

Wyres & Tyres

British Sports Car Club, LTD - Memphis, Tennessee

April 2007

Shiloh Civil War Reenactment - The Empire Marque Event

The Shiloh trip was a great success, thanks to Gordon Gold of the Empire marque. Thirty two cars made it to Shiloh. We lost an XKE near Moscow on the way because of a surprise broken spark plug. We picked up two in Grand Junction. A few members of the Mercedes Club joined us.



Lunch at the Boatel was catfish, hush puppies, and fixin's, and then we were off to the Battlefield for an amazing show of force. Canon shook the ground, rifle and pistol fire tore the air, and horses thundered through the thick white smoke of the mock battle.

The rain held off for the better part of the day, but caught some of us on the way home.



The New Orleans British Motoring Club Show By Jim Duke

The New Orleans trip was great fun. Janel Demick and gang were good traveling companions. They started early Thursday morning driving Chuck & Janel's "BINABOX" while John Mangles had his V-8 powered MGA on a trailer and was using Chuck's Chevy pickup as a tow vehicle.

Unfortunately, that only lasted until they reached New Madrid, MO - the transmission on Chuck's truck became uncooperative. So, they took the truck to the local Chevy dealer and convoyed in MGs. We arrived early Thursday night and went out for seafood after getting into our hotel rooms.

Friday we were joined by Mickey Renaud & wife, from Clarksville, TN in their TR-8 and set out for Baton Rouge following the 'River Road', a very pleasant and rather scenic drive. We passed several historic plantations and stopped at one but didn't take the tour. Reaching Baton Rouge, we were met by friends of Chuck & Janel and went to 'Tony's Seafood' - a seafood market & deli.

Saturday was show-time. The New Orleans British Motoring Club did an outstanding job with the show. They had a lot of volunteers and had events running as smooth as clockwork.

The show attracted about 120 cars, including a few very unusual vehicles - Pat Cashman, from Vicksburg, brought an Armstrong-Siddley Station Coupe (essentially a small pickup bed attached to a coupe body), there was a stunningly beautiful 1937 Jaguar SS saloon, a 1948-ish Daimler saloon (best in show), a Woolsey Hornet roadster that was one of 12 created to be Heinz give-away cars, etc.



New Orleans British Motoring Club Show (from Page 1)

There was quite a handful of MGB Experience folks there - Blake Sonnier had both of his Bs, and Gene Johnston and Gerry Masterman were there, too. Our little 3 car convoy did well with the popular choice voting. Chuck & Janel got 2nd in class, John Mangles took a 1st, and my B got a first, also.

Sunday's ride home was as uneventful as the trip down. Sharon & I arrived home just after 4 pm, Chuck & Janel (and John & Carol Mangles) got home around 7 pm. Everyone was tired but happy and looking forward to next year's show in the Big Easy.

The First New MG in 27 Years

On October 23 1980 a metallic silver MGB-GT (chassis number 523002) rolled off the assembly line in Longbridge, Birmingham, UK. Twenty seven years later, on March 27 2007, the very next MG to be produced rolled off the same assembly line – thousands of miles away in Nanjing, China.



The Nanjing Automobile Group purchased the 100-year-old MG Rover Group and renamed the MG the "Ming Jue". The assembly plant was disassembled piece by piece, moved to China, and reassembled exactly as it was in Longbridge.

According to press reports, the Ming Jue is almost identical to the old MG, except for obvious updates to the body and styling. The Ming Jue is intended for the domestic Chinese market.

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The British Sports Car Club, LTD was formed in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1982 as an organization devoted to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of British cars.

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Upcoming Events

April 20-22, 2007 - MG Classics of Jacksonville is hosting The Gathering of the Faithful, South - Jekyll Island, Georgia

April 22nd - The Jaguar Marque Event will again be a visit to the Ostner's Rollin' J Ranch - one of our most popular events in recent years.

May 4th – The Ozarks Driving tour

May 27th - The Austin Healey Marque Event - the annual Indianapolis 500 fish fry.

June 24th - The MG Marque Event (details to be announced)

July 22nd - The Triumph Marque Event (details to be announced)

August 26th – Garage Crawl

September 8th & 9th - The Germantown Festival - with the BSCC's annual Show & Shine

October 5th & 6th - The 24th Annual Memphis British Car and Motorcycle Fest

November 25th - The Car Show Rallye Replay

Ladie's Luncheon

The ladies meet on the last Wednesday of the month, usually at a different restaurant each time. Attendance is open to all club members (even the guys!) and friends. Questions or comments? Call Sharon Duke (901) 324-0909, or email at skduke4@netscape.net



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Monthly Club Meeting

Our monthly club membership meeting is held the third Monday of each month. We meet at Colletta's Italian Restaurant on Appling Rd and Hwy 64. The meeting starts at 6:30 P.M. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

WANTS and GOTS

WANTS:

Jaguar XJS Sedan 6 cyl Automatic, '95-'96 – Rob Cosgrove 850-9920

MGB metal bumper - Jack Reynolds..754-9889

Right turn signal unit, left lens for Series 2 E Type Knox Everson 754-1510

TR-6 Project. M Smith - britracing@yahoo.com

GOTS:

Baby Blue Bug Eye for Sale. It is running great, looks good too. I just don't drive it enough. Checked out the internet and found out it is about an 8 footer. sharrisrose@peoplepc.com, or 901-386-2003 or 5111 Blueridge Dr., Memphis, TN 18134.

Signal light switch for MG 70-72 – a prize piece of iron, \$10. Marshall Bryant 754-4627

Tail light lens for Jag 85-91 761-1678

72' MGB Engine (short block) FREE - Larry Kiehna 901-850-0324

71' E Type - Knox Everson 754-1510

European Headlights for 1975-1980 Mercedes SL - Leslie Dale 937-0534

1948 MG TC / Good condition. In storage 20+ years. In need of restoration. Located in Laurel MS Gene Johnston / English Motoring Club johnston18@jam.rr.com 601 607 7021

Excellent rust-free 1973 Spitfire 1500. It's complete, and it does need restoring. comes with many extra parts. \$1500 contact Doug Taber Cambria, California 805.927.5044 or gdz54@charter.net

1970 XKE Roadster w/ Factory Hardtop
Thom.Perhac@fabsv.com

1954 Jaguar DHC completely restored - Jimmy Jones 901-292-6901 aircraftinteriors.org

62 Silver Cloud - Steven Gibson 409-5172

Hardtop for Triumph TR6 - Bill Whitley 526-9432

1986 Jaguar XJ6 Vanden Plas, New tires, upgraded engine, exhaust, Good leather, paint and wood. \$6,000 John Kovac 901 682 0723



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