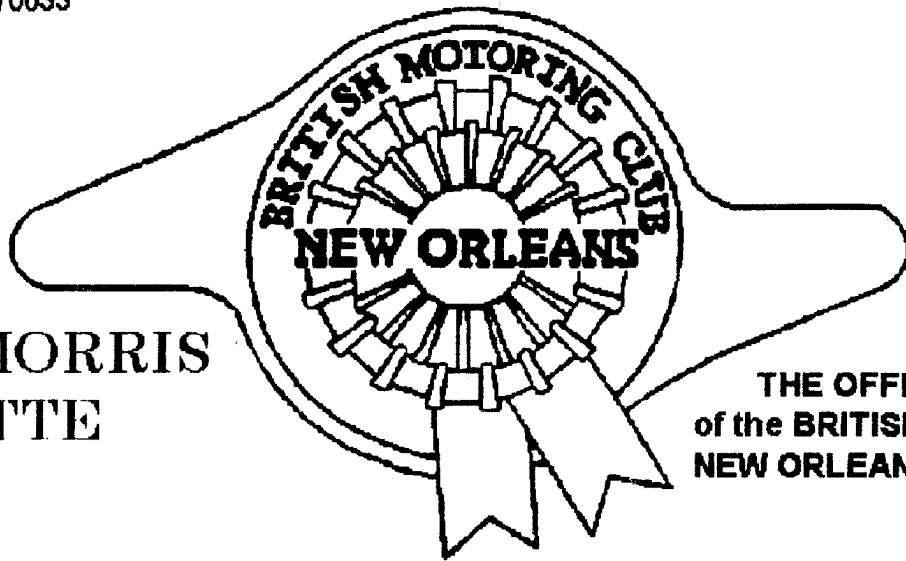


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10 SWAP MEET AT GAMBINO'S BRING YOUR PARTS FOR SALE!
11	12	13  7:30pm OFFICER'S MEETING- JIM'S PLACE	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25  10:00am- 1:00pm WASH & SHINE!	26	27  7:00pm GENERAL MEETING	28	29	30	

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☺ NEW MEMBERS ☺

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- October 14-15th 11th Annual Memphis British Car & Cycle Fest - Hosted by the British Sports Car Club, LTD. Contact: Jim Hofer at 1-800-344-9683.
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📅 EVENT DETAILS 📅

- Aug 30th General Membership Meeting-Russell's Short Stop #1, 119 Transcontinental, Metairie,La. 7:00pm
- Sept 10th Swap Meet - To be held at Gambino's Foreign Cars - 4422 Airline Highway off South Clearview in Metairie. Chuck Slack of Import Part Center will bring some of his goodies.
- Sept 13th Officer's Meeting - Jim's 7:30pm.
- Sept 25th Wash & Shine - Wash dem up outside/Shine dem up inside! Get dem ready fo So. Ala. British Car Day! Lubriport Labs - 1950 Airline Hwy (between air port & Williams Blvd.) - entrance on cross street (Marie) - from 10:00am to 1:00pm.
- Mar 25th 1995 BMCNO Car Day - Make your plans now!

SPRITELY RESCUE by Peter Brauen

While attending a swim party in Sidell some ten years ago, I was introduced to a gentleman who indicated that he had an Austin-Healey "Bugeye" that had been sitting in his backyard for several years. Apparently the car was parked in front of his house, when an alcoholically impaired teenager plowed into it with his parents' Buick. The young man was travelling in excess of thirty miles per hour when he shunted the Sprite. Totalled, the little car was simply pushed into the backyard and forgotten. The owner said he would gladly give the car to someone interested in restoring it.

Not being one who could resist a challenge, and subscribing to the notion that anything free is worth having, an appointment was made to look at and retrieve the car.

My friend David and I jumped in my truck with some hand tools and a jack. The owner had already informed us that he had a tow bar with which we could drag the car home.

