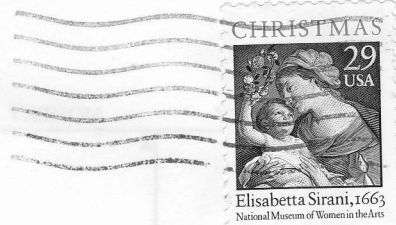


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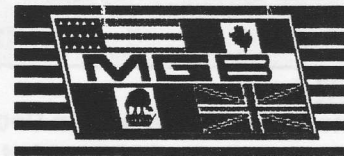


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# January 1995

## BRITISH MOTORING CLUB EVENTS



SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 <b>7:30pm CAR DAY MEETING</b>	11	12	13	14 <b>TECH SESSION</b>
15	16	17 <b>OFFICER'S MEETING</b>	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 <b>7:30pm GENERAL MEETING N.O. HAMBURGER</b>				

### CLUB EVENTS - CHANGES IN BOLD TYPE

#### December 27

No General Meeting is held in December, Happy Holidays to All!

All future meetings will be held at New Orleans Hamburger Company, 817 Veterans Mem. Blvd., Metairie, La.

#### January 10

Car Day Meeting at Keith's - 7:30pm - 3221 Maine Ave, Kenner, La. 504-443-5056.

#### January 14

Tech Session - Fred Fabre's Carriage House Garage in Baton Rouge, La. Subjects are electric fuel pumps & air conditioning. **Breakfast at Frank's Restaurant on Airline Hwy in Baton Rouge at 8:00am.**

**Convoys: Picidilly Resaurant, Kenner & I-12 West Rest Stop, Mandeville both at 7:30am.**

#### January 17

Officer's Meeting at Fred's, 1416 Goldenwood in Tanglewood subdivision, Mandeville - 7:00pm.

#### January 31

General Meeting - 7:30pm - **New Orleans Hamburger** - 817 Veterans Mem. Blvd., Metairie, LA.

#### February 5

Middendorf's Run - A cruise & seafood buffet.

#### February 7

Car Day Meeting & Officer,s Meeting - Location to be listed later.

#### February 19

Morning Call coffee & doughnuts 18th Street, Lakeside shopping center rear parking lot - view Metairie Mardi Gras parade. Details next month.

### IMPORT PART CENTER

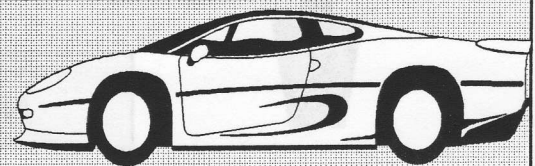
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## SHOULD IT BE 100% BRITISH? by Cort Musgrave

After reading the controversial article "Almost British Cars", I felt an urge to respond. My feelings are that we should exercise a little flexibility on our definition of a British car. I agree that current look-alike "Kit Cars" should not be accepted. They are not original and under their look alike fiberglass exteriors these are totally different vehicles. The use of modern suspension and brake systems make these cars handle entirely different. For example, the AC Cobra sets on transverse leaf springs, the contemporary kit Cobras use modern coil spring suspensions. The difference in handling would be quite remarkable, my hat is off to the men that use to race the old AC's.

An exception would have to be made for the old Kit cars that were available during the 50's and 60's in England. These kits were made available from manufactures so their customers could get around the tax laws in England. I doubt if any of those kits ever made it to the U.S... Is anyone aware of where one might be?

As for the Sterling. I feel that we should exercise flexibility in this case. The Sterling may look like a Honda but a comparison road test done by Motor Week showed the British counter part to out handle it's Japanese cousin in the Solomon course. It also took a shorter distance to stop in the brake test. I see the Sterling as an example of how the British can improve on a car while making it more luxurious.

If we omit British cars because they not 100% British we will eliminate some very fine vehicles from our fold. We can go back to the old Allard's of the 50's. These cars were fitted with various makes of American engines and transmissions. Many other British car manufactures also followed the tend of installing American engines and transmissions in their cars. Early LOTUS Europa's came with French engines and transmissions. LOTUS mounted the units end-for-end producing a mid-engine design. The old TRV's of the early 60's were fitted with VW torsion bar suspensions. The Bristol engine started life as a BMW engine. Rover's V8 started life as a GM V8.

An "All British Car Show" should be very proud to have a true "British hybrid" on display. Cars such as Allard, AC Cobra, TRV, Griffith, and Sunbeam Tiger set a period in history which any British car enthusiast can and should be proud of. The standard should be, "It may not be 100% British, but because it was designed and built by a British factory, we accept it." Their are some very interesting British hybrids out there. Think of the Ford GT 40.

Well Jim, you got my response. I welcome any comments.

