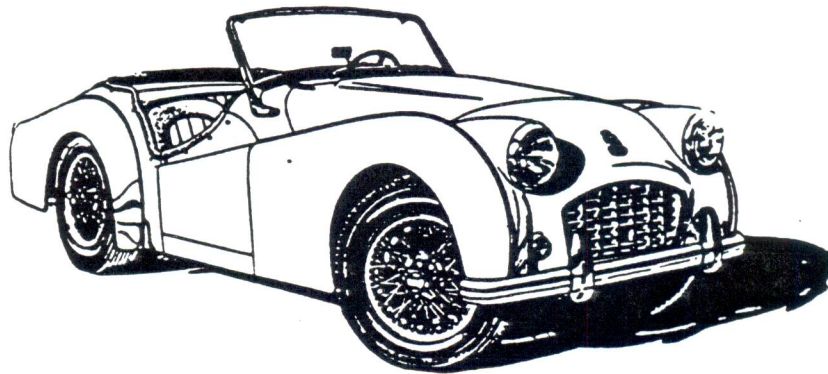
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ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL

Meet at Shelter #2 on Lakeshore Drive at 11:30 am for our annual crawfish boil. For \$4.00 per person, you will get all the crawfish, corn, potatoes and soft drinks you can eat and drink. Children (that don't eat much) are \$1.00 each. We will have games and other fun things to do. Bring your chairs. Anyone who has a large folding table please contact Roger. Bring your money to the meeting. Sorry, no credit cards. We have to know how many are

ATTENTION !!!!!

Wayne Felder owner of W.L. Felder Co. will be our guest speaker at the April meeting. Wayne specializes in doing show quality Chrome work. This 15 minute presentation will address most of your Chroming questions. Wayne will be available after the meeting for individual problem solving. He will also bring samples of his work.



THE PHILOGISTON THEORY OF ELECTRONICS

A sheet of paper crossed my desk the other day and as I read it, realization of a Basic Truth came over me. So simple! So obvious we couldn't see it! John Kuivinen, Chairman of the Palomar Repeater Committee, an amateur radio group I think, has discovered what makes integrated circuits work. He says that smoke is the thing that makes IC's work because everytime you let the smoke out of an IC it stops working. He claims to have verified this through thorough testing.

I was flabbergasted! Of course! Smoke makes all things electrical work. Remember the last time the smoke escaped from your Lucas voltage regulator? Didn't it quit working? I sat and smiled like an idiot as more of the truth dawned. It's the wiring harness that carries smoke from one device to another in your Mini and when the harness springs a leak, it lets the smoke out of everything all at once and then nothing works. The starter motor requires large quantities of smoke to operate properly, that's why the wire going to it is so big.

Feeling very smug, I continued to expand my hypothesis. Why are Lucas electrics more likely to leak smoke than, say Bosch? Hmmm. AHA! Lucas is British. Things British always leak! British convertible tops leak water. British engines leak oil. British displacer units leak hydroelastic fluid. British government leaks defense secrets. Naturally! British electrics leak smoke.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 15, 1992 - HOLIDAY INN HOTEL

7:00PM - 10:00PM Pre-Registration and Hospitality Suite
HOLIDAY INN - NEW ORLEANS I-10

SATURDAY, MAY 16, 1992 - LAFRENIERE PARK

8:00AM - 12 NOON Registration and line up
12 NOON - 5:00PM Show Time!
1:30PM - 3:30PM Judging (Peoples Choice)
7:00PM - 9:00PM Banquet and Awards Presentation
Foundation Center, Lafreniere Park

There will be a Trivia Contest for those willing to participate. Also, children's games will be held.

HOTEL INFORMATION

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D - MGT SERIES+PRE WAR
E - MGA ROADSTER/COUPE
F - MGB CHROME (MGC)
G - MGB RUBBER BUMPER
H - TRIUMPH SPITFIRE/GT6
I - TRIUMPH TR2/3/4/4A/250
J - TRIUMPH TR6/7/8/SEDAN/STAG
K - JAGUAR XK120/140/150/SALOON
L - JAGUAR XKE ROADSTER
M - JAGUAR XKE COUPE
N - JAGUAR LATE MODEL SEDAN
O - MORRIS/AUSTIN SEDAN/MG SEDAN/MINI
P - ROLLS/BENTLEY
Q - EMPIRE CLASS
R - BRITISH CYCLE
S - PUSH,PULL OR DRAG(IN RESTORATION)
CLASSES WILL BE FORMED WHERE THERE ARE THREE OR MORE CARS IN A
CLASS

NEW ORLEANS BRITISH CAR SHOW

REGISTRATION FORM

NAME _____ MILES TRAVELED TO SHOW _____

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1. YEAR/MAKE/MODEL _____ @ \$20.00 _____

(After April 16th) _____ @ \$25.00 _____

2. YEAR/MAKE/MODEL _____ @ \$10.00 _____

3. YEAR/MAKE/MODEL _____ @ \$10.00 _____

"NEW ORLEANS" STYLE JAMBALAYA @ \$7.50 PER ADULT _____

@ \$3.00 PER CHILD _____

(Under 12 Yrs)

(Banquet Dress Is Casual)

TOTAL _____

Make checks payable to New Orleans British Car Show. Send to
2605 N. Bengal Rd., Metairie, Louisiana 70003. Call Roger Gibson
(504) 887-2725 or Guy Foster (504) 888-5592 for more information.

Inside And Outside Seating Will Be Utilized
For The Banquet. Maximum Seating Will Be 200.

REGISTRATION INCLUDES:

DASH PLAQUE / DOOR PRIZE CHANCE / CERTIFICATE OF PARTICIPATION /
FRIDAY NIGHT HOSPITALITY SUITE

AWARDS WILL BE BY PEOPLE'S CHOICE