At first glance, the car looked like a diamond in the rough; that was the front. The rear had been hit so hard that the bottoms of the rear wheel arches were touching the tyres! An effort would have to be made to pry the sheet metal clear of the wheels. This met with mixed success as on one side the offending piece was moved easily with the aid of a length of pipe. The other refused to budge. Putting that dilemma aside for the moment, David and I removed the trees and brambles from inside the car. In doing so we discovered two rims with skinny original tyres on them. One of these would fit the rear and not rub the wheel arch.

The next challenge was to get the car out of the backyard, as a fence had been built since the car was put there. The gate was tiny; it seemed inconceivable that a car could fit. Well, a Sprite is a tiny car and Murphy must have been napping at the time because it went through without a fight. We hooked up the tow bar, threw the loose parts in the truck, signed some papers, and were on our way. Slowly.

This should have been the end of the story. But as fate would have it, Murphy awoke. After crossing the twin-span, a motorist pulled up alongside gesturing frantically. It seemed we had a flat. That blasted rear wheel arch had cut through the tyre. No problem, we had the other small tyre. We took it and the jack out of the truck. But, now the jack refused to fit under the car because of the flat. We each had to grab the wheel arch and lift the car while I kicked the jack underneath with one foot. Tyre changed, the rest of the trip was uneventful. I returned home triumphantly. The neighbors were thrilled (sarcasm), and wanted to know what I was going to do with that piece of... Oh ye of little faith.

HOW TO SAVE YOUR OLD MASTER CYLINDERS by Cort Musgrave

The master cylinders on my Elva Courier were in deplorable condition. They were dried out from the car sitting up ten years unused and unattended. After a good soaking and plenty of effort, I managed to dismantle two of the master cylinders. The piston in the remaining master cylinder was stuck; it refused to move. I used the following method to pull the stubborn piston from the casting.

Drill and tap the piston to accept a 1/4 X 5 inch piece of all-thread. Screw it into the tapped piston. Place a large flat washer over the all-thread bridging the mouth of the master cylinder. Screw a nut onto the all-thread. By tightening the nut against the washer, the piston can be pulled free.

All three master cylinders (2 for the brakes and 1 for the clutch) had scoring and pitting in their bores. These, I thought, were candidates for the trash. I searched for new ones but, I come up with zero. Replacements could not be found in the original size. In an effort to keep the brake system as original, I sent the master cylinders to White Post Restorations for re-sleeving.

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GOLDEN GLEN POOL PARTY REPORT by Cliff Hughes

The club held it's first swim party this year in Mandeville at the Golden Glen Swim Club. 20 members and their families attended this event on July 30th. The pool was large enough to handle another 40 members !! No one lost their way to this event, as Jim Jones' cartography skills have improved dramatically. (That's map making skills for you guys that don't know what cartography is.)

The night was perfect for a swim, not too hot either. The group had a good time in the swimming pool. We then put a gigantic order in for pizza from Roma's Pizza in Mandeville. In addition to regular pizza, someone ordered spinach pizza which proved to be a tasty combination.

This was an excellent event for our members and their families. Linda Farris, the pool manager even invited us to return when we want. For those who are looking for an inexpensive place to have a pool party, this is it. A two hour rental is the minimum, and for our 3 hour event, the cost was reasonable at \$ 100. The facility also had a kitchen and dining room available at extra charge. Barbecue pits were also available. All of the members in attendance agreed that we should have this event again.

The only bummer of this event was that someone absconded with our club banner that was placed at the swim club entrance.

BUSH SEAFOOD RUN REPORT by Cliff Hughes

Our August food run this year was a huge success. The south shore members met up with the north shore group in Covington. I think that they waited for a total of 3 minutes before departing to The House of Seafood. Plans were to depart the Delchamp's shopping center at 6:45. I arrived at 6:47, to see Bill Geisler, and Mike Giore leaving the lot at a fast clip.

Upon arrival at the restaurant, there were 20 of our members roaming around the parking lot as if they were lost. In my infinite wisdom, reservations for 20 were made. When we completed our head count, we had a total of 40 members ready to eat.

