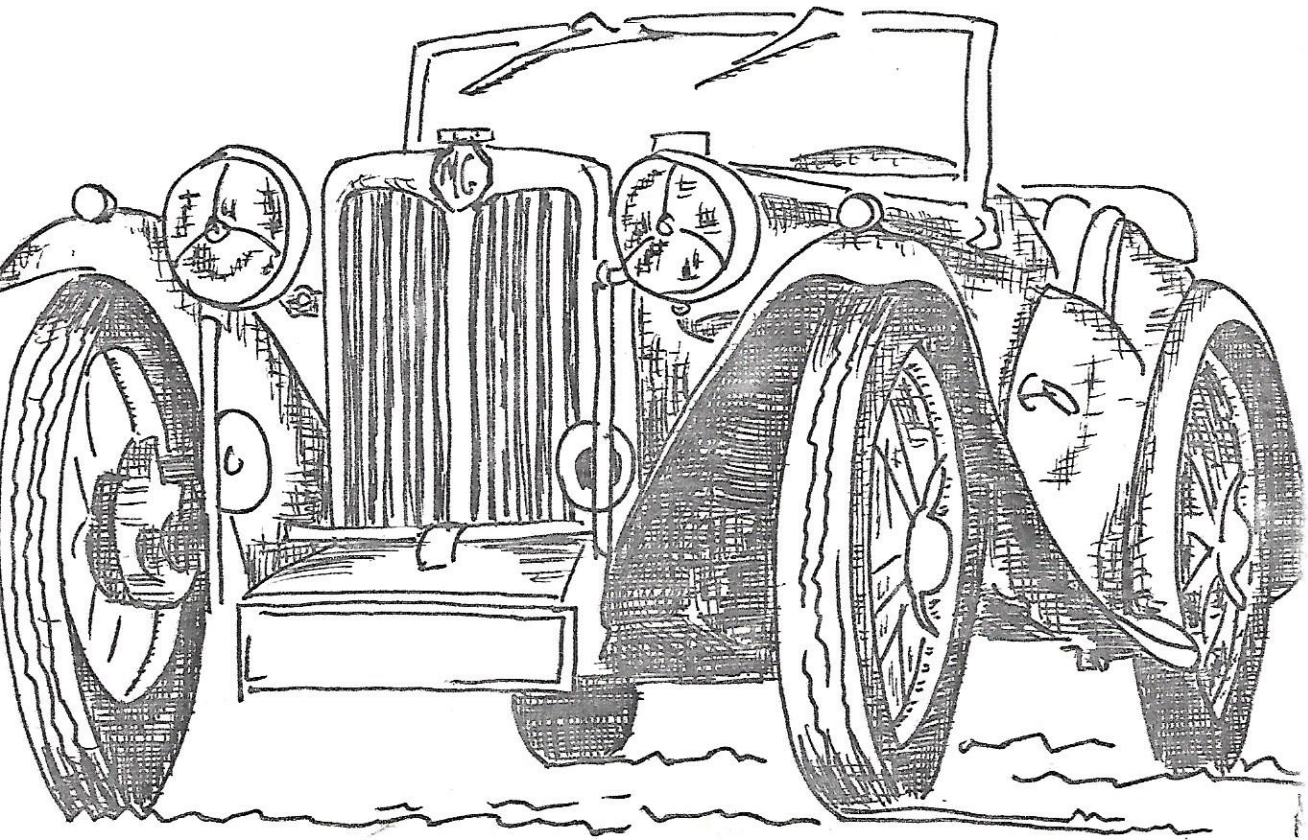


# BRITISH SPORTS CAR CLUB NEWSLETTER

(very late) FEBRUARY ISSUE



## First There Was MG

Dear Member:

Well, we've gotten two of these into print now, maybe it will steady down and become a regular part of the club. We've got a member who owns one of those things shown on the cover, RHD red 19" wheels and lovely. The one that started sports cars in America. Come to a few meetings and you are bound to see it!

### FEBRUARY & MARCH MEETINGS

As usual, we met at Shakey's on South Perkins on the second Monday night of both months. I missed February's meeting, which I'm told, mainly revolved around a good film of the 1957 German Grand Prix at Nuernburgring won by Tony Brooks in an Aston Martin and Al Noah's insistent lunacy about several of us driving Healeys from Memphis to Colorado this summer for the Snowmass Meeting. (Start next week Al!) He's apparently quite serious about this folks, so if there is another one or two of you loose out there, contact Al!

One of the cars that showed at the March meeting was Chuck Case's Delorean (with Chuck), quite a car to see. Two potentially helpful professional car types were also in attendance, Jon Graham and Larry Levine. Jon runs the Phillips station at Knight Arnold and Getwell, specializes in foreign car service and owns several MG's and a Jag or two. Larry has just started a quality sales, service and restoration shop located at 2985 Poplar, also specializing in foreign cars. Both are welcomed members of our club.

