Wyres & Tyres

September 2003 *Issue 5*

British Sports Car Club, LTD Memphis, Tennessee

MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

BSCC Events:

(Check the Website, www.memphisbritishcars.org, for Detailed Information)

Program Schedule:
To Be Announced. Check the Website for the latest updates

Other Events:

October 3-4: BSCC Annual Car and Cycle Fest
Memphis Boys' Town, 7410 Memphis-Arlington Road.

October 10-11: Brits by the River; Mississippi English Motoring Club Show, Vidalia, LA (across the river from Natchez). Contact Gene Johnston arboangler@aol.com

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April Meeting: Tom Givens from Rangemaster

The program at April's meeting was one of the most controversial and provocative ever. Mr. Tom Givens, a firearms instructor at the Rangemaster shooting range here in Memphis, spoke about violent crime statistics in the Memphis area. He told the club that there were 200 murders and 5923 aggravated assaults in Memphis in 2002, along with 4366 robberies and 15,895 burglaries. He said that Memphis is the number one city in the United States for violent crime. Tom said that the best way to avoid being a victim is to constantly be aware of one's surroundings and avoid high crime areas. Since he is a firearms instructor, Tom feels that it is wise to own a gun and know how to use it. Several members of the club spoke up in disagreement of this, saying that more guns in circulation are not the answer, and there was a lively discussion of the issue.

Regardless of the firearms debate, club members on both sides of the issue agreed that Tom's message of awareness was a valid one.

May Meeting: Mary McCombs of Auto Appraisal Group

May's meeting featured a PowerPoint presentation from Mary McCombs of Auto Appraisal Group, Inc. that discussed the fine points of having an automobile appraised to determine its real value. Much of the presentation was devoted to a recent appraisal project involving the 3000 cars of the Howard LeMay estate. Mr. LeMay was a wealthy collector.

Club Calendar

The General Membership Meeting is held on the third Monday of the Month at Colletta's Italian Restaurant, on Appling Way at Hwy 64. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m.

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 and 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 Pat Eavenson at 382-6440 or any board member..

It's Time!

20th Annual Memphis British Car & Motorcycle Fest

Get out your British ride and get it ready for the 20th Annual Memphis British Car & Motorcycle Fest. The Fest will be held at Memphis Boys Town, located at 7410 Memphis-Arlington Road, on Friday and Saturday, October 3rd and 4th.

Proceeds from the show will go to benefit the BSCC's two charities, Youth Villages and the Variety Children's Charities.

The host hotel this year is the Hampton Inn and Suites at Highway 64 and Germantown Parkway. Early registration will begin Thursday night in the conference room at the HI.

Friday activities will include a Fun Rallye, tech sessions and a hospitality dinner.

Saturday morning will be showtime!

Check the website, www.memphisbritishcars.org, for up to the minute registration details.

See you there!

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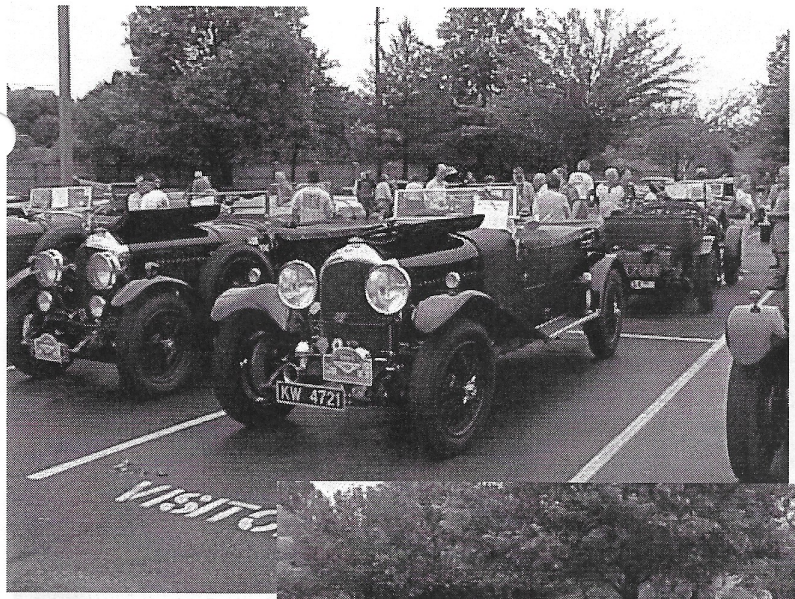
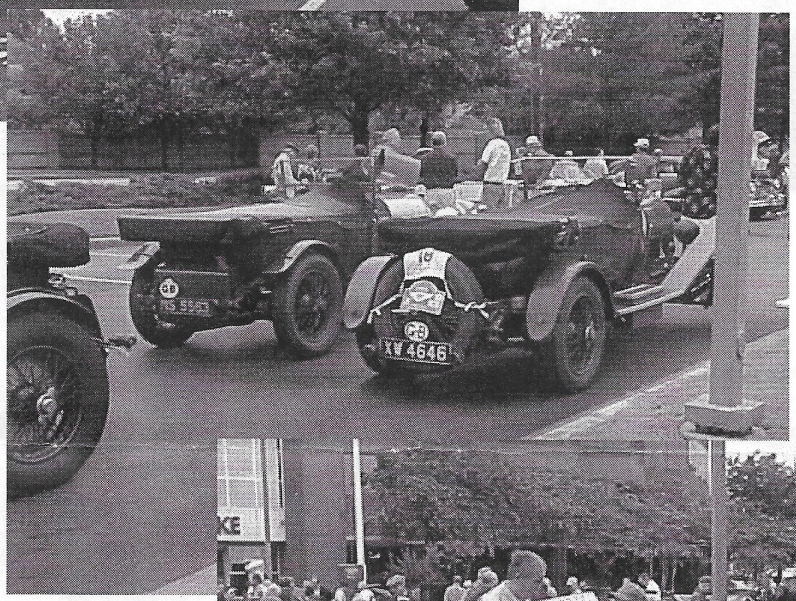


