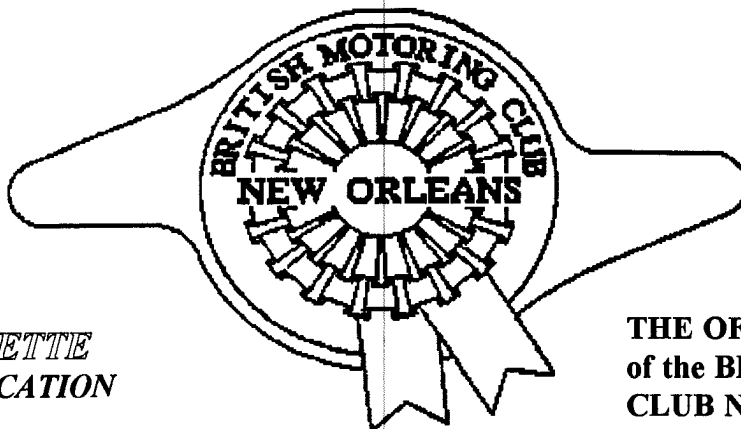


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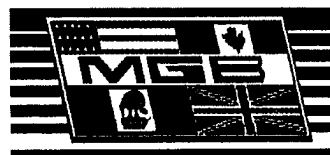


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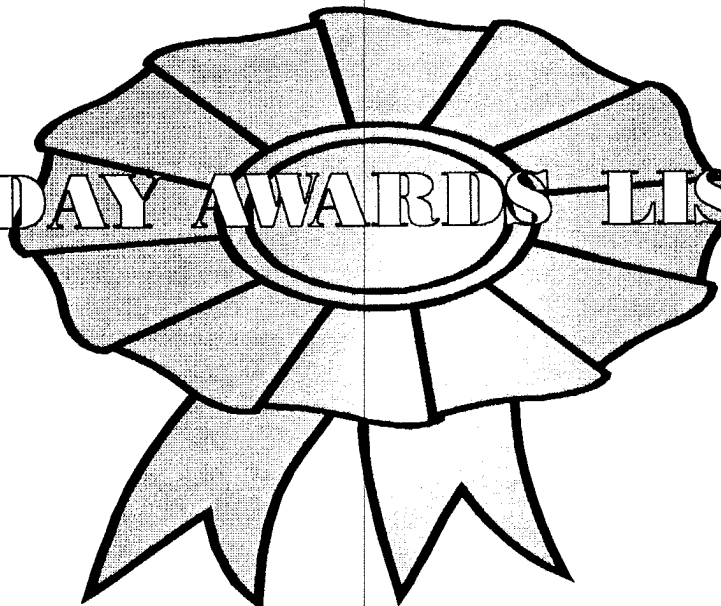
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CAR DAY AWARDS LISTING





BRITISH MOTORING CLUB EVENTS

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
	1	2	3	4	5	6
11:00am LAKE FRONT CRAYFISH BOIL	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	7:30pm OFFICER'S MEETING	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	7:00pm GENERAL MEETING	31			

CLUB EVENTS - CHANGES IN BOLD TYPE

April 25th

General Meeting at New Orleans Hamburger Company, 817 Veterans Mem. Blvd., Metairie, LA. – 7:00pm.

April 29th

Pensacola Beach All British Beach Bash and Car Show – Hosted by the Panhandle British Car Association and the Pensacola Chapter of the Austin-Healey Club of America. Contact: Stan Oman at 904-479-0839.

May 7th

Annual Crayfish Boil on the lakefront in New Orleans – 11:00am at Shelter #1 or #2, (Shelter numbers start from West End Blvd.) which ever one we can get, look for the British flag! Please pay in advance, if possible, at the general meeting. \$5.00 per adult and \$3.00 per children under 12 years. The club will supply hot boiled crayfish, cold drinks and paper towels. Bring some newspapers and arrive on time. We eat fast! 250 lbs. go quickly! Drive your British car and display it in the parking bay across from the shelter.

MAY 16th

Officer's Meeting at Jim Jones' place at 7:30pm. 800 W. 16th Avenue, Covington, LA.

MAY 21st

Annual Frazer & Beverly Rice's Gulf Coast Mansion Picnic – Over looking the beautiful beaches of the Gulf of Mexico on the oak tree covered estate lawn of the family's mansion. Bring a picnic lunch. The club will provide soft drinks.

OTHER CLUB MEMBERS ARE ENCOURAGED TO ATTEND!

EDITOR'S NOTE

You may have noticed that the Morris Gazette has a few less advertisers. I am trying to get them back, but I need some help. Always tell our advertisers when trading with them that you are a member of our club. If you know any business people who are potential advertisers for our newsletter, talk to them or refer them to me, Jim Jones, at 504-892-7774. The cost is only \$60 for 12 issues for the normal size ad.

