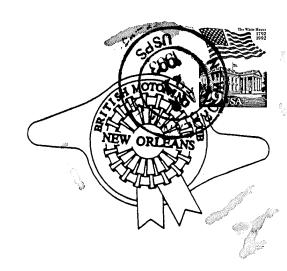
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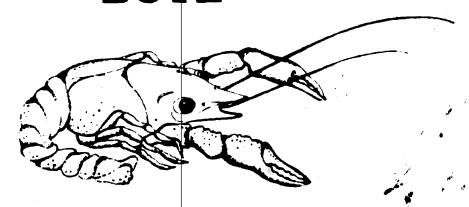
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## CRAWFISH BOIL





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## NEW ORLEANS The Morris Gazette



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#### CRAWFISH BOIL

Don't miss the annual Crawfish boil on the Lakefront on Saturday April 24th. We will meet at either Shelter #1 or #2 depending on which is available at 12n. Look for the British flag, we will be there. Bring your chairs and tables, we will have the crawfish and soft drinks. Call Wayne if you have not made your reservations. We need your money before Saturday. \$4 for adults, \$1 for children under 12.(504) 469-9083.

### PICNIC ON THE BEACH

Thanks to Frazer and Beverly Rice for the hospitality they showed everyone last Sunday at the family home in Pass Christian, Ms. We had a very nice turn out which included 3-4 friends from the Alabama Club. The weather was beautiful with a clear sky overhead and a soft breeze coming off of the Gulf. We enjoyed a picnic lunch under the oaks and a nice walk along the beach.

### MONTHLY MEETINGS

We are looking for a new place to hold our monthly meetings. We need a location that will hold about 50-75 people, cost nothing and have no guarantees of a monetary amount. There has to be a place out there for us and if we all work together perhaps we can find a place that will meet our needs. If you have some ideas, call Cliff Hughes 504 845-8709.

### **OUIET PLEASE!!!**

Please, can't we show some common courtesy during our meetings by not talking when there are officers or guests speaking. This has been a problem for several years but I see it getting really bad lately. We often have guests and new members trying to speak to us while 2-3 guys are talking. It seems to me that it is always the same people talking during our meetings. This is very disrespectful to all our members. (Roger)

#### WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

David Cartlidge 815 N. Lake Caddo Ct. \$1idell, La. 70461 1972 MGB (504) 847-0113 (H) (504) 587-5885 (W)

### BRITISH CARS

1960 MGA- Red roadster with 5 main MGB engine, good mechanical condition. \$6500 call Elliot Evans (504) 891-3979.

1980 MGB Limited Edition. Great car, show winner. Roger (504) 887-2725.

Car Trailer(dove tail), good shape, 2 years old, good tires, will hold any British car. \$650.00 Call Guy Foster 504 888-5592.

For Sale: New Chrome ex. header and duel carbs for TR-6. 2-15" red lines, used. Bill Rowell 504 835-6679.

### IT'S A BOY

Congradulations to Matthew and Pat Kubicki on the birth of their son Nicholas Edward born on April 6, 1993. I guess Matt and Pat will be looking for a bigger car soon. Anybody got a GT for sale?

### PENSACOLA BRITISH CAR DAY

A large group from our club traveled to the First Annual British Car Day in Pensacola, Fla. on Saturday the 17th of April. Members attending were Jim Jones, Darlene and John Hennessey, Beverly and Frazer Rice, Arlene and George Barton, Patricia Gonzales and family, Peter Brauen, Chip Laussade and Cliff Hughes. Bring home the Gold were, Jim Jones, 1st place, George Barton, 1st place (two classes), the Hennessey's, 1st place. Bringing home the Bronze was Peter Brauen. This was a very good show for their first effort. Also George received the Hard Luck award for a brake down in the parking lot. Everyone from Fla. and Ala. are looking forward to coming to New Orleans next month.

