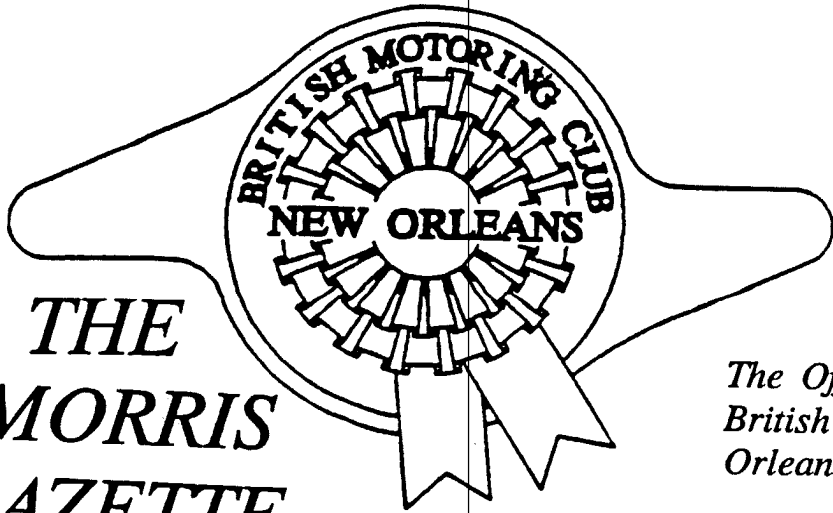


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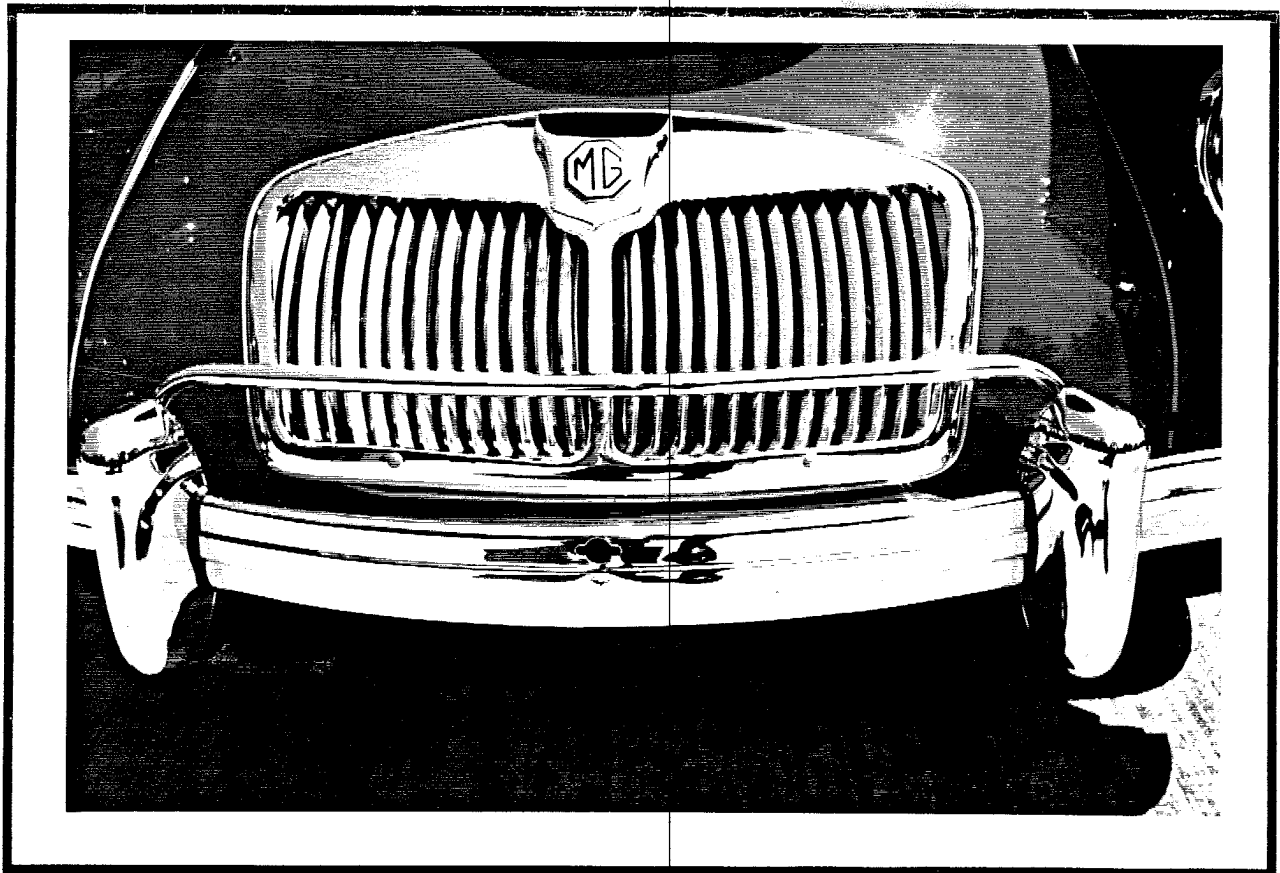
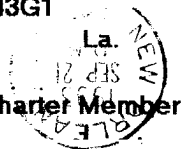
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# October 1993