( Editor's comment: For those of you who have not already guessed it, the article "Almost British Cars" was written in order to generate responses from the club membership and it certainly has done just that! Thanks to Cort for the great article - Jim. )

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**E. E. REYNOLDS RALLYE REPORT by Keith Vezina**

Patricia Gonzalez and Vivian Hernandez, last year's winners and this year's organizers of the E. E. Reynolds Memorial Rallye, have set a new standard for fun and entertainment. The weather was great, mostly sunny and a pleasant 75 degrees, tailor-made for top-down cruising.

We all met at the rear of the Esplanade Mall at 11:00 a.m. Sunday, November 20. With seven teams participating, we started with a test of our parallel parking skills. Parallel parking is hard enough, but try it with your eyes closed! The driver of each team was blindfolded and had to park from the directions of his navigator. We all had a good laugh and came to the conclusion that driving is best done with your eyes open.

The next phase of the rallye had each team leaving the parking lot at two-minute intervals with a list of driving instructions. This scavenger hunt rallye presented us with a nice drive to the Kenner lake front, out to St. Rose, Ormond Estates, and along River road. Along the way we gathered a cup from the Treasure Chest Casino and Spanish moss from the Destrehan Plantation. We learned where Kenner fire hydrants are made, how many windows are on the front of the Southern Living Holiday House, and what year Ormond Plantation was built.

As everyone returned to the finish line and turned in their score sheets, the team members started to compare notes. It quickly became apparent that this was going to be a close contest. The team of Frazer and Beverly Rice won third place, with me and Doug Hardin capturing second. However, Terry Dempre and his daughter Genevieve proved to be too tough a combination, and won first place by three points.

This is not Terry's first time in the winner's circle. He put on the E. E. Reynolds rallye four years ago. I'm looking forward to seeing what he has in store for us next November.

**MINUTES of the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of NOVEMBER 1994 by Jim Jones**

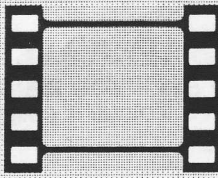
The meeting was opened by Cort Musgrave at 7:30pm at N.O. Hamburger's location at 817 Veterans Mem. Blvd. in Metairie, La. Guests were introduced. The "Covered Dish" list for the Xmas Party was passed around. A report on the run to Taste of Barvaria was given by Mike Brown. A report on the Jackson show was given by myself. Peter Brauen gave a report on the Daughters of the British Empire's Pub Night. The E. E. Reynold's Ralley hosted this year by Patricia Gonzalez was won by Terry Dempre. Cliff Hughes spoke on the upcoming Abita Beer Brewery Tour. Cort talked about the December Xmas party to be held at Bill Breithoff's house in New Orleans, and the January Tech Session at Fred Fabre's Carriage House Garage in Baton Rouge. Snubbs & Becky Bienvenu put together an album dealing with the early days of our club ( Louisiana MG Centre ) and presented it to the present club ( British motoring Club New Orleans ). The 50/50 drawing of \$20.50 was won by one of our guests, Chuck Slack of the Import Part Center, who had attended the meeting to give some goodies away! ( A tote bag and a bunch of top quality 1995 pocket calendars with holders.)

A vote was taken and the NEW ORLEANS HAMBURGER location is now the official place for the General Membership Meeting!

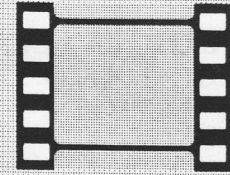
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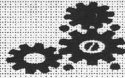
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**A NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

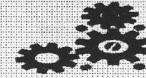
I would like to wish you and your families a very happy and safe holiday season. May 1995 bring in a happy and prosperous New Year to us all. Please be careful while driving, be alert to those other drivers. Some people tend to get a little too much of the holiday spirit this time of year.

**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 Morris Gazette. It has the date that your membership dues will expire and that date will be highlighted in yellow two months before that date. If your dues are due, send them in now before you miss out on your next MORRIS GAZETTE!



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## THE CLUB XMAS PARTY

It did not take long for everyone to arrive at the club's annual Xmas party this year. Bill & Sally Breithoff's house is spacious and easily accommodated the thirty or so club members who attended this year.

The covered dishes that everyone brought along were plentiful and good eating. Cliff Hughes even provided us with a deep fried turkey. Just two legs were left by the end of the party!

