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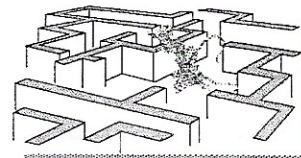
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Issue III

APRIL Event

MG Marque April Fools Rally

By Robin Balton MG Marque Leader



The MG Marque April Fools Rally had perfect driving weather. For all the British cars which attended Saturday's event, winding through the country side of Tipton County was a fabulous experience. Robin Balton and his wife created a driving route "fit for a BRIT". Time intervals were planned between question so participants could enjoy the drive. Everyone did!!!

Robin created the trophy for the winner. An electric neon sign in the shape of the MG marque symbol. In case of a tie, a drawing will be held for the winner. The announcement will occur at the May BSCC meeting.

Thanks to the Baltons, the MG Margue event was a huge sucess.

May Event



AUSTIN HEALEY Car Clean Up

by Charlie Roberts

This months Austin Healey event will showcase a menu of fried fish in a warehouse setting. Charlie Roberts has orchestrated a fine clean up day at his company called Bluff City Service Co. at 4187 Lamar Ave. Look for the 25 foot sign which faces Lamar Ave. on Saturday May 23rd at 1PM. Like always the ladies must bring a dish of their finest foods for everyone to share. This is a BYOB event with soft drinks supplied. Healey member need to call Charlie at 363-5000 to help with the set up and preparation. Steam cleaners will be available for sring cleaning of all British and almost British vehicies. The fish fry and car clean up has always been a wonderful social event. Bring a chair!!

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Car Show Update

Whispering Woods New Car Fest Site

The contract has been signed for this years car show. Whispering Woods Resort and Golf Course will host the show and most of the car show events this year. Previously called Holiday City, this renovated resort meets the needs of all areas of the '98 Memphis British Car Fest.

This year the show will expand through 4 days with a round of golf, driving evens,, a casino run and a rally. The awards banquet and hospitality suite which are known through out the country as "high Class" events will close out Friday and Saturday night events. With the registration forms in the making, the 1998 Memphis British Car Fest is "off and running". Please volunteer to help. Look for committees in next months newsletter .



CLUB CALENDAR

MAY 14, 1998

Board Meeting at Germantown Library at 7 PM on Exeter Dr. with Prez. Tony Marion.

MAY 18, 1998

General Membership Meeting

Meet at 6:30 for dinner with meeting to follow at 7:00 PM at **Pig N Whistle Restaurant** on Winchester.

MAY 23, 1998

AH Clean Up at 4187 Lamar Ave. at Bluff City Service Co. at 1 PM Call Charlie for questions. Bring a dish, a chair and BYOB.

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Web Site

<http://memphisbritcars.tn.org>

REPORT says: VW raised offer for Rolls-Royce

Exerpt: USA Today

A bidding war to buy carmaker Rolls-Royce escalated Sunday with reports that Volkswagen raised its offer to more than \$800 million from \$700 million..

That's almost \$300 million more than the tentative \$556 million deal Rolls-Royce parent Vickers has with BMW. VW's supervisory board met Saturday and agreed to a new bid, two German publications reported. German newsweekly Bild am Sonntag said VW will pay \$835 million, while the newspaper Welt am Sonntag said the bid was \$950 million.

VW would not comment. But Rolls-Royce CEO Graham Morris told Reuters he sees "no reason" the BMW deal would not go through by Thursday's dead line.

VW and BMW promise to increase Rolls production to more than 6,000 vehicles annually which is up from 2,000 per year.

Personals

Doc Brody and Rita sported around Tipton County in their Miata!!!! The Shepard's with Heather tooled around in their XJS while the Balton's used the day as a "Get Away". We missed their great kids. The Reynold's will add a daughter in law to their family next year. Tony Marion does a great job as prez inspite of all his traveling with UT.



NAMGAR: Mid-South A's

by Hiram H. Shepard

On July 21st, my son Jason and I will travel to Chattanooga for the NAMGAR GT-23 for the 4 day MGA car show. The event will include technical sessions, driving tours, car show and banquet. Hotel accomodations can be secured at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. Contact Hiram Shepard at 754-0538 to caravan to this show.

BSCC Club Member to Restore Car for Charity

Club member Charlie Roberts has single handedly decided to restore a car for the Variety Club this year. An MGB has been purchased for this purpose. If you are willing to help sell tickets on this car at any event or the Mid South Fair, please contact him at 601 895-5883. The BSCC wishes him well with this endeavor.

Spotlight for MAY

Aeneas the BSCC WEB Site Service

Information from the internet.

(This month the BSCC Spotlight focus' around the internet company which has offered their services for the BSCC s web site page. Please remember Aeneas when surfacing the web. The BSCC of Memphis would like to thank them for their generous service.)

About AENEAS

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Our Wide Area Network offers West Tennessee businesses with multiple remote locations special savings, especially in the area of Internet Telephony and Data Transport. Your company can have a single internet provider throughout Western Tennessee and beyond, and enjoy consolidated billing.