## BRITISH MOTORING CLUB EVENTS



MONDAY

TUESDAY

WEDNESDAY

THURSDAY

FRIDAY

SATURDAY

					1	2  FAIRHOPE, ALA. CAR DAY
3	4	5  6:30pm China Rose Social	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16  MEMPHIS CAR SHOW
17	18	19	20	21	22	23  SWAP MEET
24	25	26  7:00pm GENERAL MEETING	27	28	29	30
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## CAR CLUB REGALIA

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⌘	BMCNO T-SHIRT.....	\$ 7.00
⌘	BMCNO GOLF SHIRT.....	\$15.00
⌘	BMCNO WINDSCREEN TRANSFER.....	\$ 1.00
⌘	BMCNO JACKET PATCHES.....	\$ N/A
⌘	BMCNO BASEBALL CAP.....	\$12.00

✓ GET THESE ITEMS WHILE THEY LAST! THEY ARE ORDERED IN LIMITED QUANTITIES AND WHEN THEY ARE GONE , THEY ARE GONE! CONTACT WAYNE AUCOIN.

### ⌘ 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 \$15.00 a year. If you are unsure if you owe dues or not, check the mailing label on your current newsletter. It has the date that your membership dues will expire. If your dues are due, send them in before you miss out on your next newsletter!

### ☺ NEW MEMBERS ☺

Dean Duplantier  
325 West 24th Avenue  
Covington, La. 70434  
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1960 MGA

Manuel Diaz  
2121 Mediamolle  
New Orleans, La. 70114  
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Lafayette, La. 70501  
504-234-5053  
1962/1967 Morris Minors

Richard Sandoz  
2541 Michigan Avenue  
Metairie, La. 70003  
504-469-8717  
1976/77 MGB & 1978 Midget

### 📅 CALENDAR OF EVENTS 📅

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|----------|----|---|
| October  | 02 | ✓ South Alabama British Car Club - 3rd Annual Car Day - Fairhope, Ala.  |
|          | 07 | ✓ China Rose for fish & chips -This is not a club sponsored event but members will be there on the first Tuesday of each month for a social. Located at Robert E. Lee & Pontchartrain Blvd - shopping center. 6:30pm until. |
|          | 16 | ✓ 10th Annual Memphis British Car & Cycle Fest  |
|          | 23 | ✓ Swap Meet - Frazer Rice's house.  |
|          | 26 | ✓ General Meeting - Russell's Short Stop #1 - 119 Transcontinental, Metairie, La. 7:00pm.   |
| November | 06 | ✓ English Motoring Club Car Day - Jackson, Ms.  |
|          | 14 | ✓ Officer's Meeting at Cliff's house - 7:00pm.  |
|          | 20 | ✓ E. E. Reynolds Annual Rallye.   |
|          | 30 | ✓ General Meeting - Russell's Short Stop #1 - 119 Transcontinental, Metairie, La. 7:00pm  |
| December | XX | ✓ Christmas Party - Frazer's house - Date not yet set.  |
|          | 28 | ✓ No General Meeting held in December.  |
| April    | 09 | ✓ British Motoring Club of New Orleans 4th Annual Car Day!  |