### MEMBERSHIP

The BSAC currently numbers 27 paid up 1982 members, with about 6 from last year that will pay shortly (if you just have not been available for recent meetings, send a \$20 check to Andy Johnston, 8607 Thorncliff Fwy, Cordova, TN 38018). We have good prospects for 32 more people who, for one reason or another, are afflicted with the Spindly Wheel Disease. The club membership currently owns, almost owns, (or is trying to get rid of) the following machinery:

- 5 MG's - One TC, two TF's, an A, and two B's
- 5 Triumphs - One TR3, a TR4, and three TR6's
- 24 Healeys - Three 100-4's, four (and a half) 100-6's  
fourteen 3000's, and two Sprites.
- 1 TVR
- 2 Jaguars - One ragtop E-Type, and a 120 coupe



## DECEMBER OUTING

By Al Noah (1)

The Father (Donald Healey) and Son (Goff Healey) commanded that the disciples be sent out to spread Christmas Cheer. So, Keith Allen and Al along with (bless) their wives Becky, Jane and Betty Joe were chosen for the trip to Osceola, Arkansas. The Christmas Parade was December 4, and as the Healey Division of the club is on "ready" at all times, only minor preparation was necessary. The meeting place was the Rivermont parking lot at 5:00 P.M. Keith and Becky were late due to the "topping of shock oil." Don't laugh, Keith has a special can and really is the expert on this function. Allen had one rear drum painted red and the other in black for the occasion, and the Noah's Healey still sported its green putty spots (almost appropriate) After passing out extra clothing, gloves, and giving the "thumb up" sign and repeating the slogan in unison, "One for all and all for one" (if one quits), the three Healeys moved out, all but one. You guessed it! El Presidente's had caught the Andy Johnston disease and wouldn't start. With Keith and Allen on each rear side, a hearty shove produced a billow of blue smoke and away we went!!

It was a beautiful winter afternoon with the sun setting and a great feeling to see three vintage cars driving in unison. True to form, all arrived safely at Osceola. A quick pit stop was made so that the girls could do their thing and we could have a cup of coffee and make signs for the parade. Allen is quite an artist so the necessary club signs were quickly done on the backs of table mats. We were again off to the starting point of the parade.

Keith, being the organized individual that he is, correctly remembered to get some red and green crepe paper which we deftly taped upon the chrome and mirror-like finish of the automobiles. During the parade the heat gauges quickly crept up - due to the slow pace. As we prepared to go past the viewing stand, Keith was to do his "ooga ooga" and the three horns would then beat out a Christmas Carol. You guessed it - the "ooga ooga" didn't work.

It was an extremely rewarding experience to have all of the spectators wave and wish us Merry Christmas. Jane has a particular friend in Osceola who wants to know. "Weah d'ja git dat Co vet?"

(1) I don't believe it! Only the second issue and some joker has a by-line already.

The three couples were feted at the Osceola Country Club after the event by Betty's parents, Alex and Mildred Crosthwait. During our cocktail party, we received three or four requests from area farmers to come back during the mosquito season. We could name about any contract to spray for those nasty insects.

With our tummies full and some Christmas Cheer of our own, the Healey Division headed south and with a beautiful moonlit night made our way back to Home Base. Just as we crossed the bridge, a deep voice could be heard as the Father said, "Well done, Keith, Allen and Al, and in the future, you shall be called, the Holy Smokes."

#### MARCH CLEAN-UP

Charlie Roberts and Bobby Hadsky arranged for both the place and the steam cleaning equipment for our first annual spring clean up. The cars all came away looking a lot better even if some no longer ran. I counted 12 cars, but Wirt insists there were 13. He must have counted his Buick (some day he's going to show up in a new 3000). We had several B's, 6 Healey's, one TVR (a what?), a TR6, and some boxy looking thing that didn't sound like a real car and had 914 written across the back. Must be a Volkswagen kit-car of some kind.

Thanks to both men for an excellent get together.

#### APRIL MEETING

On April 12th, the SCCA will have one of their members give our group a short talk on sports car rallies. They have been doing them for some time and it should help us on future events. If any of our members want to create a "tour" for the BSCC please let us know. All are encouraged to help us with new ideas on how to create better events.

#### APRIL EVENT

April 25th, Southwest corner of Kirby and Poplar in Germantown at 1:30 Sunday afternoon. A 40 to 50 minute "tour" thru East Memphis and East Shelby County. Bring a navigator to read the instructions as you negotiate in our hair-brained Memphis traffic. If it rains, we'll probably run as many as show up and just have a beer a little earlier. Don't miss it if you can help it. Maybe the TC will show.



