

Wyres & Tyres

February 2002

Issue 2

British Sports Car Club, LTD Memphis, Tennessee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

BSCC Events:

Watch this space as plans develop!

Tentative Program Schedule:

February	Chrome Plating Talk by Memphis Plating
March	Racing—How to Prepare: Glenn Sipe
April	Trim/Interior
May	Painting (Jim Styles)
June	Meguiar's Wax
July	Tom Bedenbaugh
August	The Great American Race

DO YOUR DUES!

Have you done your dues? If not, DO 'EM. Dues are due. Send dues to

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February Meeting Highlight

Rodney Teeters of Memphis Plating Works will speak about Chrome Plating. In addition to automotive chrome plating, Memphis Plating Works does brass beds and other types of ornamental metal plating and polishing.

January's Program

Special thanks to Paul Crow and Wally Simpson for sharing their WWII flying experiences with all of us. Paul was a Naval Aviator, flying long range reconnaissance missions in the Pacific theatre, while Wally was in the Army Air Forces, flying C-46 transport aircraft over the famous Himalayan "Hump" in the China-Burma-India theatre. Their aviation careers culminated with stints at Federal Express. Both men are now enjoying well-deserved retirement.

Ah, for the love of British Cars !!!!

Club Calendar

Board Meeting is scheduled on Tuesday, February 12 @ 6:00 p.m. at Joe's Crab Shack across from Wolfchase Galleria.

General Membership Meeting is Monday, Feb. 18, 2002 @ 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow at 7 in Colleta's Italian Restaurant, on Appling Way at Hwy 64.

BSCC and the Variety Club have a casual get-together every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Come to the Variety Club for just good ole fashioned fun & conversation.

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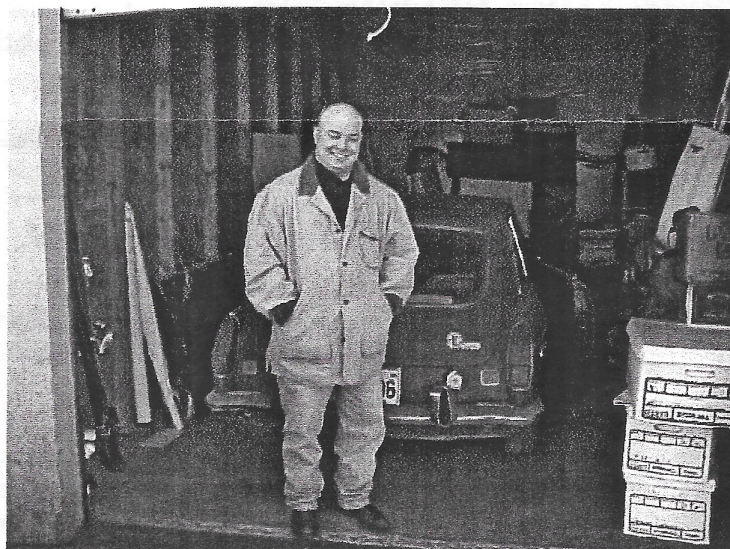
Monthly Club Meeting: Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your fellow members !! Any ideas for upcoming membership meeting programs or suggestions for improvements, contact Vice President - Dana Henking at 854-5778 or any board member..

New Member Profile

Welcome to Kevin Sipe, our newest member. Kevin's dad, Glenn Sipe, is a long time member of the BSCC. Kevin can be seen below standing behind his recently acquired Burgundy 1974 MGBGT. Glenn found the car in Virginia a few months ago, and Kevin, who had a green one in the '80's, had to have it.

Kevin first plans to rebuild the engine and get the car back on the road. Then he'll tackle the bodywork, fixing a dent in the hood and some minor rust. Ultimately, Kevin wants to restore the car to it's original condition.

Kevin's daily ride is a VW Passat. He grew up rebuilding cars, starting when he was about thirteen, and has worked on Jaguars, Maseras, Ferraris, Mercedes and a Bentley.



New Member Kevin Sipe and his '74 MGBGT

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ROD KNOCKS AND OIL LEAKS

FOD -D'oh!!

Well, you've got your HMO, your PPO, the IRS, FBI, CIA, the DMV, DWI, and a bazillion other acronyms. If you aren't DOA by now, here's another one - FOD.

FOD stands for "Foreign Object Damage", and appears to have started in military or aviation circles. The term referred to the mayhem caused when jet aircraft engines sucked in something other than air, such as a bird, stone or some other hard object left laying around the airfield. Jet engines have row after row of little blades in them; once one goes, it's like a bunch of dominoes.

So, what the heck does this have to do with British Cars?, you ask.

OK: Imagine this scenario: It's a bright, sunny, warm spring day, and Periwinkle Perhac, typical British Car Nut, is cruising around town in his spiffy, topless E-type, looking for babes to impress with his machinery. Feeling the need for speed, he eases up the on ramp to the expressway and punches it. The triple SU's start gobbling, the exhaust starts brapping, and ol' Periwinkle gets so caught up in the moment he fails to notice the dump truck in the left lane in front of him.

About the time he hits fourth gear, a sudden sharp report startles him out of his reverie. Damn! It's a chip in the windshield, caused by an errant rock tumbling off the dump truck's load. XKE windshields aren't exactly easy to come by, and Periwinkle is stuck with a hefty repair bill.

It could have been a chip in the paint, or a busted Lucas Tri-Bar headlamp.

Avoiding Foreign Object Damage isn't rocket science, but we all tend to forget about those insipid little hazards out there just waiting to zap us, so a little refresher is in order.

The most common Foreign Object on roads and highways is gravel and it's nearly everywhere. It causes FOD when it is slung out from under a tire at following vehicles. Understanding where it collects can help in avoiding the damage it can cause.

Most of the time, loose material is swept off the lanes by passing traffic. It tends to accumulate on the shoulder, where traffic does not normally go, or along the center stripe of two-way roads, since traffic tends not to cross the center line very much. It's a good idea to beware of someone in front of you trying to pass on a two-way road, because they're likely to run through some FO's. Also, pay attention to a car on the shoulder that may try to accelerate and merge into traffic: wheelspin is common in such cases and a guarantee of flying FO's.

Perhac's nemesis, the dump truck, is an obvious culprit, but also look out for your neighbor's kid's monster truck with its giant mud tires. Most have open cleats that collect mud. When dry, the mud comes off in clumps. And where there's mud, there's rocks. Stay away from any vehicle that appears muddy, it can sling off all sorts of evil stones. And always check out any tractor-trailer that you're following; make sure the mud flaps are not torn or flipped up and riding on the trailer tires. Back off and give such vehicles plenty of room.



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Phone (Home & Work)

Cars owned (Make, Model)

Year/Condition

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WANTS AND GOTS

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Wants:

1975 Midget Headrests (set). Anita Ward 383-8054

MGB 1 ro-style rim Norman Adcox 278-0407

To help someone rebuild an engine Dana Henking 854-5778

Complete rear end assembly for early XKE Jag or

Front and rear hubs, knock offs, etc. Glenn Sipe 755-1977 or 754-5589

Midget 1275 cc engine Chuck Lessman 757-4049

Triple-crocheted antimacassars for Humber Super Snipe Saloon

Leslie Horwinkle BR-549

Gots:

4 spin off caps (Hub) XKE Jag Wally Simpson 754-8718

Four MGB and A \$6100. Takes all 4 - complete 2 good cars. 2

part cars. David Royce 662-393-0045 (h) or 901-299-3161 (cell)

3 MGB wire wheels Joe Reed 372-2389