## **MINUTES of the MEETING**

**AUGUST 31<sup>ST</sup> 1993**

Meeting called to order at Russell's Short Stop #1 at 7:30pm by Cort Musgrave. It was determined that the Short Stop will be the permanent meeting place. Cort gave a tech talk on front suspensions. New members were introduced. Meeting adjourned at 9:00pm. Nominations from the floor: Cliff Hughes - Vice Pres. & Jim Jones - Newsletter Editor. Need more people for officers! Election in October!

## **BRITISH CARS & SPARES**

**Ads will be run only once, unless a request is received each month**

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- STORAGE** Share cost for security storage for small car or parts - Bay St. Louis Ms. area.  
Peter Brauen 601-467-0519.
- FOR SALE** TR-7 engine \$50.00, starter \$20.00, and alternator \$20.00 - condition unknown.  
John Roper 504-893-2413.
- FOR SALE** Anyone looking for brass, copper, or genuine rawhide knockoff hammers?  
Call Cliff Hughes @ 504-845-8709.
- FOR SALE** '78 MGB - \$3500 Matt Kubicki  
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- WANTED** TR-6 engine call Roger Gibson 504-888-2725.

## **A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

We have held some very interesting discussions during our meetings. Some of the items covered were transmission problems, a slipping clutch due to oil leak and synthetic (expensive) break fluid. These discussions have been stimulating and are an asset to our meetings. I encourage anyone with something to share or a question to ask, to bring it up at the meetings. We all will gain by sharing our experiences.

## **EVENT DETAILS**

- ✓ South Alabama British Car Club's 3rd Annual Car Day - Oct. 2nd - This is a fun show set in a lovely area right on Mobile Bay! Only 3 hours from New Orleans and the grounds are shaded with many large trees. No sunburn at this event! Registration \$20.00. Info call Bob/Sue at 205-928-5366. ✓ A group lead by George Barton will leave Friday Oct. 1st from Piccadilly on Veterans in Metairie at 9:00am. George plans to drop down south near Mobile and take the ferry across Mobile Bay to get to the Fairhope side. No group has been organized for Oct. 2nd as of this publishing. Call Cort Musgrave 394-3633 to find out if one has been scheduled.
- ✓ 10th Annual Memphis British Car & Cycle Fest - Oct. 15th & 16th at Wilson World in Memphis, Tn. This is a big one! Hundreds of British cars. The door prize is a Jaguar XJ6! Registration \$30.00 first car - \$10.00 second car - additional cars free. Info call 1-800-344-9683 or 901-754-0583. Write to: The British Sports Car Club LTD. - 714 Germantown Parkway, Suite 5 - Cordova, Tn. 38018.
- ✓ Swap Meet - Held at Frazer's house - 244 Central Avenue - Jefferson, La. 70121. Get together all your spares and sell or swap them! Those bits & pieces you have just hanging around your house can be somebody else's treasure.
- ✓ 4th Annual British Motoring Club of New Orleans Car Day! April 9th 1994 at Lafreniere Park, Metairie, La. Host hotel Holiday Inn, at I-10 Veterans Blvd. exit, Metairie, La.



## !!!NEW ORLEANS CAR DAY 1994!!!

Due to a scheduling conflict with the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival, the car day committee has changed the date. The revised date is now April 9th. The main reason for the change is that hotel accommodations would be limited and expensive for out of town entrants. Holiday Inn on Veterans at I-10 is the host hotel for the car day. Lafreniere Park is the 1994 site. See you there!

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### DA FUEL PUMP BLUES



What do ya do if your fuel pump fails and ya miles from home? Well, you could carry a spare stock fuel pump and replace it on the side of the road. But, that means jacking the car up and laying down on the ground. It also means that you must have the correct tools. Do you have a 13/16" wrench in your back pocket per chance? I think not! It's also a job which takes a little time as well.

