



WYRES & TYRES

Editor: Carolyn D Shepard

August 1996

August BSCC Event
by Carolyn Shepard

Circus Circus Casino's Classic Car Cruz-in

A great showing by the Memphis British Car Club brought us our second award for best club participation at the Circus Circus Casino's Classic Car Cruz-In. Twelve British Cars headed to Hernando, Ms. to join 79 other classic cars for the short drive to the Circus Circus Casino. Police escorts led the procession through the narrow Mississippi country roads to the flat plains which lead to Casino Row. Security guards on bicycles greeted the Cruz-In auto's and aligned them in show order in a private roped area.

Inside the Big Tent goody bags filled with coupon's for a Champagne breakfast, tickets on a '57 Chevy and a Cruz-In T-shirt started the gambling process. Under the designs of the flying trapeze and the rings of clowns, the quarters and dollars slipped through fingers filling the one armed bandits as quickly as they could. The MG marque had a fun Sunday summer event under the leadership of the Pangles.

An additional BIG TENT applause needs to be sent to the Hargis' for their organization of this event. Their excitement and enthusiasm is infectious and always draws large crowds. Thanks for the special promotional skills you always express. It was worth the effort. Circus Circus is always a wonderful sponsor and came through again. Thanks also go to Jean and Joe Brooks of Classy America Rides the club who initiated this event.

July BSCC Event
by Carolyn Shepard

*****Competition Marque Event for the Month of July***

The Competition Marque survived another wonderful event. Glen Sipe with the help of Leo Goff set up a private showing at the Dobb's "museum" of collectable cars and cycles. The ladies were most impressed by the state of the work area in the show room and garage. The fellows were really impressed by the number and style of cars in the shop area.

After the grand tour, the Sipe's opened their home and yard up for an old fashion barbecue

of quarter pound hamburgers and fixings. Jim Hofer grilled the burgers to order and every last bite of food was devoured.

The great cooks of the BSCC always come up with delicious new recipe's for everyone to eat. Rain did not spoil the day. It simply chased everyone to the veranda area around the pool which was quite relaxing.

Thanks to Ann and Glenn for a wonderful event.

Aug. 19 Meeting

Bruno's Restaurant in the Apple Tree Center

at the corner of Ridgeway and Mt. Moriah. Members can order from the menu or choose a buffet style meal. Eat at 6:30. Meet at 7:00

CLUB CALENDAR

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 Mon. Aug. 19, 1996  
**General Membership Meeting**  
 Meet at 6:30 for dinner with the  
 meeting to follow at 7:00  
 Note this months meeting place !  
 Bruno's at the Apple Tree Center

Thu. Aug. 22, 1996  
**Car Show Meeting** at 7:30 at the  
 Variety Club  
 with Jim and Jon presiding.

**August 24**  
**Mini Grand Prix**  
 on River side Drive  
 Register: 10am to 12 N

**Germantown Festival**  
 Sep. 7 & 8  
 Sat. 8:30 am to 6 PM  
 Sun. 12 N to 6 PM  
 Contact: Hi Shepard  
 754-0538

Sept, 1996 TBA  
**Board Meeting** at the Variety Club  
 at 7 PM with Jack Reynolds as  
 chairman

### REFERENCE NUMBERS

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**BSCC HOTLINE 1-800-344-9683**

## Oversteer/Understeer

by Carolyn D. Shepard

The Indy '96 experience proved that unifying differences between car clubs within a specific marque can create respect, admiration and communications among car owners.

The combination of MGB, MGA, MGT's and the assorted array of vintage and sedan owners from clubs all over the country shared information and data on restoration, repair problems and British car history. During all the activities, conversations from all over North America including British Columbia, Connecticut, New Hampshire and Alabama, centered around the MG marque. With all the beautiful cars brought to the show, a greater respect and admiration developed towards each individual make and model. Though the owners had their own opinion on why they chose their specific car, they also developed an appreciation for all the automobiles on display.

