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British Sports Car Club, LTD
Memphis, Tennessee



From the President.....

It seems our lucky streak of nice weather ran out for the June Cameron Brown Park Picnic. At the advice of Jim Duke, Ken Zelten made a perfect call canceling the event and just as predicted, it rained. Many members did make the trip to Gatlinburg for MG 2006. The whole show was incredible! There were more than 1100 MGs. The approximate car count was: 25 -1930 cars, 200 MG T series, 100 MG midgets, 200 MGAs, and 600 MGBs including a 1992 MGB RV8 built with factory parts in Ohio. Congratulations to Jim and Sharon Duke for 1st place in the late MGB rubber bumper class! The July program will include photos of MG 2006.

Larry Kiehna

**Congratulations to
Jim & Sharon Duke
.....1st in Class
winner at MG2006!!**

JUST FOR FUN!

Do you know who owns these cars?.....Answers on page 3



Club Meeting Info



Monthly Club Meeting

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

PLEASE

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**Ladies Luncheon contact Sharon Duke @
skduke4@netscape.net.**

July 26 Outback on Germantown Pkwy
Aug 30 Fuji Cafe in Collierville



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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.

www.memphisbritishcars.org

TECH TIPS

We are in need of any tech tips you would like to share with our club through the newsletter.

You must **not** send anything that is "copyrighted". If you know the author's name, ask for their permission to use the article before submitting it. And get their permission in writing or by email.

If while working on your car or someone else's car and you have come across a simple or unique way to "fix" something or "tear" something up, Please share it with your club members.

Thanks!

July Birthdays

John Durr	7-1
Vickie Hamilton	7-5
Carole Zelten	7-11
Ed Hunt	7-12
Liz Miller	7-16
John Morrison	7-18
Paul Svoboda	7-19

A blonde walks into a bank in New York City and asks for the loan Officer. She says she's going to Europe on business for three weeks and needs to borrow \$5,000. The bank officer says the bank will need some kind of security for the loan, so the blonde hands over the keys to a new Rolls Royce. The car is parked on the street in front of the bank, she has the title and everything checks out. The bank agrees to accept the car as collateral for the loan.

The bank's president and its officers all enjoy a good laugh at the blonde for using a \$250,000 Rolls as collateral against a \$5,000 loan. An employee of the bank then proceeds to drive the Rolls into the bank's underground garage and parks it there.

Three weeks later, the blonde returns, repays the \$5,000 and the interest, which comes to \$18.41. The loan officer says, "Miss, we are very happy to have had your business, and this transaction has worked out very well, but we are a little puzzled. While you were away, we checked you out and found that you are a multimillionaire.

What puzzles us is why you would bother to borrow \$5,000?" The blonde replies, "Where else in New York City can I park my car for three weeks for only \$18.41 and expect it to be there when I return?"

unknown

John was telling his friend how his uncle tried to make a new car for himself...

"So he took wheels from an MG, a radiator from a Spitfire, some panels and bumpers from a TR6..."

"Holy Cow," interrupted his friend, "What did he end up with?"

John replied, "Two years and probation."

unknown

Answers to car owner questions :

1. Jim & Bunny Hofer 1964 Austin Healy
2. Jim & Judy Ostner 1953 JagXK120
3. Joe Reed 78MGB
4. Larry Kiehna MGB

"Top Ten Reasons It's Time For A New Convertible Top"

#10. Calling your convertible a "ragtop" is more reality than slang.

#9. You're cruising down the highway with the wind in your hair and the warm sun on your shoulders-- with THE TOP UP!

#8. You couldn't see or hear the police cruiser--you know, the one with flashing lights that's been behind you for the last 3 miles.

#7. The weather forecast inside your car is at least as bad as that for the outside world.

#6. Your spouse is getting suspicious because you keep a half dozen towels in your car.

#5. Your insurance company refuses to insure you against pneumonia.

#4. You would order a new top, but you can't tell what color the old one was.

#3. When it's raining, you avoid hitting the brakes because the puddle under the seat soaks your pant legs.

#2. Neighborhood cats won't walk on your top for fear of falling through.

And the #1 reason it's time for a new top: You're running out of duct tape!

~~~~~ unknown

Copied from the AP wire dated July 12.

"China's oldest carmaker plans to build an assembly plant in Oklahoma to help revive an English automotive brand - the MG.

That's right, the first US built MG, ever will be under the tutelage of new owner Nanjing Automobile, which plans to create a manufacturing plant and parts distribution hub in Ardmore, Oklahoma. Oklahoma City will host the company's global sales HQ, with the University of Oklahoma hosting a new R&D facility. The company also plans to restart the Birmingham, UK plant shuttered when MG-Rover disintegrated last year. The company intends to reintroduce MG cars in China and Europe before the first model rolls off the assembly line in Ardmore about two years from now."

Looks like there may be a new US MG in 2008



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Jaguar XKE wanted.....Dennis Zanone.....757-9304

MGA project, Would like it to at least run Duane Patterson

**GOTS:**

1948 MG TC / Good condition. In storage 20+ years.  
In need of restoration. Located in Laurel MS  
Gene Johnston / English Motoring Club  
[jjohnston18@jam.rr.com](mailto:jjohnston18@jam.rr.com) 601 607 7021

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1970 XKE Roadster w/ Factory Hardtop  
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E Type Jag Series II .....Knox Everson..... 754-1510

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