Bentley Drivers Club Eastern USA Tour Stops in Memphis

Despite rainy weather, members of the UK-based Bentley Drivers Club put on an exhibition of their prewar cars in the Crye-Leike headquarters parking lot on Saturday, May 17. These adventurers shipped their cars from England for a month-long tour of the eastern US. Many have shipped their cars overseas before, to Canada, New Zealand, Australia and South Africa.

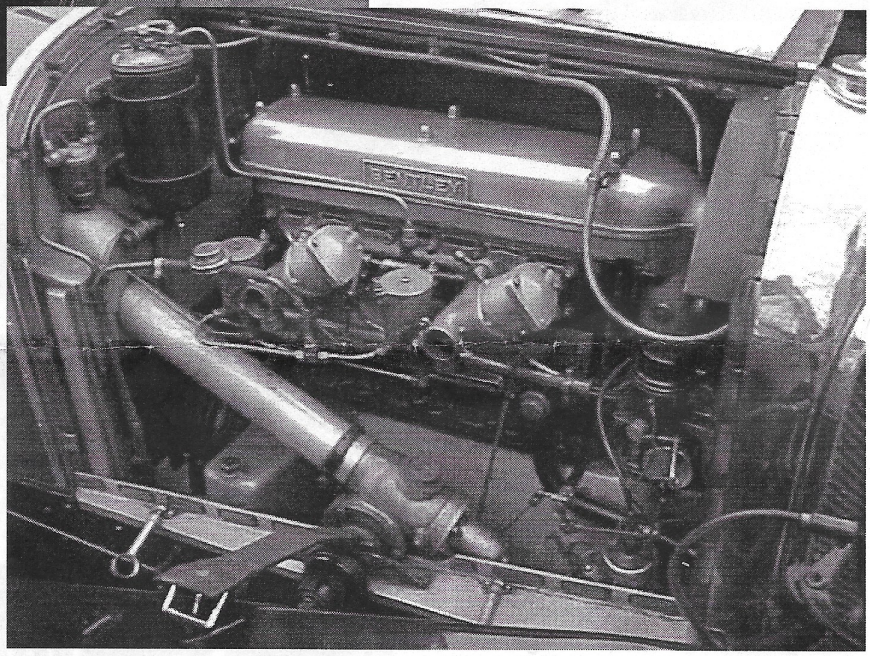


The cars were a collection of four and six cylinder models, and although in excellent condition, all were clearly "drivers", with mud on the fenders, oil and grease stains on the engines, and a bug or two on the windscreens and headlamps. They evoke a classic era of motoring with their leaf springs covered with leather gaiters or wrapped with tarred cord, engine turned dashboards behind massive steering wheels, side mounted spare tires (oops, make that "tyres") and leather bonnet straps. With the exception of one boattailed two seater, all of the cars had their tops down, even on this rainy morning, a testament to the sporting traditionalism of their owners.

