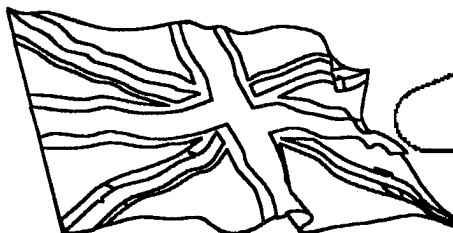
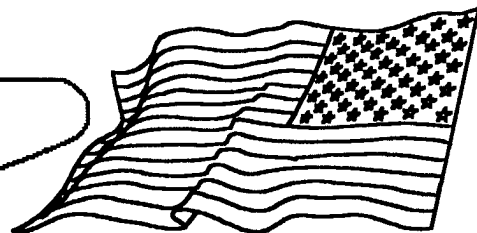
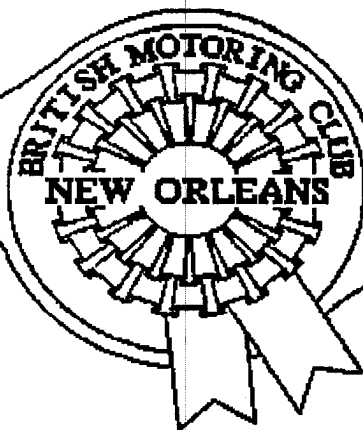


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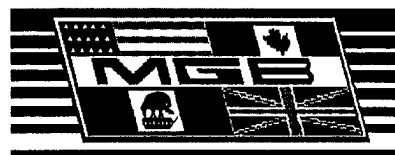
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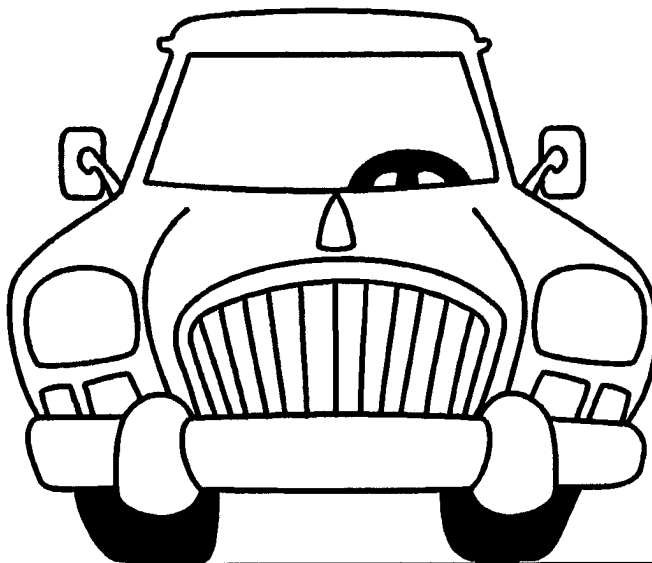


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BMCNO EVENTS CALENDAR



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25	26	27 GENERAL MEETING 	28	29	30	

CLUB EVENTS - CHANGES IN BOLD TYPE

MAY 30 **GENERAL MEETING** – New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood located at 817 Veterans Mem. Blvd. in Metairie at 7:00pm. Proposed new club charter on agenda.

JUNE 11 **POOL & POOL PARTY** – Swimming & Pool playing at Cathy Greensfelder’s House located at 5537 Berkley Drive, Algiers, Louisiana, 504-392-9261. Berkley crosses Kabel Drive between MacArthur Blvd. and General De Gaulle Drive. Bring snacks, swim suits, towels, and custom pool sticks. Club will supply drinks. Time: 2:00pm to 7:00pm

JUNE 13 **OFFICER’S MEETING** – Cliff’s house at 7:30pm.

JULY 15 **BUSH RUN** – A cruise to the House of Seafood in Bush, La. All you can eat seafood buffet. Convoy will leave rear of Lakeside Shopping Center in Metairie, La. at 5:30pm and Claiborne Hill Shopping Center in Covington at 6:30pm.

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GET THESE ITEMS WHILE THEY LAST! ORDER FROM ANNE FRILOUX AT GENERAL MEETING

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING of APRIL

The meeting was opened by the club president, Cliff Hughes at 7:45pm. Cliff announced that the Car Day grossed \$4500 of which \$1500 was donated to Lafreniere Park. It was disclosed to those present that the date of the 6th Annual British Car Day of 1996 will be March 23rd the first week end of Spring! We will endeavor to keep the first week end of Spring as the date for our Car Day each year. This was a suggestion made by former club president Roger Gibson.

Our guest was Chuck Slack the owner of Import Parts Center (See article). A convoy lead by Keith Vezina to the Pensacola Show was announced. Money was collected by Anne Friloux for the Annual Crayfish Boil.

Car Day awards presented out at the Awards Banquet were given to those present at the General Meeting or given to members who could hand deliver them. Out of towners who were not present at the Awards Banquet will be sent their awards.