The solution is to carry an after market fuel pump. An inexpensive pump can be purchased through the J.C. Whitney catalog and they are listed by output pressure. Order a pump with an output pressure of 2 1/2 to 3 PSI. That's more than enough pressure for your carbs and will not over come the floats and vent gas all over the place. Add long leads to the pump and maybe install terminals so that you can connect the hot lead directly to the fuse box. Carry a couple of feet of flexible fuel line and some hose clamps. Now with no more tools than a Phillip's and a regular screwdriver, you can install that baby under the hood in just minutes!

You may also be able to become the person of the hour and save the day for a less prepared member.

MR. GOODSPANNER



### BUYER BEWARE



There are a whole boot full of people out there who are trying to sell you things which you do not need and with which you may not be happy. I am referring to products designed for racing / competition and which have no business on your street use car.

If your forte is racing, that's fine, But if you never put your car through the punishment that racing demands, then you are just wasting your bucks.

An example is MGB front shock conversion kits. Let's say that your "B" handles badly, steers poorly, and makes strange noises. So you spend big bucks and buy a kit. Of course, at the same you rebuild the front suspension. Now your car handles well and rides good, although maybe too firm.

You may have made a number of mistakes. Firstly, if you had just rebuilt the front suspension using V-8 bushings, your car would have handled and ridden great.

Second, you spent hundreds of dollars more than you needed to spend. There are two types of kits on the market. The "Over the Coil" type cost in excess of six hundred dollars! You must rebuild the front suspension anyway or these kits will not help you at all. Why not just do the rebuild only? I bet that you will be happy with it.

Third, if you purchased a kit from a supplier that does not offer a street version, you did not get the proper kit for your car.

O.K, O.K! Ya just gotta do it! I can understand that. I've been there before. But, you do not have to buy the expensive "Over the Coil" kit. There is an "Outside the Coil" Kit which sells for a more reasonable \$125.00. This kit is easier to install and it works just fine! George Barton has installed these kits on two of his cars and is happy with their performance.

The best thing you can do before purchasing any kind of kit is to find out from other club members if they have had any experience with it.

MR. GOODSPANNER

## A SOLUTION TO AUTO TITLE PROBLEMS

British cars are more popular now more than ever. With the passage of time, these automobiles have been neglected and abused by previous owners and mechanics. And now, more and more obsolete parts are being reproduced, it seems as though just about any old British car can be restored. These cars are usually missing the correct parts, and many times are missing titles. These cars change hands so many times that their paperwork gets lost along the way.

There are several methods to acquire a title for an older car. One way is to apply for a "lost title" through the state. This only works if the previous owner actually had a title for the car in his name. Another method is to have the car inspected by the state. To do this you must have a legal bill of sale, and the car must be brought to a state inspection facility such as Troop B. Once the car is inspected, a title search will be completed to determine if the car is stolen. After this, if the inspecting officer is in the mood, a new VIN number and title will be issued. Both of these methods of course can take months timewise, and frustration levels approaching "10".

With the purchase of my MG ZB a few years ago, I discovered a new way to get a title for a car that at one time I thought was impossible. A friend of mine who is a car dealer told me about a title company called TITLES UNLIMITED. They specialize in obtaining titles for older cars. This method is very simple. You just sell them your car, and they sell it back to you!!! (Of course this is only done on paper.) You send them a notarized bill of sale, selling the car to them. They then sell the car back to you. Since this company is located in Alabama, and Alabama didn't issue titles on pre 1974 models, it is perfectly legal. When they sell the car back to you, it comes with a notarized bill of sale, and an Alabama plate. All that you have to do now is have the car transferred to your name in Louisiana. After this is completed, Louisiana will then send you a title. The whole procedure takes three to four weeks. Its that simple!! By the way, it costs about \$150, depending on make and model.

by Michael DE La Cerda

Titles Unlimited P.O. Box 590146 Homewood, Al. 35259 (205-631-8845)

## FIRST ANNUAL MARSHLAND MG REUNION

BMCNO was well represented 2 weekends ago in Lake Charles. Jim Jones won Best of Show, and 1st Place in the Coupe class for his MGC. Delvin Price won People's Choice, and 1st Place in the Roadster class for his MGA. Frazer Rice placed 2nd in the Roadster class, MGA. Peter Brauen placed 2nd in the Coupe class, MGBGT.