There are two approaches in organizing British car club enthusiasts. The first approach which is used by most of the clubs which participated in MG Indy '96 is a single marque approach. The National T's, A's and B's maintain their own identity. The problems with having a single marque club, center around the large geographical area which must occur in order to find enough members to support the club. One club covered a 3 state area with activities occurring only 3-4 times a year. The members had to travel hours to attend meetings and attendance was limited. The unifying factor was the newsletter editor who compiled information for club members on a bimonthly basis.

As a member of an "all British" marque club which is the second approach to organizing British enthusiasts, the Memphis British Sports Car Club members can boast on the diversity of cars and a well developed respect of all types of British cars. This multi marque approach for a British car club, creates a larger and broader base for membership and keeps activities closer in proximity to where a person lives. More participation at club meetings and activities keeps a club viable and develops closer and stronger friendships.

In spite of the difficulties involved in the logistics of single marque clubs, it is still important to maintain these clubs and incorporate their information and support. In order to continue gathering information on car parts, restoration and learning more on the history of each marque, individuals need to join their specific marque's national organization and assist in creating local chapters. Incorporating knowledge and information from national organizations will enhance local clubs and help them grow.

The Memphis BSCC is lucky to have the best of both worlds. This multi marque club has shown support of the National MGB Club by hosting the national meet in Memphis last year and there are three members which are the local contacts for their national clubs. Great job guys!! We all benefit by your efforts.

2nd August Event  
by Lamar McQuarter

## Mini Grand Prix

On August 24th, Tom Lee Park on Riverside Drive will be transformed into a mini race track for the Memphis Mini Grand Prix. This event is sponsored by the Antique Car Club of America as a fundraiser for the Arthritis Foundation. This casual, fun filled event is open to all marquess and vintages.

Some of the participants will be chosen as "pace Cars" for the miniature competition cars. A donation of \$15 per car is appreciated. All participants will receive framed certificates. Checks are payable to the arthritis Foundation.

Registration begins at 10 AM until 12N. This fun event should be completed by 3PM.

Lets have a good showing of British Iron.

Contact Lamar McQuarter for information at 458-5412.

September Event  
by Hiram H. Shepard

## September Event The Germantown Festival

**The club event for the month of September will be a mini car show at the Germantown Festival.**

Once again we have been invited to show our cars and sell tickets for our give away car at the Germantown Festival. This has proved to be one of our most popular events in the past. Selling tickets is only a small part of this event. There is a lot of arts and crafts to go shopping for, many new cars to inspect and, of course, a lot of people who want to stop, look and talk to us about our cars ! This year's show will take place on Saturday

September 7th and Sunday the 8th. The show will again be at C.O. Franklin Park in Germantown on Old Poplar Pike. The hours are from 8:30 to 6:00pm on Saturday and 12:00 noon to 6:00pm on Sunday. We need a good showing of cars on both days.

Hiram Shepard is the chairman for this event. Please contact him and let him know when you can attend. The phone number is 754-0538.

We are the only car club that has been invited back to this event year after year. Let's show the folks in Germantown and Memphis how great our club is !

**13th Annual Car Fest**

## Car Fest News

Jim Hofer, Jon Brody and their team of trusty workers are working hard on this years car fest. Trophies are being made, shirts are being ordered, the banquet is set for a king. It is now time for general membership to pull their wait and contact their places of business for the door prizes which will fill the goody bags this year.

Think about your favorite dessert and how it will look at the hospitality room and lastly begin your plans so you can help the day of the show. Sign up sheets will be floating by your table at the next meeting so please be generous with your time.

Look for the shirt order form in next month's newsletter. They are unique this year.

Members Adventures

By Hiram Shepard

# Cleveland GP Experience

After attending MG Indy 96, our summer trek took us to Cleveland Ohio to visit relatives. Of course, this just happened to coincide with the running of the Indy Car Cleveland Grand Prix. My son, a editor and camera man from Channel 10 a CBS affiliate in Columbus, Ohio, had obtained media passes through his work which gave us unlimited access to the paddock and pits areas. So off we went.

For those of you who have never been to one of these events, the paddock and chalet areas are like small villages. Everything happens at once; food is being served, corporations are entertaining clients, souvenirs are being sold and of course, cars are being prepared and repaired before the race. My main fascination focused on each team's paddock where every car was going through it's pre race procedure. Each area was as clean as an operating room. I counted some 19 mechanics per car, each doing some specific function to the car at the same time ! The crew chief acted as a conductor ; two or three mechanics were working on the engine, others went back and forth to each hub, front suspension and rear suspension. Body panels were taken off and put back on - all being done at the same time and no one was getting in the way of someone else ! Boy was I impressed.

