

# Wyres & Tyres

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## British Sports Car Club, LTD Memphis, Tennessee



### **DUES DUES DUES**

The 2006 club dues are due. The dues are \$ 25.00 and can be paid at any meeting to any officer, or you may mail them to our post office box listed below. **There will *not* be an invoice sent to you for the dues.**

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### **In Memory of.....**

**PATSY HALL BURKE MCQUIRTER**  
64, of Collierville, died Monday, February 27, 2006 at Methodist University Hospital-Germantown.  
We will miss her!!!!!!!!



### **From the Editor.....**

Spring is in the air! The birds are singing, the flowers are blooming and everyone is sneezing. It is time once again to pull the cars out of the garage and dust them off, give them a good bath and drive them around town. The weather is beautiful and a perfect time of the year to go out cruisin' and show off our wonderful British Cars to the mid-south. Remember, if you see someone in a British car, invite them to come to a meeting. We always welcome new members to our club.

See you at the next meeting. Always be safe!  
**Carole Zelten**

### **BSCC Cars in High Fashion**

Classic architecture, classic cars, and high fashion creates a winning combination. That's what women's wear designer Lilly Pulitzer was seeking in selecting Memphis' Rhodes College and the BSCC as backdrops for a photo shoot for the catalog of next fall's clothing line. Jim Ostner's red '51 XK-120 Jaguar, Jim Hofer's blue '64 Austin Healey, and Lisa Balton's black Range Rover lent a graceful line and an air of excitement color against which clothing models posed.

The fashion advertising company who conducted the photo session contacted Jim Duke seeking a few classic cars for use in the catalog. A few phone calls later, the stage was set.

Still, we're waiting to see next fall's Lilly Pulitzer catalog – we'll be looking for the blue Healey on the cover and other British iron in the prominent first few pages.

## 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 Appling Rd and Hwy 64. The meeting starts at 6:30 P.M. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

### Upcoming Club Meeting Presentations Monday March 20<sup>th</sup>

Bobby Irby, long time drag racing participant in the Mid South. Mr. Irby owns Memphis Auto Repair Service, on Summer Avenue, and has a long and colorful history in the local racing scene - and will present a great historical perspective on drag racing.

### Ladies Luncheon

For information about the ladies luncheon you may contact Sharon Duke @ [skduke4@](mailto:skduke4@)



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY March Birthdays

Ewing Haley	3-2
Sandra Marion	3-5
Lisas Tanner	3-8
Jenny Pangle	3-11
Jack Reynolds	3-13
Helen Stahl	3-23
Jon Buhler	3-27
Joe Reed	3-29

## THE LIGHTER SIDE

Laws you never learned in Science class

**Law of Mechanical Repair:** After your hands become coated with grease your nose will begin to itch or you'll have to pee.

**Law of the Workshop:** Any tool, when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.

**Variation Law:** If you change lines (or traffic lanes), the one you were in will start to move faster than the one you are in now. (works every time)

**Theatre Rule:** At any event, the people whose seats are furthest from the aisle arrive last.

**Law of Location:** No matter where you go, there you are.

**Law of Logical Argument:** Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

**Oliver's Law:** A closed mouth gathers no feet.

**Wilson's Law:** As soon as you find a product that you really like, they will stop making it.

### BSCC Member Cars Steal Show at New Car Exhibit

British cars starred in a classic car exhibit featured as part of the 2006 new car and truck show in Memphis. Dealers and manufacturers showcase new concepts and offerings at the annual car show. Held February 24th through the 26th at the Cook Convention Center, this year's show included a display of 21 classic and antique cars.

BSCC cars on display were Jim & Judy Ostner's red 1951 XK120 Jaguar, Jim & Bunny Hofer's 1964 blue Austin Healey, and Knox & Bonnie Everson's tan/brown 1949 MG-TC. Additionally, Jon Brody's 1959 Porsche 356A, and the 1963 Studebaker Avanti owned by Jerry Billmeier were featured parts of the display.

BSCC member Rick Miller spearheaded the organization of the classic car display, with assistance from member Charles Coleman. Jim Duke was on hand to distribute BSCC informational brochures to attendees.

### Bleak Mid Winter Rallye

On Sunday, Feb. 26th, a handful of hardy LBC owners met in Coletta's parking lot to start the 'Bleak Mid Winter Rallye'. A biting north wind belied the sunny blue sky overhead as temperatures shivered in the high 40s.

Still, our intrepid band struck out on a 50 mile dash across eastern Shelby County. Daring the toothy wind, our LBC owners were seeking answers to some of the persistent questions that keep us lying awake at night. Questions such as, 'What wild animal is found in Pine Acres?', or 'To what does Jumbo, Large, and Small refer?'

Though LBC lovers all, cars of Teutonic extraction were most abundant. Larry Kiehna brought his MGB, as did Joe Reed, and Tom Eckart was in his MGC. The LeFevres came in an Audi, Robin Balton drove a BMW M3, Dana Henking was driving a Porsche, as did Jack Reynolds. Jim Ostner brought his big GMC SUV while Sharon Duke drove her British made Honda.

Though polyglot, our crew were as one in their quest – to gather answers, complete their appointed rounds, and arrive safely at the East End Grill for a late afternoon round of recrimination with the Rallye Master.

Awards were for  
1st (Thomas Eckert & Sherri Williams)  
2nd (The Balton Clan - Lisa, Robin, & John)  
3rd (Larry Kiehna & Haavi Morreim)

Jim Duke

### Antiques Roadshow Visits BSCC

Greer Simonton, noted Memphis area art & antiques appraiser, delivered a fascinating program on antiques and appraisals for the February meeting of the BSCC. Mr. Simonton, who writes a monthly column for the Commercial-Appeal, began by offering a definition of 'antique'. He then gave an interesting discussion of the evolution of furniture styles and how changes over time help identify the age and source of various antiques.

Although somewhat removed from motorsports or our usual 'Oil of the Month' program, the 'Antiques Roadshow' was very well received.



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**WANTS and GOTS !**

**WANTS:**

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Ray Gill @ (901)758-1100 or ...[rgill@gillprop.com](mailto:rgill@gillprop.com)

13" wire wheel for MG Midget.....  
Charles Lessman.....[CLessman@Memphis.edu](mailto:CLessman@Memphis.edu)

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

**GOTS:**

Custom Towbar for Mini (Pre BMW Models).....  
Ewing Haley .....755-4486

1974 MGB short block engine (complete).....  
Larry Kiehna.....850-0324

67 MGB GT for sale. Needs work and restoration, not running, some rust. Wire wheels, overdrive.  
.....[johnsadowski@earthlink.net](mailto:johnsadowski@earthlink.net)

1976 Triumph TR-6, off-body restoration & show winner 1999 (?)..... \$5,500 OBO..... 466-1611. Dana Henking

86 Jag XJ6 VandenPlas. Great condition, all options, rebuilt/upgraded engine/exhaust, tires 90 % new.  
\$6950 obo.....John Kovac. . 972 571-8516.

74 MGB needs work, \$2,000 firm.....  
.....John Kelley (901) 870-2820

Triumph TR-6 (?1975 model) with 28,000 "original miles" and in "very good" condition". The sellers are Joe and Doug Zellner. Call 685-0554 for further info.