PROFILE - A noted authority on sports cars, Leon Mandel said, "The sports car world began to get rational with the advent of the Austin-Healey in late 1953." My wife disagrees with that guy! She says the 124 Roadster I used to own was about as rational as a sports car can be, and that's just barely. But it had a little fire, and when it was shopped in April of 1978 and stayed in the shop all of May and when in June they said they were having trouble finding parts for my ten year old ex-beauty, I got the itch. I was without a sports car. It was spring time. I was almost forty! I found a 1966 BJ8 for sale in the Memphis paper, looked at it. It looked good. (Anything would have looked good to me about then) But man, this car was an Austin Healey! A "Big Healey", a three thousand cc, six cylinder, side exhaust British sports car, nothing sounds as good! Compared to my 1400 CC Fiat which needed every one of those 5 gears to go, I didn't need (or care) if only half of that Healey 4-speed worked.

So, I bought it. But, it wasn't really as easy as that. You see, my wife handles all of our finances (our money, she's got it all, she knows where it is - or isn't, and why). So, I came home and said, "Jane, I need 3 or 4 grand right away." Do you know what she had the gall to ask me? "What do you need the money for, Al?" When I told her what I had in mind, she told me I was out of my mind, and besides we didn't have the 3 or 4 grand (to spare, probably). A likely story I thought, after all, I earn a fortune, and we don't have any unusually high expenses, just three kids in shoes and tuitions, a new house, several cars, insurance, a Fiat to fix, and probably some other crip-crap. She was just being unreasonable again. You know, when your wife gets like that there is absolutely no point in trying to discuss the logic of a need like this. So, I didn't! I went to see my banker. He understood. He had the money. He gave it to me. Jane sometimes mentions something or other about payments when I complain about the bar containing Popoff instead of Smirnoff. But who cares! The Healey runs great, looks great and I'm 35 again! Now, if somebody would just buy this TVR of mine that goes like hell. You know, the one I bought (same story) on our anniversary for my wife and she "can't" get in and out of. I think I'll buy (her) another 124. (Unless I see a good XK140 first!)

## OFFICERS

So you know who to blame for what, our 1982 officers are:

PRESIDENT	-	Al Noah	-	754-1125
VICE PRESIDENT	-	Keith MaCumber		755-1262
SECRETARY	-	Wirt Harlin		755-2675
TREASURER	-	Andy Johnston		523-8990
EDITOR	-	Allen Carpenter		754-5287
PROGRAMS	-	Ed Owen		388-4795

## TECH HELP

Occasionally, once in a very great while, one of our group has been known to have some minor inconvenience with his machine. Nothing serious mind you, but something niggling at the corner. Friend, someone has been there before you! Ask about it at the next meeting. All it takes is time and money, but we might have a suggestion which could reduce both.

## OTHER COMING EVENTS

- April 12 - BSCC Monthly Meeting - Shakey's South Perkins-7:00 P.M.
- April 17 - SCCA April Fool's Autocross School. Firestone Stadium, call T. Regenold
- April 18 - SCCA April Fool's Autocross-Firestone Stadium
- April 25 - BSCC April Fool's Tour
- April 25 - SCCA Upsidedown and Backwards Rally (Bad timing SCCA)
- April 30 - SCCA Monthly Meeting - Wimbledon Racquet Club-8:00 P.M.
- May 1 - Bartlett Celebration, City Park. Car show sports car division. Call Jerry Baswell (386-8677) or Rex Gary (386-0620) - or officer for details.
- May 10 - BSCC Monthly Meeting. Shakey's South Perkins-7:00 P.M.

## NEWSLETTER NAME

We need a name for the newsletter. Please submit suggestions to any one of the officers. Write them down with your name shown since this is to be a Grand Contest with a prize for the winning name. Hopefully, we will decide at an April event, and it certainly will be known before our next publication date- whenever that will be. Contributions to the newsletter will make it better. Write a profile about your car, comments on events, past or future, or anything else you think pertinent.

Editor Allen Carpenter



CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE

1962 Austin Healey Sprite (first non-bugeye) new motor, new paint, no brakes. Best offer over \$600.00. Bobby Hadskey 682-9726(home) 942-0224(office).

FOR SALE

1961 Triumph TR3-A, built June 1961. 30,000 miles since 1976 frame-up restoration. Immaculate white/red, wire wheels, Michelin tires. \$4500 - call David Charters 755-2576.

FOR SALE

1977 2500M TVR, 15,000 on odometer. Excellent red and black coupe. Able to pass Healey's in a single bound. All TVR extras. \$6850 - Allen Carpenter - 754-5287.

WANTED

Austin Healey - Joe M. Duncan -523-2311 (offices of Burch, Porter and Johnson)

FOR SALE

Early 3000 and 100-6 parts for sale/trade. Wirt Harlin-755-2675.