When the proper time came, a mechanic came out of the workshop carrying a lap top computer and hooked it into the car's electrical system. The engine was started and all the appropriate readouts were taken while adjustments were made. It became very obvious that this is a multi million dollar business that takes big sponsorship.

When the race time came we moved to the starting grid and then to Bobby Rahal's pits where we invited to stay the race. All I can say is that so many things happen so fast I would call it organized chaos. Once the engines started and the race began things calmed down a bit but I still had goose bumps from all the electricity in the air.

Early in the race, Bobby had an ignition problem and had to return to the pits. The engine was shut down, the panels removed and a new ignition box was installed. The panels were replaced, tires changed and the car refueled, started and out of the pits all in about 90 seconds ! Unfortunately, this was enough time to take Bobby out of the running for a top spot.

I could go on and on about this event but the editor informs me that there is not enough room in this newsletter and I would probably end up boring the readers. Obviously, Indy Car racing has left a lasting impression on me. If you ever get the chance to attend on of these events, do it ! You'll never forget it !

## Photo's of MG Indy '96



Safety Fast Inspections!! Just one of the fun things to do with your car at Indy'96.



Jane and Jack Reynold's in their MGB Limited Edition with Heather Shepard.



The Rare L Type MG in perfect shape built in the 1930's.

**MG MARQUE INFORMATION**

by Carolyn Shepard

**MG INDY '96**

- **"Thrilling"** is the best description of the MG Indy '96.

**First Thrill:** The thrill of seeing 1300 MG's in one city sharing information and admiration, was an "awesome" encounter. The brilliant idea and coordination of John Twist who sells parts for MG's from a sight in Northern Michigan, proved to be an excellent encounter. Due to his perseverance and coordinating effort and with the help of local clubs from all over the USA, the event went without a clinch. Daytime driving tours to local spots of interest were strictly up to the participants. Organized breakfast drives, outdoor symphonies, and a continuous parking lot party with MG and British music kept participants busy. Special events and meetings included a book signing event with Anders Clausager, a group meeting of newsletter editors and another for web searchers. A Safety First Inspections added to the interesting list of "things to do". Informational programs filled with everything from directions to driving tours were given to all participants who registered.

**Second Thrill:** The thrill of driving your own British Car on the Indy 500 track is indescribable. The initial surge when entering the track creates an impulse to "floor the engine and take every turn at the speed of lightening", then the immensity of the track over comes the driver. There is an overwhelming feeling to slow down to a pace car speed in order to absorb the spectacular atmosphere of a track which has so much race car history. Towards the end of the drive a "do it again" feeling overcomes the driver but sadly the finality of the ride becomes reality and a left turn takes everyone to the infield. Even the taste of a hot dog under the influence of the atmosphere of the Indy track tastes luscious.

**Third Thrill:** The thrill of winning a place in an international meet was the biggest thrill of all. Surrounded by an armory atmosphere with old tanks, armored vehicles and army planes, the actual car show site had a unique setting. Grass fields filled with war paraphernalia, made a great back drop for amateur photographers. Concourse judging took place for the MGB marque in these fields. Stiff competition, coupled by ridged judges who were knowledgeable of ever bolt and decal indigenous to the MGB, made winning a pleasure. There was a "Best of Show" award followed by 3 honorable mentions. A total of 1000 points given by 3 groups of 4 judges lead to the winners. Hiram H. Shepard of the Memphis British Sports Car Club ranked with these top 4 honored cars. His British Racing Green '66 MGB is truly a show piece. Hours of work went into this British vehicle which he can now say "won an International Competition."

**Fourth Thrill:** A thrilling panoramic picture of 1300 MG's from the early '30's to the '80's will keep this historical event alive. Look for one in the Reynolds, the Shepards, the Lewis', the Eversons and the Winstons homes. All of these families are local club members who attended the MG Indy '95.