As usual, the line of customers snaked around the restaurant. After pleading with the manager, he allowed all of us in. Line cutting is a fine art, but breaking into a chow line is a class act. We received more than a few dirty looks and glances' but we lunged in ahead anyway!!! We were hungry.

Since this was a seafood buffet, no one departed hungry. It was great to see Joe Rogers hobbling in without the aid of crutches or his walker.

Several members took a scenic tour thru Bush and onto Folsom after the dinner. This 35 minute cruise was a pleasure. George & Arlene Barton arrived in their 1994 black Mustang, a real beauty. This was a most successful and fun event.

EDITOR'S NOTE by Jim Jones

If you need help working on your British car or just need some information or advice, give one of the club officers a call. Even if they cannot help you themselves, they sure can suggest someone else that can help you out. Sharing all this knowledge is one of the advantages of belonging to our club. We are an all British marque car club. Somebody has got to have the knowledge or the books you may need to repair your car.

I just recently received a call from a club member about a certain test procedure. I must admit that I did not remember all the information which he needed. However, I was able to locate a fine article on the subject which I had saved from the magazine "British Car". He now should have in his possession all the information he needs in order to complete the tests.

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NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT by Cort Musgrave

At last month's meeting we passed out questioners to find out what you wanted in a rally. We asked what type of event you wanted and what you would like to do after the event. The results were as follows:

1st choice	The type of rally: Poker Run	After rally: Pizza	Cruise ideas: Middendorf's (Seafood)
2nd choice	Timed Event	Sonic (Burgers)	Taste of Bavaria (Breakfast)
3rd choice	Hound & Hare	Other	House of Seafood/Spahr's Des Allmands - Tie.

The club officers will try to structure future events based on this information.

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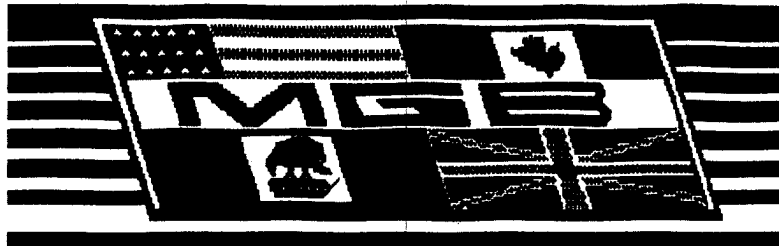
The following is a list of club members who have thrown their hats into the ring for club officers:

President - Cliff Hughes Vice-President - Frazer Rice Treasurer - Anne Fritoux Newsletter Editor - Jim Jones
Members at Large - Bill Breithoff, Michael De La Cera, Chip Laussade, Fred Mayer, & Keith Vezina.

Any member can nominate themselves or another for club office. Just let any current club officer know.

TOP TEN REASONS A LA DAVID LETTERMAN by FRAZER RICE Or "WHY I BOUGHT ANOTHER MGA AFTER 20 YEARS

- #10 Modern automotive quality and reliability made me long for the good old days.
- #9 Keeps wife from buying lots of souvenirs. (Lack of storage space)
- #8 Life needed higher level of aggravation.
- #7 Easier to read car maker on hubcaps.
- #6 Recently bought stock in Castrol.
- #5 Easier to push when you run out of gas because the fuel gauge isn't working.
- #4 Able to get rid of heating pad for sore feet.
- #3 Young women will give you a second look when you're in one.
- #2 Tired of driving cars that never catch on fire.
- #1 MGA always knew the way home when I was dead drunk in college -- Maybe, it'll still work with Alzheimer's disease!



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MINUTES of the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of JUNE 1994 by Jim Jones

Cort Musgrave opened the meeting at 7:30pm. Money was collected for the Pool Party. Types of events were discussed for newer members not acquainted with the different types of events held by the club. A list of events was passed among those members in attendance allowing them to choose the types of events in which they would be most interested. Several recommendations were given for the work done by "White Post" for their rebuilding of automotive hydraulic equipment. The death of the president of the MG Club England was announced, as well as, the death of Donald Healey. The sale of a number of British cars was discussed. The 50/50 was worth \$22.00 to a club member who's name I failed to obtain. The General Membership Meeting was closed by Cort at 8:15pm. A lot of time was spent after the meeting in the parking lot talking about British cars! I personally gained some good info that night.

