

# Wyres & Tyres

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British Sports Car Club, LTD Memphis, Tennessee



## BALDWIN'S SUPER BOWL PARTY

Robin and Lisa Baldwin hosted an outstanding 1999 Super Bowl Party. Some were for Denver while others routed for Atlanta, but we all come together to have a great time.

Everyone placed bets for the score jackpot and a non-British 2 year old won. Better Luck next year. Lisa, we are still waiting for the wild rice soup recipe. Thank you for your hospitality, Robin and Lisa !!!

*Lisa's Super Bowl Spinach Balls Recipe*  
Boil & drain 1 10-oz pkg frozen spinach  
add:

<i>1/2 cup chopped onion</i>	<i>1/2 cup water</i>
<i>1/2 cup parmesan cheese</i>	<i>2 eggs (beaten)</i>
<i>1/2 cup cheddar cheese</i>	<i>1 box jiffy corn meal</i>
<i>1/2 teaspoon garlic powder</i>	
<i>1/2 cup plus 2 tablespoons blue cheese dressing</i>	

*Chill 2 hours. Spoon 1 inch balls on greased cookie sheet.  
Bake 350 degrees for 10-15 minutes until browned.*

*.Ah. for the love of British Cars !!!!*

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

Following is a list of Club Events that have been arranged so far:

February 21st Still in planning stage

March 21st - Poker Run - Charles Coleman

April April Fools Rally - Knox Everson

May 23rd - Spring Cleanup - Buzz Merchlewitz

June - Tour to Dyersburg - Ken Gregory

Make sure you mark your calendar for the February 21st event which we are trying to plan. If we can make it happen, we will give you a call.

Remember, the folks that plan these events work very hard and the more British sports car fans that turn out, the better time we have. Please try to attend.

## Club Calendar

Board Meeting scheduled on February 11, 1999 at Germantown Library

February 15, 1999 is next  
General Membership Meeting  
Meet at 6:30 pm for dinner with meeting to follow at 7:00 pm at Pig N Whistle Restaurant on Winchester.

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## TOP 10

Top 10 ways to pass the time while driving a British Car

10. Wishing you had a radio that really worked.
9. Wishing you could hear the radio.
8. Wondering if you'll go deaf from the noise of 6000 rpms.
7. Thinking about buying that car trailer.
6. Hoping that burning smell is coming from some other car.
5. Hoping it doesn't rain because you think your windshield wipers may have quit working.
4. Wondering if the oil pressure in all British cars occasionally drops to 5 psi.
3. Counting Miatas.
2. Hoping the short in your brake lights has resolved itself.
1. Wishing Sir Lucas has gone into the plumbing business instead of auto electronics.

### January Club Meeting

During the first club meeting of the new year (January 18, 1999), our new President, Jim Duke expressed his appreciation for the previous officers for a job well done. There was discussion to have a Women's night out. Call Lisa Baldwin if you any suggestions or ideas. The new newsletter editor is Jenny Pangle and since this is her first time, any guidance, feedback and patience will be appreciated.

Knox and Bonnie Everson shared experiences of their Europe trip. Thank you both for the slide presentation. We enjoyed the details and you made us want to make the same trip. Any ideas for upcoming membership meeting programs, contact Vice President - Robin Baldwin.

### February Club Meeting

Agenda includes discussion of upcoming Marque events. Buzz & Jim will be showing the Road Atlanta Video which will include mostly wrecks. Don't miss this exciting video!!!

### PERSONALS

Janie Reynolds attended the Super Bowl party with no crutches and is back at work part-time. The cast is still with her though. Congratulations Janie. Jack & Janie' Reynolds' son had a wonderful wedding. Hiram and Carolyn Shephard drove to Miami & attended Super Bowl parties on their vacation (they drove their jeep - shame on you!) Jimmy Jones moved his business to Olive Branch Airport - Looking good Jimmy! Patsy McQuirter attended the Super Bowl party at Robin & Lisa's and was looking very good. Glad you are okay, Patsy.

## Tech Section - MG Cooling System

The cooling system on MG's is one of those things that either gives you no problems at all or will drive you crazy trying to get it to perform properly. This article will focus on the cooling system on the late MGB which used twin electric fans.

The first thing to remember is that the normal operating temperature of this system is between 195 and 205 degrees !!! In other words, forget about ever seeing the 180 degree reading of the older MG's. Although the specification calls for a 180 thermostat, in this case its main function is to keep the engine from running too cool and to help get the engine up to running temperature as quickly as possible. This helps the automatic choke to shut off as soon as possible, thus preventing excess fuel dilution of the oil. It also helps keep emissions as low as possible.

NEVER leave the thermostat out on purpose to try to solve hot running problems. The coolant flow is much too fast and does not stay in the engine long enough to properly transfer heat. The gauge may read cool, but 'hot spots' in the engine may develop in the engine from uneven cooling and cause long term damage. If you must, remove the valve from the old thermostat and use the housing as a 'restrictor'. This is similar to what was available from the MG racing department as an option.

The temperature gauge reading on these cars (1976-1980) for normal running is exactly half way. A slight variation of this reading may be caused by a defective instrument voltage stabilizer, or one that is slightly out of range. The electric fans should come on at slightly over 1/2 reading, and the 'on' temperature of the fan switch to 205 degrees. If the radiator is working properly, the average outlet temperature should be about ten degrees lower. The fans should turn off at 195 degrees.

As a final note, remember that at these temperatures, a working pressure cap is essential, for without the proper system pressure, the boiling point of 212 is just above the factory designed operating temperature of 205 degrees.

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## Women's View

The Women of the British Sports Car club are planning some nice events for Women's night out.

This planned event is on Friday, February 19, 1999 at 6:00 p.m. at Bogies Deli on Mendenhall across the railroad tracks near Poplar to have dinner. Then after dinner, we plan to go to Seize the Clay which is on Poplar next to Houston's. Seize the Clay has a Friday night special where you can bring your own wine and they provide the cheese and bread. We hope to see all you Ladies for a great time!!

Women's night out was suggested by Lisa Baldwin and discussions are underway to include a set or variable day and time, and also event ideas such as Dixon Art Gallery, English Antique Store, dinner get together, etc.

Let's talk if you have ideas or find events that are interesting.

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*The more a British sports car malfunctions, breaks and/or falls apart, the more endearing it becomes to the owner and the paid mechanic.*



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## WANTS AND GOTS

### Wants:

\*Military souvenirs: medals; uniforms, daggers, etc.: from WWII era.

Particular interest in German items. Ewing Haley (901) 755-4486

\*19" wheels for MGTC. Knox Everson (901) 754-1510

\*O/D transmission for late model (1977) MGB. Jim Duke (901) 795-0688

### Gots

\*Three Alfa Romeos. Plus, many misc. Alfa parts. Ewing Haley (901) 755-4486.

\*1966 Lotus Elan Coupe S2. Good condition. Has Spyder chassis Stock chassis also. Asking \$10,000. Buzz Merchlewitz (901) 465-7566 or Sam Nelson (850) 478-6616.

\*Residential Lot in Raleigh. \$10,000 or trade for interesting British sports car or other - Corvette, Mustang, etc. Charles Coleman (901) 754-3240