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Allowing Aeneas to order you BellSouth Business services will gain you the personal service you expect, and deserve at the SAME COST AS BELL SOUTH. You'll get the same BellSouth service you are used to at the same cost but with the added personalized service from local Aeneas Representatives.

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As your business grows let Aeneas Internet Services make your growth less painless and more profitable. Please don't hesitate to contact us with questions (info@aeneas.net) Phone: (901) 425-9200 or (800) 470-7288 Fax: (901) 423-4440

Special Writing

Desire is a terrible disease.

Andy Rooney

(This is an excerpt from an article in the Shelby Times which you may enjoy by Andy Rooney a syndicated writer whose column appears each week in the Shelby Times publication.)

"All the things I want I've had," wrote the great E.B. White, "true love and change of weather." I've had true love and change of weather, but I've yearned for many more things over the years. Some I've had, some I haven't had. Desire can drive you crazy and more often than not it makes no sense. The trick to happiness is adjusting your desire to the realities of your life and that's hard. If you can't have what you want, it makes sense to want less.....When I was 16, I got my "junior licence". You could drive during the day with that. Once I had my licence, I wanted a car, of course. I was almost 18 when Uncle Tom gave me his old Dodge sedan that must have been my age. It was a real old clunker but I loved it and it gave me freedom I'd never had before.

I soon tired of the old car. It's a sad fact of life that gratification is usually the death of desire. Once you have the object you desire you don't want it. For years I wanted a little sports car with lots of power. That was slow coming, too. In 1966, I finally got what I wanted, a Sunbeam Tiger, British Racing Green, with a Ford V8 engine under its bonnet. I still own it 32 years later and it weakens my theory about gratification and desire because I like having it as much as I did the day I bought it.....What I'd most like now is to start a second life as an infant knowing all the things I know today as an adult.

Tires and Wheels— Where the Rubber Really Meets The Road

How old are your tires? Since most of us don't drive our hobby cars more than a few thousand miles a year we don't think much about the tires. After all most radial tires were originally guaranteed for forty thousand miles, and you probably only have a fraction of that mileage on them. While old bias-ply tires can still be drivable fifty years after their manufacture if the rubber isn't dried out and they've got enough tread, radial tires are not the same. If the tire is more than ten years old, the various components sidewalls, radial belts, and treads could be separating from one another.

We discovered this fact just in time on our first long drive in the Healey earlier this year. Noticing a lumpiness as if the wheel was out of round, we jacked up the car in a parking lot and removed one of the wheels. We found that the sidewall had completely split away from the tread, exposing the steel belts!

Because the break was on the inside we hadn't seen it. Had we continued to drive every a few miles further, our tire specialist said that the tread would have separated completely, causing a nasty spinout and likely an ugly outcome.

Convinced we needed new tires, we went down to Santa Cruz and visited our friends at British Wire Wheel. They showed us the variety of tires that are now available for classic British cars. If we wished, we could have gotten original size 5.90x15 bias ply tires, now being reproduced in the Dunlop RS5 pattern original to Jaguars, Healeys, and other mid-sixties cars. These are made with modern compounds and are rated for safety, but are quite expensive and may not be your cup of tea.

The Dunlop SP20 and Avon Turbosteel radial tires 165mm width that do are available in a the original 5.9 inch sely approximates width. These are current prorruction tires, so they are theleast expensive. However, the diameter will be smaller than the original bias plies, which will make your Speedometer and odometer read too high.

Michelin makes a 175SR15 tire that is closer to the original in width and diameter. However, this is a limited product and is somewhat more expensive. If you are willing to compromise a little on originality in favor of performance, Dunlop and Riken make a regular-production tire in 185mm width. This tire will fit 60 and 72 spoke (five inch and six inch width) wheels and won't foul the inner fender well on tight turns. Beyond that, 195 and 205mm widths are available for the real performance hound. These really need the 6-inch rim but on some models will extend past the fender and also may rub. If you are going to get new tires, you should have your wheels checked over at the same time and definitely have a specialist mount the tires and balance the wheels using a bubble balancer. If you think your old wheels are still safe, you might ship them to British Wire Wheel. They can check them for safety, strip and repaint them, then mount the new tires, balance the wheels, and ship them back to you.

If you decide you want new wheels because the splines and spokes are shot or because you want to go to chrome spokes or wider wheels, then your best bet is to get both wheels and tires from British Wire Wheels. We found that their tire and wheel prices were competitive, and we trust their experience in properly mounting and balancing wire wheels, something few tire stores can do anymore.

Around the Country

MAY

9th Birmingham and Tuscaloosa Sports Car Show at Tannahill State Park. 16th Jaguar Concourse, Louisville, Ky 812 537-1701

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15-17 NAMGAR Regional Meet, Bloomington, IN 317 887-2618

23 British Car Day Brazelton, GA 770 491-7573

30 British Car Roundup, Indianapolis, IN 317 357-4442

JUNE

6 British Marques on the Green Louisville, Ky 502 491-15517

6-7 Houston All-British Vehicle Expo Houston, TX 281 444-1679

JULY

8-12 MG '98, 7th Annual NAMGBR Convention, Hagerstown, Maryland. Call: Sally Schlining 410 461 5888.