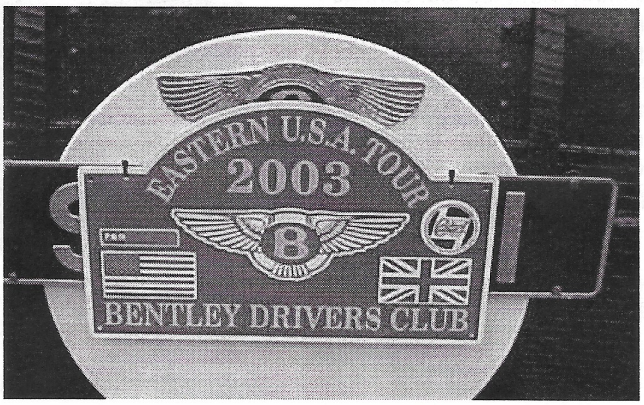
The next day the group departed for Charleston SC, from where the cars would board ship for the return voyage to England.

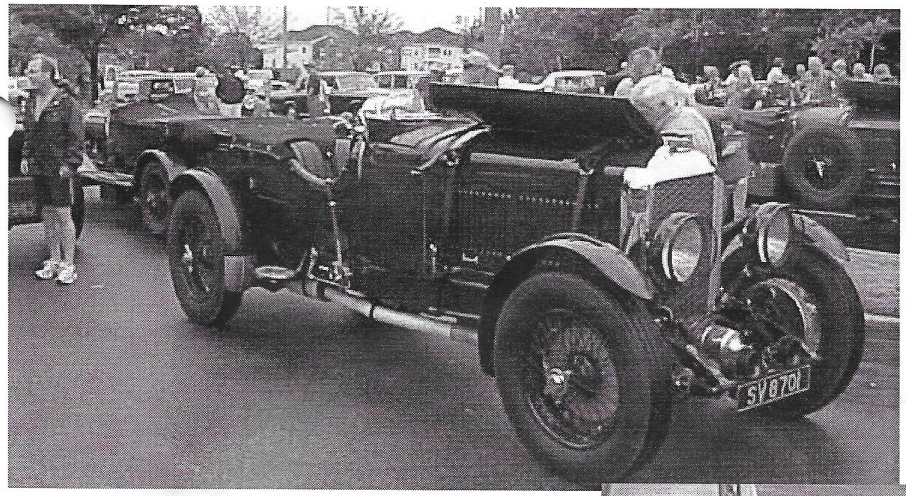
Special thanks to Dick Leike of Crye-Leike for hosting the event.

Left: Mr. Brian Taylor of Exeter, UK, with his beautiful 1927 3 litre with VandenPlas body. Bonnet is polished aluminum; radiator shroud is "German Silver", a type of nickel silver that tarnishes easily but takes a good polish.

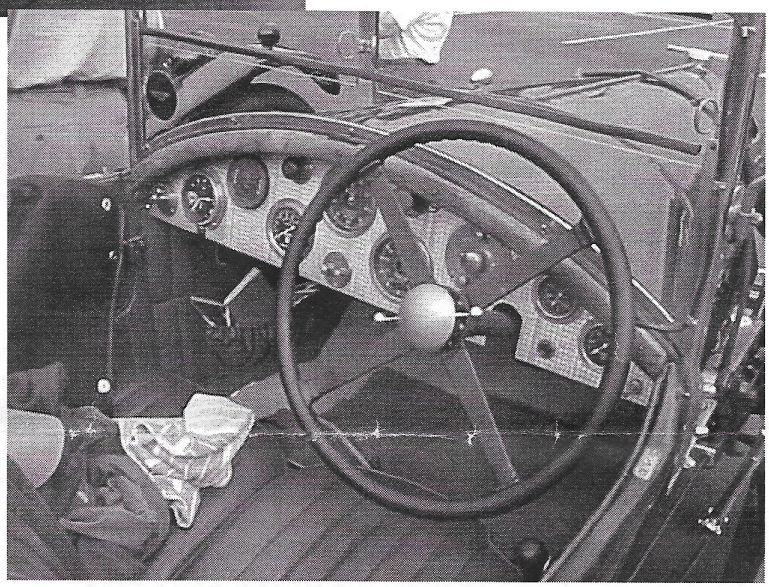


Right: Polished aluminum topper covers 4-valve-per-cylinder SOHC head. Note twin "sloper" SU carburetors. This engine still sports original magneto driven off front of camshaft; some owners retrofit cars with distributors.