The date for the Annual Rice's Gulf Coast Mansion Picnic was set for May 21st. A convoy will leave Lakeside Shopping Center parking lot (Rear by tire store) in Metairie at 10:30am and will cruise old Highway 90.

Two Car Day T-shirts were discovered by Cliff and sold on the spot. We sold all the stock that we had ordered this year. The 50/50 was won by Cathy Greenfelder at \$20. The General Membership Meeting was closed by Cliff at 9:00pm.

CAR CLUB DUES

If your dues are due, send them in now before you miss out on your next MORRIS GAZETTE!

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.

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TECH TIP by Mr. Goodspanner

To insure maxim exposure of the spark to the fuel mixture, your spark plugs need to be indexed. Just what does that mean? Positioning the spark plug so that the gap opening is pointing toward the piston.

How do you do that? Mark the outside of the plug a 180 degrees from the gap opening. Stop tightening the plug when the mark is opposite the piston. If you cannot get the spark plug torque correct and the gap opening in the correct position at the same time, use copper "indexing gaskets" sold at your auto parts store.

I have found that new plugs will index properly if you just do not crush the collapsible washer to the max.

GLEANED FROM THE ROARS – A PUBLICATION OF THE HOUSTON MG CAR CLUB FLAT AGAIN? by Ken Hicks

I am fairly new to the world of spoked wheels, but I had an experience recently that I though might be worth sharing with anyone else that has spoked wheels.

I was making plans to take my MGA out for a drive early one morning, and I decided to go through the 'preflight checklist' the night before. Upon arrival, I noted that the car was leaning to one side. Closer inspection revealed that one of the tires was flat!

When I inspected the tire, there was no visible sign that would cause the tire to go flat. Suspecting tube failure, I looked over the shoulder of the man performing the repairs, who carefully marked the position of the tube on the tire. When he put air in the tube, the leak was located. Strangely enough, the tube had a very small puncture mark in the same position as two small identification tags on the inside of the tire.

This is when I drew upon my club membership for strength and guidance! At the Fall GOF, I remembered hearing about tires "blowing out" on an MGA, and there was an award given that has chrome curb feelers mounted on a nice wooden plaque. The lucky recipient denied running into curbs, instead blaming some small identification tags on the inside of the tires. This stuck in my mind, but I'll have to say I did not fully appreciate what was said until now.

Upon conferring with our own resident expert, I learned that these small tags are smooth to the touch when the tire is cold. The problem comes into play when the tire heats up, causing these plastic tags to curl up at the ends. This pinches the tube, and creates a small puncture.

The cure to this problem is to have the tags buffed out of the tire, leaving the area behind as smooth as possible. I have had this done to each tire, after experiencing the joy of a second flat tire within a one week period.

ANNUAL CRAWFISH BOIL REPORT by Cliff Hughes

Our annual crawfish boil was held at the New Orleans Lakefront on May 7th. The club purchased 400 lbs. of the boiled creatures and they were great! About 60 members and their guest arrived at 11:00am for this annual club event.

Club members no longer have to camp out early in the morning in order to secure a shelter. The New Orleans Levee Board now takes reservations.

Thanks to Anne Friloux for camping out at the shelter this year and to Keith Vezina for delivering the eats.

Michael Delacerda made an appearance, along with former club presidents Jimmy Bruno and Roger Gibson. It was a beautiful day for such an event, and we are all ready for nest year.

IN MY TRAVELS by Jim Jones

Well, I found the cause of the suspension noises in the front of my MG 1100. After some disassembly of the left side, I found that the tie rod end was at fault. I had noticed when I replaced them with new ones that the new units were very tight. I thought that they were just new and would "wear in". I also took them loose twice while doing other front end work and I used a forked removal tool to do so. Did the forked removal tool jam the new tie rod ends? I don't know.

All I know is that I replaced the tie rod ends with two used ones from the spare steering rack of a '71 Austin America and all the noise went away. The steering freed up also.

In preparation for installing the rebuilt engine from the Austin America in my MG 1100, it occurred to me that the newer transmission for the 1275cc engine would have different gear ratios than the older 1098cc setup. The speedometer reading of the MG 1100 would no longer be correct after the engine/tranny swap. I got out the instrument cluster for the Austin America and it looked to be the same size as the one for the MG 1100. After opening it up, I found that the speedo unit was of the same type as installed in the MG 1100, just a different ratio number. I cleaned it up and lubricated it. It can now be installed in the MG 1100 and the dash cluster will look the same as it always has and be accurate with the new engine in place. It's nice to work with car parts that were not changed over the years just for the sake of change.

Anne Friloux's TR 6 is only a rear end repair away from being complete. All the restoration has been done properly and with a new paint job, new interior, etc. it's going to be a beauty! You are going to have to be careful where you park it now, Anne!