### MY FIRST CAR

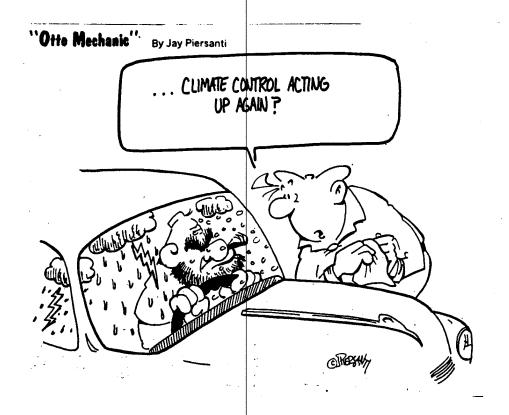
Now, about that oil leak on the rear main bearing, the clearance between the crank and the block is to be no greater than .007 inch and must be perfectly round. Apparently the main bearings went out, got hot, cracked the head, the crank hit the block wiping out the .007 clearance. I found this out when I took the engine apart. This all happened before I bought the car! When you buy a used car and the engine had been rebuilt, find out why the engine was rebuilt before buying the car.

I thought of having a machinist build up the block and line bore the main bearings but the machinist said that the localized heat would crack the block and the block would no longer be any good! If the block is line bored without the buildup, the pistons may hit the head if too much is taken off.

I looked at a break down of the newer 5 main MGB engine to see how they put a lip seal on the rear bearing and figured out a way to do it on the A engine. It involves a machinist cutting down the flywheel and modifying the engine/transmission plate to accept the new lip seal. I have done this and it works well.

Until next time

Mike Brown



## SHERLOCK HOLMES AND THE CASE OF THE HOURE SCIENTION by Mike Schrantz





### PART 2

"That should do it!" said Lastrade as he tightened the last bolt securing the new alternator in place. "Let's crank her up and show Holmes the results of our work". Watson started the car and watched the smile fade from Lastrade's face as the alternator light came on precisely at 2500 RPM and blinked as if keeping time with the missing of the engine and the wildly gyrating tachometer needle. "Rather like detective work, eh Lastrade?" said Holmes with a devilish smile. Lastrade, undaunted by the remark said, "Except it takes a keener mind - I believe were my exact words Mr. Holmes". Holmes said nothing but started thumbing through the shop manual that Watson kept behind the seat.

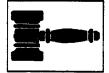
Lastrade asked Watson "Have any jumper cables?". "Sure," said Watson "I even have a test lead wire complete with alligator clips at each end!". "Great" said Lastrade "We will get to the bottom of this in no time. " "Just like detective work?" interjected Holmes. "Except it takes a keener mind," replied Lastrade. Holmes kept reading, seemingly oblivious to the pair now industriously engaged in the repair operation.

"It must be the hot wire coming into the coil or distributor" said Lastrade confidently. He alternately jumped power straight from the fuse box to the coil and then to the small wire at the side of the distributor. Neither had any effect. "Just like detective work?" repeated Holmes. Lastrade was beginning to regret stopping to offer assistance. "All in due time Mr. Holmes," he said "We must check out each possibility - just like detective work". Somehow his confidence seemed a bit diminished, however. "It is obviously the coil," Lastrade said at last. "Too bad you don't have a new coil or I could help you," Lastrade continued. "Good thing we broke down right beside a parts store," said Holmes with a hint of sarcasm. "I was just testing your powers of observation Mr. Holmes," snapped Lastrade - rushing into the store hoping that Holmes had not noticed the redness of his face. A few minutes later he emerged complete with a new coil and a condenser which he tried one at a time, to no avail. Holmes pretended not to notice, as he studied the wiring diagram.

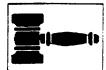
By this time, Lastrade was visibly distraught, and Holmes was enjoying every moment of it - even if it meant missing the detective conference. "Too bad you are out of ideas Lastrade" said Holmes "It must indeed take a keener mind than detective work as you have so astutely pointed out!". "Who said I was out of ideas?" blustered Lastrade "There are still a few options in my bag of tricks Mr. Holmes!". "Sorry, old boy" said Holmes choking to suppress a laugh. "Please proceed. I am finding the whole affair quite instructional," replied Holmes. Watson watched as Lastrade continued his work, a bit more frantically than before, and Holmes whistled "Hail Britannia" as he continued to study the wiring diagram.