## UPDATE BRITISH CAR DAY

Plans for Car Day 94 are moving right along. Lafreniere Park site is written in stone, and an agreement has been signed with the Holiday Inn, Metairie. The next item needed is a list of all publications that we wish to announce the car show in. Please bring the mailing address and contact person to the next meeting so that we can publicize the event in your favorite magazine. We will follow up in next month's newsletter on committees and responsibilities. We will need a large group of volunteers to make this event a big success. Please don't hesitate to volunteer. THE ED.

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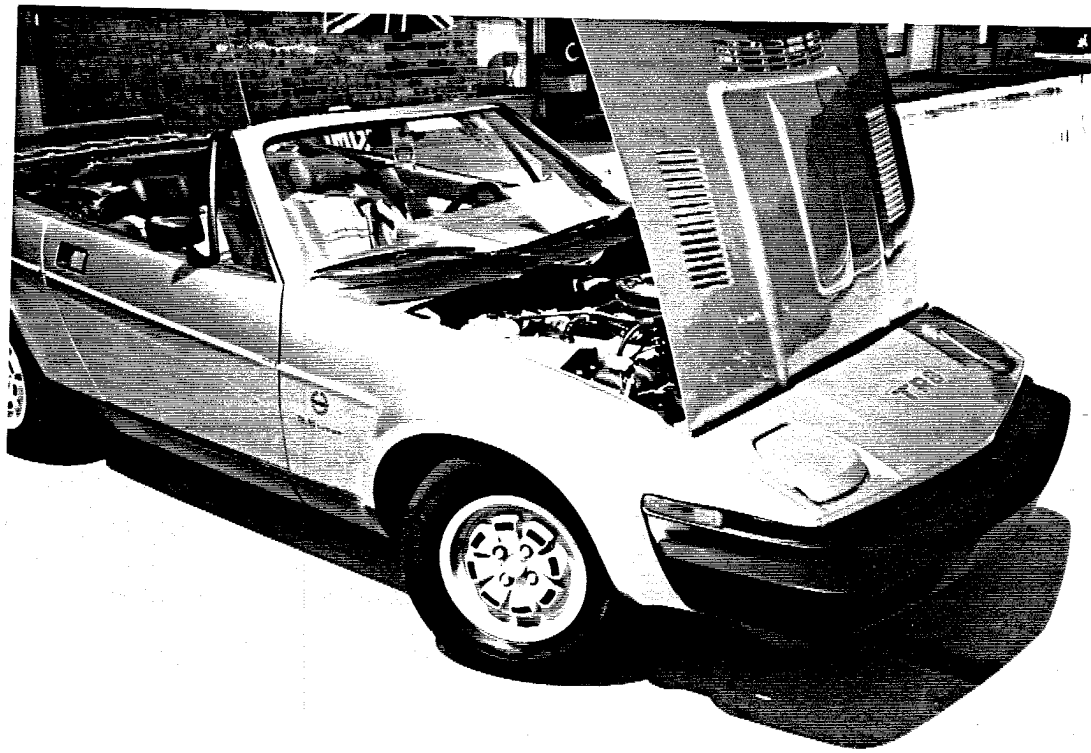
## STANDARDS

### NEW LABELS FOR OIL

The American Petroleum Institute has developed a new "API Certified" label, indicating that engine oil meets the latest SH—the quality grade that indicates an oil meets all manufacturers' recommendations.

The new labeling plan is an attempt to clarify a confusing grading system that displays the API quality grades (SF, SG, SH, and so on) in a ring around the viscosity label. SAE viscosity ratings (10W-30, and so on) do not indicate oil quality, only oil viscosity at various temperatures.

The new label, a starburst shape with the "API Certified" prominently displayed, indicates not only that the oil meets quality standards but also that it has passed a random off-the-shelf audit to further ensure that the oil meets API standards. Oil labeling is done by oil manufacturers, while the audit is conducted independently.



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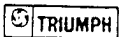
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