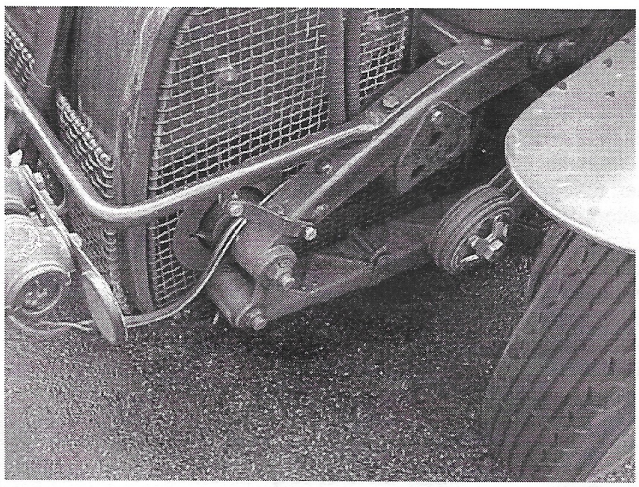




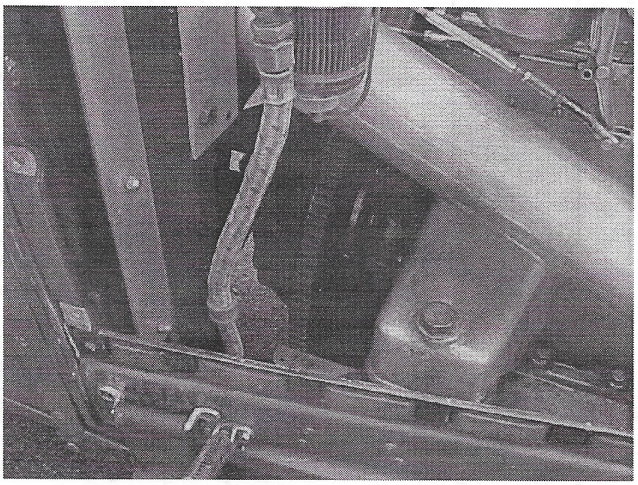
Left: This 1930 6-1/2 litre Speed Six belongs to Mr. Joel Lamb of Las Vegas NV.



Right: No cupholders or CD player here. That dash is all business.



Note the beautiful workmanship of the tarred cord wrapping on the rear leaf spring. Wire mesh stone guards protect fuel tank. Friction shock absorber can be seen between leaf spring and tire.



A careful look shows the exposed clutch and fly-wheel; no bellhousing on these cars!

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WANTS AND GOTS

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Wants:

Straight, rust free body shell for rubber bumper Midget wanted. (or more complete car, no motor or interior needed). Paul Svoboda 618-588-3041 (IL)
'71 MGBGT right front fender, left quarter panel, rocker panels. Glen Sipe 755-1977,485-3048
Floor pans and other parts for '66 MGB,850-0324, David or Larry

Gots:

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)
1969 Triumph Spitfire, green, high back seats—Cary Smith 662-393-5869
1960 MGA, 1600cc, 76K miles. Owner since 1973. Stored inside since 1974. Black with chrome wire wheels. No top. $6000. Larry Allen 901-861-0049 after 5 PM.
1977 MGB, one owner, 89k mi. original paint, never wrecked $6500 (901) 484-9190
TR-4 Grille, Robin Balton, 761-4406
Pair black headrests for MGB. Excellent cond. Anita Ward 383-8054
Cylinder Head for Cosworth Vega, Ewing Haley 755-4486
5 RO style wheels for MGB, 850-0324, David or Larry
'85 Jaguar XJ6, 90% restored, Don Mader, 491-1908
'77 MGB new top, rear brakes, rebuilt motor (731) 645-3099
'71 Triumph Bonneville Motorcycle, red/white $4000, Miller Hadskey
'80 MGB, very good cond., great paint, new tires, tight body and drivetrain, runs good, needs seat repair and top canvas, $5000, Gary or Becky Boyette 754-4309
MGB parts: '71 rt front fender, '66 windscreen, '66 banjo wheel, also '71 1275 cc Midget engine (high compression), 850-0324, David or Larry
SCCA HP Bugeye race car. Many SCCA National first place finishes. Runoffs numerous times. Comptune head and cam, Quaife 4.55, Webster gears, etc. $11,500. 1961 Austin Healey 3000 for $11,500. 20ft enclosed race trailer for $3500. Jon Stamps 770-832-7471 or Buzz Merchlewitz 901-465-7566