Thanks—John Twist—for making an idea a reality.



The Shepard's 1966 MGB as the concourse judges look under the hood. It won 2nd in International Competition.

## Personals

Randy Balough is doing well in Lebonan, Ohio selling MGB parts. He participated in Indy '96 and has already e-mailed a response to us.

The Bridgers from Arkansas brought Millie their MGB which is the millionth MGB ever made to the show. The Shepard's., the Reynolds, the Winstons, the Lewis' and the Eversons', who flew up for the show had a wonderful time at Indianapolis.

Charlotte Finch, one of our Car Fest participants from Iowa was also a winner at the Indy Track along with Hiram Shepard.. Frank Tarply and the Alabama crowd , the Chattanooga group and the Masons' from Fairhope were all familiar faces.

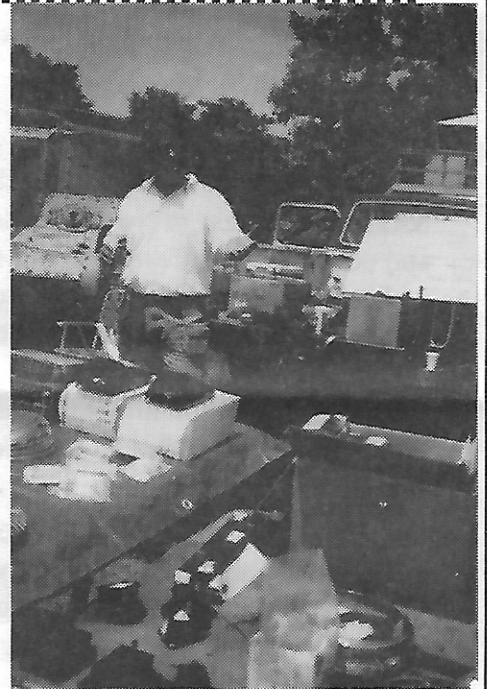
Condolences to Vee Meschner on the death of her father and Charlie Roberts on the death of his uncle.



Jim Hofer has hit the half century mark and celebrated with a chick who was less then a quarter of a century. He loved it. He grinned the entire day. Jim also won 1st place in the Variety Club's 1st annual Barbecue contest . The Hargis' were his helping hands and won also.

June Haley is working on her nursing degree. She's been taking care of her mother and mother in law. Still has one more care room at her home. Must fix your own dinner.

The Hargis' son in law is recuperating nicely after a heart attack. They returned prematurely from a trip to Florida to attend to him.



Randy Balough who is a vender for MGB parts. Great to see old friends at MG '96



Lee Albright is inspecting his new tow vehicle for his TR-6 The vehicle to the right was the original inspiration for British vehicles. Photographer: Patty Albright.



Charlotte Finch a Car Fest participant who won "BIG" in MG Indy '96.

## SPOTLIGHT: AUTHOR AND ARCHIVIST ANDERS DITLEV CLAUSAGER

BY CAROLYN SHEPARD

At MG Indy '96, the featured speaker was an English gentleman whom Hi and Carolyn Shepard from the British Sports Car Club in Memphis Tennessee were privileged to meet. Hi's newly restored MGB went under the scrutinizing eye of the author and archivist from Abingdon, England who wrote the book on the history of MGB's. During the book signing event, Anders Ditlev Clausager placed his signature on two newly purchased books which were added to the small library of British cars which Hi has begun to collect. Receiving the nod of approval from such a knowledgeable fellow was one of the highest honors a British sports car enthusiast could receive.

Mr. Clausager is a superbly qualified writer. As archivist at the Heritage Motor Center, he spends some of his working life researching the historical minutiae of the MGB family, but he also has a spare time interest in cars, particularly those of the Nuffield group.

Born and brought up in Denmark, he came to Britain to study automotive design at the Royal College of Art. After a year with Volkswagen in Germany, he joined Austin Rover at Longbridge as a stylist and has remained in Britain ever since. His love of motoring history led him to be invited in 1979 to make his career in this field with the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust.