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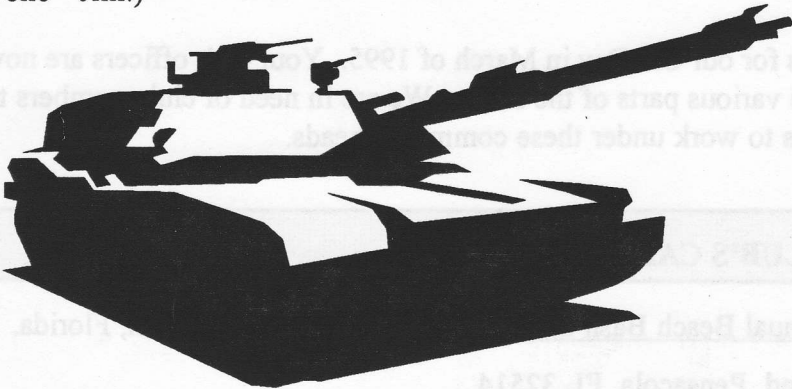
We are also producing the laygear sets for the MGB V8 and developing a close ratio set for the same vehicle. MGB 3.9:1 ratio to replace original BTB 856 final drive gears are being assessed at the present time as are Midget 3.7:1 and 3.9:1 final drive gears. All inquiries are very welcome.

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(Editor's Note: I have this companies "General Gear Cutting Brochure" and can send you a copy if you would like one - Jim.)



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### ABITA BEER RUN REPORT by Jim Jones

The turn out for the run was larger than expected what with the rain and lower temperatures. The brewery was not as some had envisioned. It had just been moved from it's old location into the warehouse formerly used for the storage of grains, etc. The parking lot was covered with a deep layer of fresh gravel. My MG 1100 looked like it had four flat tires. So far down did it settle into the gravel. Improvements were ongoing, but the place still looked a lot like a warehouse. We did get the tour with one interruption. The roof is constructed of metal and a downpour made such noise that the tour group had to be moved into a smallish office within the brewery so that we could heard the tour guide until the rain slowed to less than a thunder storm.

The beer was free for the tapping and very different from the national brands. I tried a small cup of a brew named "Purple Haze" and found it to have strong taste of raspberries.

Afterwards, we all convoyed to Mike & Mary D. Schrantz's place in Mandeville for pizza on the club. Those who had never been there before got to see their British cars and the huge work garage that houses the cars. All in all it was a good time.

### NEW GENERAL MEETING LOCATION

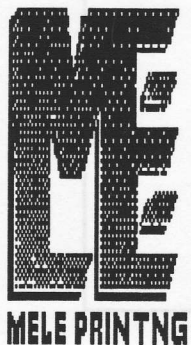
The **New Orleans Hamburger Company** at 817 Veterans Mem. Blvd. in Metairie is the new location for all of the club's General Membership Meetings. Although the restaurant is open for business during our entire meeting, we do have an area behind a wall roped off exclusively for our use. Restaurant business is slow during our meeting time and we don't bother any customers or they us.

It is easier to hear the speakers than at the former site what with not having young workers cleaning pots and pans, etc. The restaurant stays open long after our meeting is finished. We do not have a time dead line to meet.

The parking lot is large and well lighted with white colored bulbs, and not those of the amber colored type. I just hate the amber ones that make your car look like hell no matter what color it is painted. Most of the business places are closed well before our meeting time. That's a big plus for parking our British cars safely away from those other cars.

I really did not care to change our meeting location, but the new location does have a lot of advantages over the old location. I am pleased with the change.

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After getting pretty good at using Microsoft Works for the newsletter, I found that it was time to move on to a Desk Top Publisher. I still love Windows, (not being a DOS person ) but MS Works just would not let me do all the things that I wanted to do.

I began looking around for a DTP package that I could afford. Wow! Like, I mean they all were expensive! Three hundred to six hundred dollars expensive. I had to find something with in my budget range even if I did not get all the goodies that I wanted.

As luck would have it, Keith Vezina gave me two "Windows" magazines with articles on how to produce good newsletters. While reading the articles, I came across an advertisement for a DTP package which I could afford. The package sold for \$59.95 (seems nothing ever sells for even money) and all the bells & whistles could be included for \$99.95 (editing, art, tables, and font applications).

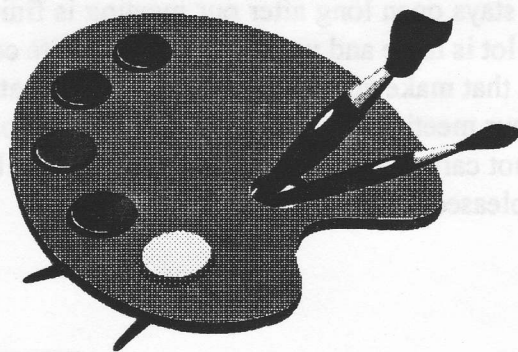
I called them toll free and asked all the questions of them that I had about the package. It all sounded good and I ordered the whole ball of wax (the whole package for you too young to know the phase).

A few weeks later the package arrived at my house by Federal Express. I am well pleased with it, of course, nothing comes without some pain. I locked up and crashed the program a few times and even had them send me a maintenance disk to help with some error messages. It turned out that I was creating the errors, not the program. I tend to do things like that until I have worked with new things for a while. Heck, I even did that with Windows.

I am still working with level 2 of 3 in the program. But I am learning all the time and the manual is the friendliest one that I have used.

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