# May, 1993 BRITISH MOTORING CLUB

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	CAR SHOW MEETING 6P AT THE CHINA ROSE ALSO FISH AND CHIPS	5	6	7	CAR SHOW WORK PARTY IPM ROGER'S HOUSE.
9	10	OFFICERS MEETING 7PM SHONEY'S AT ELMWOOD	12	13	CAR SHOW REGISTRATION AND RECEPTION 7PM HELP NEEDED!	CAR SHOW!!!
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 MONTHLY MEETING PICADILLY 8906 VETS METAIRIE 7PH 7PM 7PM	26	27	28	SONIC DRIVE-IN TRIP MEET AT ELMWOOD 6:30PM
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### OFFICERS FOR 1993



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Keith Vezina, Member At Large	<b>(504) 443-</b> 5056

### MINUTES

MEETING CALLED TO ORDER @ 7:30. PLAQUES WERE GIVEN TO LAST YEARS OFFICERS IN APPRECIATION FOR THE SUPER JOB THAT THEY ALL DID.

INTRODUCED PHIL BERON WITH SUPER TRAVEL AGENCY. TRIP TO ENGLAND NOV. 1-8.
GUESTS: RICHARD & DONNY PHILLIPS.

TREASURERS REPORT: \$1125 IN ACCOUNT.

### TRIP TO ENGLAND

MANY THANKS TO PHIL BERON, LAST-MONTHS GUEST SPEAKER. PHIL OWNS SUPER TIME TRAVEL IN NEW ORLFANS, AND IS SPONSORING A TRIP TO ENGLAND TO WITNESS THE BENSON & HEDGES RAC LONDON TO BRIGHTON VETERAN CAR RUN.ONLY CARS BUILT BEFORE 1905 ARE ELIGIBLE TO TAKE PART. FOR DETAILS, CONTACT PHIL @ 504-581-1118.

### CAR CLUB DUES:

CAR CLUB DUES ARE \$30.00 FOR THE FIRST YEAR OF MEMBERSHIP AND \$25.00 A YEAR THEREAFTER. CORRESPONDENCE MEMBERSHIP IS AVAILABLE FOR THOSE MEMBERS WHO LIVE OUT OF TOWN AND IS ONLY \$15.00. 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 OUR ON YOUR NEXT NEWSLETTER!

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### NEW ORLEANS BRITISH CAR DAY

### REGISTRATION FORM

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	YEAR/MAKE/MODEL(After April 1st)			0	\$20.00 \$25.00	
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3.	YEAR/MAKE/MODEL			0	\$10.00	
	"NEW ORLEANS" STYLE JAMBA	LAY	A @ \$7.50 PER	Al	DULT	
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Make checks payable to New Orleans British Car Day. Send to 2605 N. Bengal Rd., Metairie, Louisiana 70003. Call Frazer Rice (504) 736-0452 or Roger Gibson (504) 887-2725 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 RECEPTION

AWARDS WILL BE BY PEOPLE'S CHOICE

### SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

FRIDAY, MAY 14, 1993 - HOLIDAY INN HOTEL

7:00PM - 10:00PM

Pre-Registration

and

Reception

HOLIDAY INN - NEW ORLEANS I-10

SATURDAY, MAY 15, 1993 - LAFRENIERE PARK

8:00AM - 12 NOON

Registration and line up

12 NOON - 5:00PM

Show Time!

1:30PM - 3:30PM

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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

SHOW HEADQUARTERS: HOLIDAY INN - NEW ORLEANS I-10

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### JUDGING CLASSES

- A AUSTIN-HEALEY SPRITE/MG MIDGET
- B AUSTIN-HEALEY 100-4,100-6, & 3000 (PRE 1963)
- C AUSTIN-HEALEY POST 1963 (ROLL UP WINDOWS)
- D MGT SERIES + PRE WAR
- E MGA ROADSTER/COUPE
- F MGB CHROME (MGC)
- G MGB RUBBER BUMPER
- H TRIUMPH SPITFIRE/GT6
- I TRIUMPH TR2/TR3/TR4/TR4A/TR250
- J TRIUMPH TR6
- K TRIUMPH TR7/TR8/SEDAN/STAG
- L JAGUAR XK120/140/150/SALOON
- M JAGUAR XKE
- 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)

ADDITIONAL CLASSES WILL BE FORMED WHERE THERE ARE THREE OR MORE CARS IN A CATEGORY