Web site: www.qis.net/~socs/MG98.html
21-23 NAMGAR GT-23 in Chattanooga, Tn. Host hotel Chattanooga Choo Choo Holiday Inn 1-800-872-2529 Call Bryson Lesley 706 375-8750.

21-24 American MGC Convention Pensacola, FL 704 274-2269

August

1st Dayton, OH, 14th Annual British Car Day. MG Car Club, SW Ohio and Miami Valley Triumphs. Ron Wynne, 937 837-5510

23rd Lancaster, PA 9th Annual "A Taste of Brittan" auto Show and Polo Match, LANCO MG Club, Jim Harbold, 717 292-0579, e-mail: vqdq61a@prodigy.com

September

26th Bel Air, MD, 19th annual Mgs on the Rocks, MGs of Baltimore. Kurt Nagl, 410 557-7107 or e-mail: mgima@juno.com

October:

10th Memphis British Car Fest. At Whispering Woods Resort and Golf Course. Contact: Hiram Shepard at 901 754-0538 or e-mail: hishep@aol.com

Wants and Gots

Wants: Volunteers for the British Car Fest. Yearly "Frequent Flyer Participants" are welcome to help during any of the events. Call: Carolyn Shepard 901 754-0538.

Gots: MGBGT '74 Multiple car show winner. Harvest gold. Wire wheels. Over drive and air condition. Excellent condition. Call Hiram H. Shepard at 754-0538 4/98

Gots: 1975 MGB Roadster. Great for restoration. Call John Weimer Cape Girardeau, MO 1 573-334-1665 4/98

Gots: 1957 Jaguar Mark VIII saloon; excellent condition; also, three Alfa Romeros. Call Ewing Haley at 755-4486. If you are interested, I want to talk..... 4/98

Gots: 1952 MG TD Restoration started. Some new parts. Call Larry at 601 895-2446. Hiram Shepard must give \$6000. Anyone else "Lets Talk."

Gots: 1973 Series 1XJ-6. Good Condition but not running Could be running in one afternoon. Make offer!!! Very reasonable. Call: John or Judy Deming at 755-5895

Antique Cars, New Zealand, and YOU

by Joseph T. Stegmaier of the North Alabama British Motoring Society

The Friendship Force (FF) of New Zealand is offering a two-week "Bridgebuilding" tour by coach for antique and classic vehicle enthusiasts.. The trip will include both the North and South Islands. Gerald, a member of the Whangerei Branch of the Vintage Car Clubs, will tailor the trip to particular car interests as requested. The trip will include a variety of car museums, such as the Monterey Park Motor Museum and Dr. Heins' Classic Car Collection, as well as some of New Zealand's natural attractions such as Mt. Eden volcano. Lodging is at hotels, with a two-day stay in Whangerei. Another two-day home stay can be arranged.

A minimum of 20 people are needed for this tour. Costs are projected at \$2500-2700. This will include air fare, transportation, lodging, museum fees, and most meals. We are considering April or May of 1999.

An extension 6-day trip to Australia can be added. Cost projected \$600-800.

If interested, please contact Ani Kortekaas at e-mail AniKorteka@aol.com or 10018 Westleigh Dr. Huntsville, Alabama 35803 by August 1st so we can start the wheels rolling. Also let us know the types of cars which interest you.

(Friendship Force is a non-profit organization, based in Atlanta which brings people of the world together through homestay exchanges. A secondar component called "Bridgebuilding" bases trips on common interests for home-stay (2-4 days, but most are in hotels. The New Zealand group has come up with a bridgebuilder around antique cars.))

Thank You Leo Goff for an interesting and informational lecture at the April BSCC general meeting. Your expertise and knowledge of British cars is an asset to the club.

Thanks for sharing your time with all of us.

British Sports Car Club 1998 Membership Dues

Name: _____ Car: 1st _____ Yr.: _____
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Send checks: \$25 local and \$15 Out of Town (Add \$5 for late registration.)

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Speaker for May:

Mark your calendar for May 23rd.
Special treat speaker.

June is the Competitive Marque Event

Contact your marque leader, Leo
Goff to volunteer to help.

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Send articles; cartoons, photos,
Wants 'N Gots or tidbits to:
Carolyn D. Shepard
7870 Cross Ridge Dr.
Germantown, TN 38138
Deadline: 1st of each month.

General Meeting Place:

Pig 'N Whistle
Winchester Rd.
Memphis, TN.
(3rd Monday)

Board Meeting Place:

Germantown Library
Exeter Dr.
(Thursday before the general
meeting)

Membership Dues Are Due

Everyone received a special mailing from the BSCC
Board for registration for 1998. Please fill in the
registration form, sent in the mail. Please return:
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