Over 12 books have been published by this author but the book on MGB's was the most difficult, contains the most pages and the most words. This turned out to be necessary because after much detailed research, it became obvious that there was so much information to convey. This is not surprising, since the MGB was in production for over 18 years and reached a total of 500,000 cars. There were thousands of modifications made to the MGB throughout its production life. Information was collected from the 70 —odd volumes of "Modification Notes" of the master file which was kept by the engineering department at Abingdon to record the changes that affect the MGB over the production period. Another main primary source of information was the MGB production record ledgers. As an archivist for the British Motor Industry Heritage Trust who preserved all these records, Mr. Clausager received slightly more access privileges.

In his humble INTRODUCTION Mr. Clausager thought it unfair for an author to take credit for all the work which went into compiling his books. He places considerable emphasis on the teamwork which lies under the cover of ever book including the photographer, typesetter and car owners. All British owners who place emphasis on originality, will find a wealth of information in any of these books. It was a great pleasure to meet such a world renowned expert and writer of British cars.



# His Car, Her Car

by Jeff Lacina

The sexual revolution has narrowed many differences between men and women, but there's one place where a gender gap remains: Behind the garage door.

Consider the revealing lists below that show which cars are driven predominantly by men and which are likely to be driven by women. Both sexes like sporty vehicles, but then they part company. Women select cars that are moderately priced and practical.. Men are prone to pay big bucks for raw power and prestige. Males, for example, are the principal drivers of 95% of all Dodge Vipers, a car fairly described as "V-10 powered testosterone on wheels." Price tag? Try the \$60,000. In contrast, the Saturn Sports Coupe, which attracts a 70% female clientele, is practical and safe and costs only about \$15,000. Even for models, from the same manufacturer, the contract is clear. Nine out of 10 drivers of the \$40,000 Toyota Supra are male, but if you look behind the wheel of Toyota's equal reliable Paseo or Celica, each of which can be purchased for less than \$20,000, you'll likely find a woman. Perhaps it's all just more evidence of truth in the adage: "The only difference between men and boys is the price of their toys."

### The Boy's Club

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|--------------------|--------|
| Acura NSX          | 98.2%  |
| Dodge Viper        | 94.1%  |
| Toyota Supra       | 91.3%  |
| Porsche 911/993    | 90.0 % |
| Mercedes S Class   | 90.0%  |
| BMW 7 Series       | 88.9%  |
| BMW 8 Series       | 83.4%  |
| Chevrolet Corvette | 82.8%  |
| Mazda RX 7         | 81.1%  |

### Women's Top 10

|                     |       |
|---------------------|-------|
| Saturn Sports Coupe | 70.2% |
| Mitsubishi Damonte  | 69.8% |
| Eagle Summit        | 68.7% |
| Toyota Paseo        | 68.3% |
| Toyota Calica       | 67.9% |
| Geo Prism           | 66.0% |
| Mitsubishi Mirage   | 65.5% |
| VW Cobra ('95 +)    | 65.4% |
| Mitsabishi Expo/LRV | 64.3% |

### Car Show News

by Carolyn D. Shepard

## Shirt Order Form

This years shirts are unique in color and design. All orders must be placed by August 24th in order to secure enough time for the embroidery. We are offering a coordinating hat this year again. The cost is approximately \$22 for the shirt (\$2 for XXL) and \$5 for hats. If there is enough interest, jackets will be offered for approximately \$55.

**Do Not Send Money!!** You will pick up your shirt the week end of the car show and pay then. Any shirt not picked up by 12 noon on Saturday the day of the show will be sold to the general public at the Regalia Booth.

For those who would like to order a shirt, please fill out this form and return to:

Contact Hi Shepard at 754-0538 or at Hishep  
@AOL.com  
Hi Shepard at 7870 Cross Ridge Dr.  
Germantown, TN 38138.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

### Shirts

Sm Md Lg XXL XXXL

No. of shirts: \_\_\_\_\_

### Jacket

Sm Md Lg XXL XXXL

No. of jackets: \_\_\_\_\_

No. of hats: \_\_\_\_\_



**AROUND THE COUNTRY**

University Motors Summer Party  
Grand Rapids, Mi  
616-682-0800  
Aug. 16-18

5th Annual Southeast Regional MG  
Festival, Peachtree MG Registry  
Jerry Cram 1-404-843-9447 Or 321-  
3033 Sep. 13-15