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MINUTES of the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of MARCH

The meeting was opened by the club president, Cliff Hughes at 7:30pm. A guest speaker from Castrol spoke at length on modern lubricants for the cars of today and yesterday. Castrol is a supporter of our Car Day. Both Castrol representatives were given Car Day T-Shirts. The club presented plaques to Peter Brauen and to Cort Musgrave to honor their past service as club officers. Cliff spoke about the final preparations for the Car Day. Bill Breithoff announced that King Cake will be served as dessert at the Car Day awards banquet. Keith Vezina talked about the need for more volunteers for the Car Day. The identity of the 50/50 winner and the amount is not know to me. The meeting was closed at 8:45pm by cliff.

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!

OTHER CLUB'S CAR DAYS

<u>April 29th, 1995</u>	<u>Panhandle British Car Association's "Panhandle British 3rd Annual Beach Bash & Car Show" - Pensacola Beach, Florida.</u> Contact: Keith Sanders at 2323 Copter Road, Pensacola, Florida 32514. Phone 904-478-3171.
<u>October 7th, 1995</u>	<u>South Alabama British Car Club's "5th Annual South Alabama British Car Day" - USS Battle ship Alabama Memorial Park in Mobil, AL.</u> Contact: Ben Caddell at 205-661-9388.

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IN MY TRAVELS by Jim Jones

I have been trying to locate the source of a clucking sound in my MG 1100 for awhile now. The car made so many noises when I got it that this noise was minor at the time. The transmission was trashed, so I rebuilt it and the differential and replaced the inboard U-joints with the original type. Boy, did a lot of noises disappear after that.

Next, I replaced all the motor mounts and the mounts which attach the front sub-frame to the body of the car. None of the mounts were separated, but a couple were close to being so. I can't say that any noises went away after this, but some of the remaining ones did tone down by 1db or so. (Small engines with 114,000 miles on them tend to produce some noises.) I also have replaced front bearings, lower suspension rubber bushes, and rebuilt the upper and lower ball joints. This produced a smoother ride, but no real noise reduction.

I had a banging sound that was louder inside the car than it was outside of the car. I was told that because the steering rack is attached to the vertical portion of the floor pan and not to the frame, as in most cars, that any noise coming from the steering rack is amplified inside the car. Well, you know what I did next. Rebuilding the rack assembly was not hard. Except for the bush part. The original was not available, but the supplier told me that the felt bush used in the lower part of the steering post would do just fine. I ordered two from him, one for steering post also. Installing the felt bush proved to be difficult. It looked like a pretty tight fit, so I choose not to pre-lube it. Good thing, it was hard enough to insert in it's mounting three inches deep into the rack housing without it being swollen with oil. The felt bush is thick and flat. It must be made into a round tube and it does not want to be round! After I finally got it in place, and had to drive the rack through it, lightly oiled, with a piece of hard wood and a hammer. I taped up one end of the rack housing and placed it in a vice with the open end up. I filled the housing with the proper lube and let the felt bushing soak up oil over night. The next day I reassembled the unit and although stiff, it did turn easy enough with the steering post and the steering wheel attached. I figured that the felt bush would "wear in". Well, the steering is a lot lighter now after use, but now the rack makes a groaning sound. I think that the substitute felt bush was a little too thick.

My rattling sound was not in the steering rack, but the rebuilding of the rack did eliminate the banging sound inside of the car. One more mystery noise disappeared.

I am getting close to installing a larger rebuilt engine (from 1098cc to 1275cc), transmission, and differential in my MG 1100. Maybe, I will find the source of the noise while doing so.

The engine from a '71 Austin America has been bored to .020", will have new pistons with a shallower dish tops, and will have the MG dual carb set up installed. The newer transmission will afford me a synchronized first gear and a reverse light switch (Backing out of Cliff Hughes' long, curving, dark driveway is murder without reverse lights).

At Mike Schrantz's place on Saturday the 8th, Peter, Mike, and myself were able to install the dual overhead cam six cylinder engine in Mike's '64 Jaguar MK II. Afterwards, we installed the rebuilt front suspension unit. What a day of accomplishment. Getting the engine back in a car and getting the car back on all four wheels is always a big day when a car is being restored.

Under the heading of "You never know what you will find next", Peter and I began to disassemble the car's steering post for replacement of the upper and lower bushes. We found that the bushes had already been replaced, but with wraps of a towel and some cloth soaked in oil! This job was a temporary fix at best. We will replace the bushes later on with the proper replacement bushes made of black nylon material.