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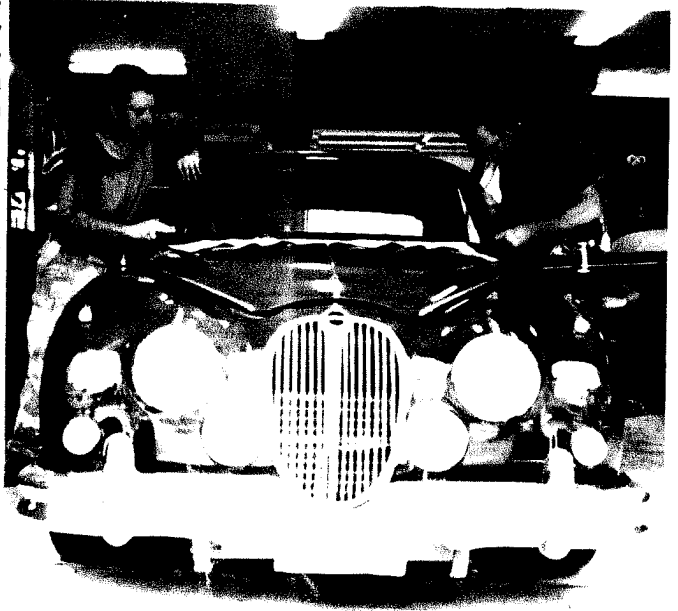
IN MY TRAVELS by Jim Jones

Since my move to the north shore of Lake Pontchartrain, I have become involved in the restoration of several British cars. I love it! Mike and Mary Schrantz of Mandeville are in the process of doing two restorations at the same time. A full restoration of an MGA Coupe is nearing completion and a roadability restoration of a '64 Jaguar Mark II is moving right along, both with assistance from Peter Brauen. I have been dropping by the Schrantz's on Saturdays to help out and my knowledge of these cars is increasing rapidly.

A number of trips to Peter Brauen's shop in Bay St. Louis, MS. have allowed me to assist Peter in the complete off-frame restoration of an MGA Roadster. (Red of course!) Peter's techniques for installing interior carpet are top notch. I also assisted in the repair of a fuel tank for an Austin Healey. Although the tank was well dried and aired out, the torch did cause three minor explosions, blowing out the torch each time, before the tank and Peter calmed down.

Cliff Hughes had some trouble with the battery in his MGA Roadster which turned out to be just a loose connection of the positive cable where it attaches to the frame of the car. (Positive ground, remember)

I have completed the conversion to a dual speed windscreen wiper system on my '64 MG 1100. Later models of this car were so equipped. They did, however, use a rocker type switch on the dash to operate the wipers. I needed a two position toggle type switch in order to keep all the switches on the dash the same. This switch is available as a switch used in a very early MGB-GT. But, the cost is high. I discovered that a headlamp control switch of the toggle type could be adapted for use as a wiper control switch, thanks to Paul Calderera of MS. who sent me the information which I needed. I had a spare wooden dash fascia which had been re-veneered by some previous owner of the car. So, I gave it a good coat of varnish and installed it in the car after the wiper conversion was completed. Boy, what a difference! Now I have to do up the glove compartment door as well. I found two four-way connectors behind the fascia which were cracked! Although they were not giving trouble at the time, they were time bombs waiting to give electrical problems in the future and I replaced both of them.



Peter & I replace windscreen



Everybody gets involved!