British Car Day  
Fairhope, Alabama  
Mardi Gras MG Club  
Sept. 21, 1996  
Bob or Sue Mason 1-334-928-5366

15th Annual All British Car and  
Cycle Day in St. Louis MO  
1-314-939-9338  
Sep. 21

All British Day Green County OK  
1-918-455-8993  
Sep. 21

Indy British Motor Days  
Indianapolis, IN 1-317-782-3752  
Sep. 27-28

MG's on the Rock  
1-410-882-6896  
Baltimore MD  
Sep. 28th

11th Annual South Central British  
Car Gathering, Triumph Club of the  
Carolina's  
Bill Wood 1 910-852-3301  
Oct. 18-20

Memphis British Car Fest  
Wilson World Hotel  
Oct. 12  
Contact: Jim Hofer  
1-800 344 9683

**WANTS AND GOTS**

**WANTS:**

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Restoable MGTC PB or PA  
CHEAP !! 7/96

Bonnie Everson 754-1510

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Want drill press either floor or  
table model.

Ewing Haley

755-4486 8/96

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**GOTS:**

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1979 MGB Good Condition
\$3000

1974 Midget Good condition
\$3000 or trade for a TR 6 854-
6716 7/96

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'73 TR6 Good body, red lines,  
needs interior & motor work.

\$1,000. Ken Schelke 685-2885.  
8/96

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Lots of Italian Car Stuff!!! Dinero.
Glenn Sipe 755-1977 8/96

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For Sale: 1960 Morris, 4 door.
Blue original upholstery with low
milage. Runs great. Everything
works. Ready to drive. \$3500 or
let's talk. 1-217-428-6943
William McKnelly 7/96

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I gots and wants to sell a manual
treadmill with AM?FM sterio with
cassette player with ear phones.
Video and fitness book included.
Folds easily for storage. Excellent
condition with electronic read out. If
interested call Shirley at 901-398-
3237 8/96

Jaguar E-Type series I spare parts.
Electrics and mechanicals. New (at
cost) and used. Robert Prior
854-11295 8/96

MGB '66 British Racing Green
International winner at the MG Indy
'96

Asking \$14000

Contact: Hi or Carolyn Shepard
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Send WANTS& GOTS to:
Carolyn Shepard
7870 Cross Ridge Dr.
Germantown, TN 38138

Ads will run 2 months so be sure to
notify the editor if you wish to re-
new your ad.

**Note: Aug. 19 meeting at
Bruno's at the Apple Tree
Center at 6:30 with the
meeting at 7:00.**

Club Logo
by Lamar McQuirter

Get Your Permanent Name Tags

The BSCC board has approved permanent name tags for use of all members and their spouses. Bearing the club logo, they are attractive and something you will be proud to wear at regular meetings and special events such as the Car Fest.. The cost is \$5 and is to be paid by the club members. A name tag will be ordered for every club member using the data from the directory so check your name and information. For discrepencies or for those who do not wish to participate, contact Lamar McQuirter at 901 458-5412 or contact your marque leader. Deadline for cancelation or corrections is August 23.

They should be ready for the Car Fest.

British Sports Car Club 1996 Registration Form

Name: _____

Car: 1st _____ YR. _____

Address: _____ Car 2nd _____ YR. _____

Car 3rd _____ YR. _____

Phone: _____ Wk _____ Occupation: _____

Spouse: _____ Employer: _____

Send checks: (\$25 local and \$15 Out of Town)

British Sports Car Club

Patsy McQuirter

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Send articles, cartoons,
photos or tidbits.

Deadline : 1st. of each month

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Germantown, Tn. 38138.

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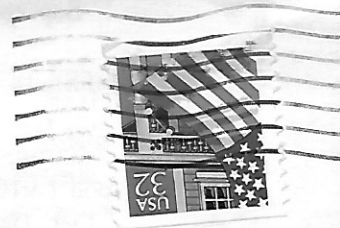
Jim Hofer 278-1565

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Bruno's at Apple Tree Center on
Ridgeway Rd will be the site of
the August 19th meeting.



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Grand Rapids,
Mich 49301*