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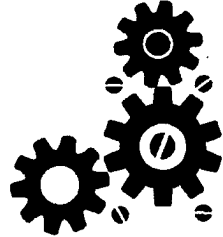
MGA 1500 Wire Wheel Set Up – Front hubs, Backing plates, Drums, and complete rear axle. Going to the dump if not sold, act now! \$250.00 – Peter at 601-467-0519.

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MGB Overdrive Transmission – \$400. Don Gonzales. Home 504-644-3942 / Work 504-752-0128.



CARS FOR SALE

'78 MGB – White with black interior, new top, 15K on clutch and engine, webers, Michelin tires. Contact Pierre Moreau at 904-878-8378.

'74 MG Midget – Runs & stops, needs work – \$500 – 504-734-1069.

'78 Spitfire – Rebuilt engine on stand, hard top, many parts – needs restoration, complete car, will not part out. Call 504-542-8216.

'58 MGA Coupe – Project car – \$1500 and '73 MGB Roadster – 10K since restoration, driven daily – \$5500. Call Mike Schrantz at 504-626-7195.

'78 Spitfire – For restoration, Hard Top, Original, Complete, Newly rebuilt engine on stand. Make offer. Phillip Colwart 504-542-8216.

'72 Triumph TR6 – Overdrive, 3 side draft webers, Wire Wheels, Chrome header, Monza exhaust, Chrome valve cover, New top, and Red line tires – \$7,000. '76 TR6 – Runs good, Drives good, with extra parts – \$2400. '70 MGB – Restoring, 65% complete, \$1200 in new parts-\$1900. MGB chrome bumper with overdrive-\$650. 3 MGB's – All Restorable-\$1100. Don Gonzales Home 504-644-3942 / Work 504-752-0128.

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'66 MGB, Yellow.

Kenny Allen

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'76 Triumph TR6, BRG/Brown.

Lester W. Davis, Jr.

2429 Shadowbrook Drive

Baton Rouge, LA 70816

504-753-8602

'63 A. H.3000 MK II, White.

Philip D. Robinson

2642 St. Nick Drive

New Orleans, LA 70131

504-393-1162

'91 Jaguar XJ6, White.

Kenneth G. Hicks

1311 Antoine Unit #104

Houston, TX 77055

713-682-4848

'61 MGA 1600.

A NOTE FROM THE PREZ

Greatttt Car Day!!!! The 6th Annual Car Day was this club's most successful show to date. Thanks to a fantastic tee shirt design, we sold out before mid afternoon. Over 100 banquet tickets were sold for the Saturday night finale, and the food was superb. We registered over 100 cars for this event, and the quality of car this year was far superior to any recent show we sponsored. Keith Vezina and I had the pleasure of signing a check to Friends of the Park in the amount of \$ 1500.00, the most money we have ever donated to the Park. Carolyn was most appreciative, and commented that the concessions had a good day at our event also.

I have a most difficult time thanking all of the member volunteers this year. Over 50 volunteers helped make this the most successful car day ever, and I hope that this tradition will continue well into the future.

The highlight of the car show, was during the banquet when we began giving out the trophies. With some real good coordination between the trophy committee, and Marvin Faber, our trophy supplier, we were able to fax the names of winners in all classes after vote tabulations. Marvin went to work on his laser printer, and inscribed all the trophy plates with individual names and car entries. This was truly a great effort, and my special thanks to Marvin Faber for an outstanding effort. Ken Hicks, Houston MG Car Club president, thought that we were "clairvoyant", and knew ahead of time, the winners of each class.

Many thanks to Leaderman Rupp, Chuck Slack, and Kevin Gambino for the vendor operations during the sho

The trophies for Best of Show and Showstopper awards sponsored by Import Parts and Lubriport Labs were fantastic.

Quotes from other clubs etc. : "In true N.O. fashion the show was very laid back, but everything went so well you knew a lot of people had worked very hard to pull it off." SABCC. Ken Hicks, Houston MG Car Club, joined our club as a corresponding member.

Roger Gibson recommended that our future car days be held on the first weekend of Spring. True to form, plans for our event next year are tentatively set for March 23.

BMCNO POPULAR VOTE AWARDS

CLASS - A - AUSTIN HEALEY

1st Place Rudi Markl '56 100M Roadster
 2nd Place Dennis Loftin '64 3000 BJ8 MK III
 3rd Place Bill Gieseler '64 3000 BJ8 MK III

CLASS - B - A. H. SPRITES and MG MIDGETS

1st Place Richard De Crevel '73 MG Midget
 2nd Place Greg Gilbert '69 A.H. Sprite 2 Dr. Conv.
 2nd Place Roger Talley '59 A.H. Sprite Roadster
 3rd Place Karl Kieger '67 A.H. Sprite Roadster