Peter & Mike check generator

MY FIRST CAR by Mike Brown

This is an episode with my MGA to Fred Frabre's place in Baton Rouge. Rodger Talley came over to my place at 7:00am as he was going to ride with me because he had a bad tyre on his "B". I checked the oil and the water and put a few tools in the boot. I also decided to put the side curtains in the trunk; because, I remembered a time on another trip to a plantation with Joe Rogers along when it rained. Water got all over the seats giving Joe a wet behind.

We took I-310 to I-10 hoping the group from New Orleans would catch up with us. Well, just before the LaPlace exit, the "A" just stopped! It was as if the ignition was turned off. We rolled on the shoulder and popped the bonnet. I figured that a wire came loose from the distributor, as with the ignition key turned on, the red ignition light would come on. We didn't see any dangling wires. We checked the points; they were opening and closing. I had Roger hold the high tension wire (Roger says "Why does it have to be me?") I opened and closed the primary on the coil, and Roger gave a response! The coil was O.K.

We made it all the way to Frank's Smoke House. The New Orleans group never did catch us. While we were eating, I mentioned our electrical problem and Fred Frabre said that he had the correct wire and connection for the coil. At the Carriage House Garage, I removed the distributor cap and installed the correct wire with the washer on the end. Now, I should have no more problems.

The ride home was boring! I think that Roger even fell asleep!



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Dear fellow British car enthusiast,

Please mark your calendar for October 14th and 15th for the 11th Annual Memphis British Car & Cycle Fest. The British Sports Car Club, LTD. is planning a British Car Festival you won't soon forget.

The weekend will include a driving event; a hospitality suite which will be well stocked with food, drink and good fellowship; Concours type judging; many vendors with lots of British Car goodies and a fantastic Banquet. At the Banquet, awards will be presented to the winners of the Concours judging event. The Seniors Class, which are the cars that have won at least two first place awards in their class over the years, will be especially honored this year with a very nice bronze cast metal dash plaque for each Seniors Car registered. To all owners of Senior's Class cars, please come this year and receive the honor you so richly deserve!

This year the Memphis British Car Fest will be located on the southwest parking lot of the Mall of Memphis, which is the largest mall in the City. There are 180 stores, four theatres, an ice skating rink and many good places to eat. If, heaven forbid, people tire of looking at beautiful British cars they have plenty of fun things to do. The Mall is located in the heart of Memphis at I-240 and Perkins Road which makes access very easy.

Accommodations this year are also very nice being close by at the Wilson World Hotel and the Wilson World Inn. Rooms run \$52.95 for suites and you can make reservations by calling 1 800-872-8366 Ext. 512 and ask for block #2896, British Car Fest. The local number for Wilson World is (901) 366-0000 and for Wilson Inn is (901) 366-9300.

The Memphis British Car & Cycle Fest has a long history of giving away fabulous door prizes and this year will be no different. How about winning a beautiful 1986 Jaguar XJ6? Or maybe a free trip? This Car Fest might make you a lot wealthier before you get home. The best part is all the proceeds from ticket sales will go to the Variety Club Children's Charities. You can't beat having a great time and also helping children who need artificial limbs.

The most popular happening at our Fest is always Judging and this year will be fun. The Judging Chairman picks skilled judges in each category and the 100 point system is used. Registration is \$30.00 for the first car, \$10.00 for the second and free for any other. As in years past there is a category for British cycles and registration is \$12.50. The Awards Banquet will be served at Wilson World Hotel in their large banquet room. This is always a fun evening, breaking bread with fellow British Car enthusiasts and hopefully bringing home some Gold!

So to all the old timers who know how much fun our Fest is, come on and join us again! To newcomers, please come and see just what you've been missing! This promises to be the best British Car event in the South this year so don't miss the 11th Annual British Car Fest. Please, in your organization's magazine, newsletter or calendar of events include this information on our Car Fest so as many enthusiasts as possible will get the word! For more information, please call Fest Chairman, Jim Hofer at 1-800-344-9683 or Bill Cravens at (901) 683-7195. Hope to see you at the 11th Annual Memphis British Car & Cycle Fest!

Sincerely,

Jim Hofer
Fest Chairman

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