Mike & Mary D Schrantz's '64 Jaguar MKII is getting closer to completion. This car was never meant to be a complete restoration, just made road worthy, so some things are being done out of normal order. The restoration just kind of happened as things went along. The car was not going to be repainted. It was decided to do so late in the game and this will require that some done things be undone and then redone. The windscreen and rear glass had already been removed, refitted with new gaskets, and reinstalled. They will have to be removed again for painting and reinstalled after painting. Mary D. is awaiting the finishing of this car as she just sold her everyday MGB driver and will no longer have a British car to drive until the Jag is ready.

LOST & FOUND

Anne Friloux, club treasurer, has a six pack cooler which was left by a club member at the crayfish boil. To recover, call Anne at 504-464-1734 and identify.

OTHER CLUB'S CAR DAYS

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| June 18th, 1995 | 6th Annual Houston All-British Motor Vehicle Expo – Traders Village in Houston, Texas. Contact Cole at 713-497-0521 or David at 713-466-6019. |
| October 7th, 1995 | South Alabama British Car Club's "5th Annual South Alabama British Car Day" – USS Battleship Alabama Memorial Park in Mobil, AL. Contact: Ben Caddell at 205-661-9388. |

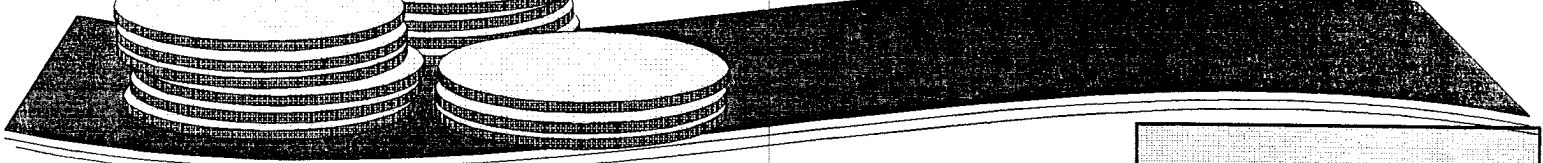
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NEW CLUB CHARTER by Jim Jones

Your club officers have been rewriting the club's by-laws and charter for sometime now with the help of attorney Ken Kerber a former club member. The old charter, written in 1977, is very restrictive and out of date. For example, it sets the date for the general membership meeting each month with no provision for change; as when it falls on Mardi Gras as it did this year. Obviously, the club officers need more leeway to make such changes as necessary. The old charter worked well enough for a small club with members all living in the same area. Today's club members are spread out all over the state of Louisiana and Mississippi.

We are no longer chartered by the MG Centre in Britain as we received only a monthly magazine for our \$60 a year and the magazine was not written for the U.S. clubs, but for British clubs. The club is now a charter member of the North American MG Register. The club pays nothing to be a charter member as long six or more club members are members of the register and the register provides the club and the Car Day with insurance coverage at no cost to the club. That's \$60 in dues saved and approx. \$500 saved in insurance cost.

The club's name has been changed with the desired results of increasing membership by including all marques of British cars, and not just MG's. All owners of British cars feel welcome now.

The May 30th general meeting will cover the old and new charter. All full members of our club (excluding corresponding members) will be mailed a copy of the new charter a month before it is voted on by the membership at a future general meeting. At that meeting, we will need a quorum, that is, approx. 36 voting members present to pass the proposal for the new charter.

It is very important that as many club members as possible attend this general meeting.

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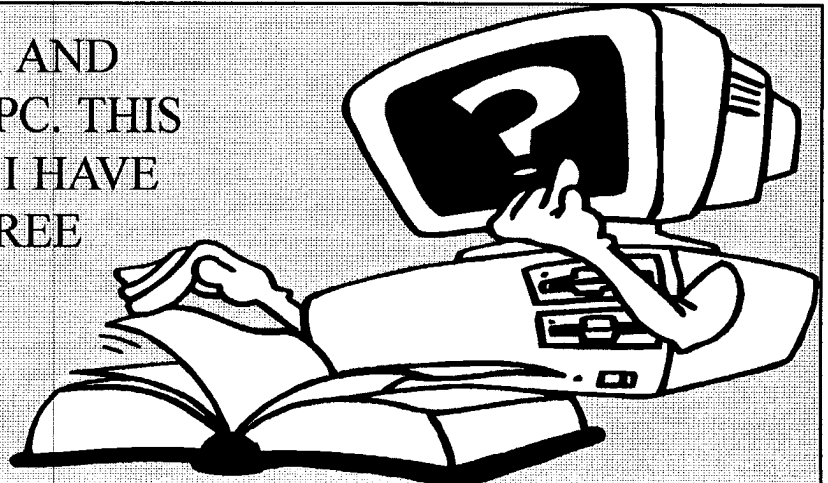
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