CLASS - C - MG T-SERIES /and Pre-War MG

1st Place Rodney Von Dulllen '47 MG TC
 2nd Place Dan Cantor '50 MG TD
 3rd Place Frank Daniel '47 MG TC

CLASS - D - MGA

1st Place Mike Schrantz '60 MGA Coupe
 2nd Place Peter Churchill '58 MGA Roadster
 3rd Place Dean Duplantier '58 MGA Roadster

CLASS - E - MGB / MGC Chrome Bumper Roadsters

1st Place Daniel Linarello '74 MGB
 2nd Place Richard Smith '73 MGB
 3rd Place Annette Heymann '74 MGB

CLASS - F - MGB Rubber Bumper Roadsters

1st Place James Graner '80 MGB
 2nd Place Keith Vezina '76 MGB
 3rd Place David McKelvey '79 MGB

CLASS - G - MGB / MGC-GT's

1st Place Jim Jones '69 MGC
 2nd Place George Barton '74 1/2 MGB
 3rd Place Terry Dempre '73 MGB

CLASS - H - TR 2, 3, 3A, 4, 4A, and 250's

1st Place David Hayden '58 TR3
 2nd Place Michael Anderson '61 TR3A

CLASS - I - TR6

1st Place Randy Lemoine TR6
 2nd Place J. C. Elkins TR6

CLASS - J - TR7, 8

1st Place Bill Breithoff '80 TR8
 2nd Place Harold O'Reilly '79 TR7

CLASS - K - Triumph Spitfire / GT6

1st Place Phillip Colwart '75 Spitfire
 2nd Place Frederick Jones '77 Spitfire
 3rd Place Harold O'Reilly '75 Spitfire 1500

CLASS - L - Lotus

1st Place Michael Glore '83 Esprit Torbo GT
 2nd Place Michael Glore '91 Elan Roadster

CLASS - M - Jaguar Sports

1st Place Vincent Coll '59 XK150 Drophead Coupe
 1st Place Thomas Noble '57 XK140 Roadster
 2nd Place Bob Pagan '64 XKE
 3rd Place Ken Kerber '67 XKE

CLASS - N - Small Sedans

1st Place Mike Lewis '50 MGY
 2nd Place Don Pritchett '56 Morris Minor
 3rd Place Micheal Delacerda '76 Austin Mini 1000

CLASS - O - Razer Edge Sedans

1st Place John O'Conner '49 Triumph TDA 2000
 2nd Place Pat Cashman '60 Armstrong
 3rd Place Fred Fabre '64 Bentley S3

CLASS - P - Empire Sports

1st Place Bill Silhan '49 Triumph 2000 Roadster
 2nd Place Mike Darby '67 Sunbeam Alpine
 3rd Place Cort Musgrave '63 Elva Courier

CLASS - Q - Rovers

1st Place Peter Brauen '80 Rover 3500 Sedan
 2nd Place Harold Hawkins '93 Landrover Defender
 3rd Place Grant Wolfe '67 Landrover

CLASS - R - Jaguar Sedans

1st Place Ann Friloux '62 MK II
 2nd Place Terry Richards '67 420
 3rd Place Keith Sanders '66 MK II

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2ND PLACE	KEN HICKS	1961	MGA 1600
3RD PLACE	TIM ANDERSON	1957	AUSTIN HEALEY 100-6

SILVER LEVEL

1ST PLACE	LOVAN THOMAS	1933	MG J-2
2ND PLACE	TOM SCHMIDTZ	1967	AUSTIN MINI COOPER S
3RD PLACE	JOHN SIMMERS	1972	MGB-GT

BRONZE LEVEL

1ST PLACE	WAYNE AUCOIN	1957	AUSTIN HEALEY 100-6
2ND PLACE	JOHN BALDWIN	1965	AC COBRA
3RD PLACE	DAVID TOEPFER	1970	TRIUMPH TR-6



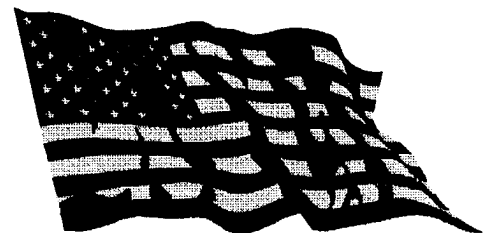
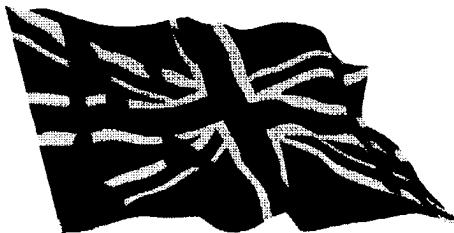
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SUE MASON'S



1954 MG TF



SHOW STOPPER AWARD

KEN HICKS 1961 MGA 1600