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OIL IS KILLING OUR CARS

By Keith Ansell of Foreign Parts Positively, Inc.

Editors Note: The entire text of this interesting article is on the BSCC website at <http://www.memphisbritishcars.org/newsletters/oil200702.htm>

A couple of months ago I had a member of the Columbia Gorge MG Club bring a totally failed camshaft and lifters back to me that had only 900 miles on them. I immediately contacted the camshaft re-grinder (Delta Cam) and asked how this could happen. They were well aware of this problem as they were starting to have many failures of this type.

This problem is BIG! American Engine Rebuilder's Association (AERA) Bulletin #TB2333 directly addresses this problem. I had a short discussion with their engineer and he agreed with all that I had been finding.

Our cars are a small percentage of the total market and BIG Corporate, the American Petroleum Institute and possibly government have made decisions that are detrimental to our cars. This problem isn't going away. The trend today is to lighter weight oils to decrease drag, which increases mileage. Most of these seem to be the "Energy Conservation" oils that we cannot use.

What we are doing at Foreign Parts Positively has been difficult to determine but with few options left, the following is what we are forced to do. Some of our choices have been based on the manufacturer's willingness to help and specific reports. This list will change in the next months with Castrol and Red Line adding products just for our cars.

- Break in: Delo 400 30W (A break-in oil will be available from Redline soon!)
- Conventional oil: Valvoline VR-1 20W-50
- Synthetic: Red Line 10W-30 in newer engines, 10W-40 on older engines.
- Break-in is now 3,000 miles (using Delo 400 30W) before changing to running oil.
- Oil change interval:
 - 1 year or 18,000 miles with Red Line synthetic
 - 1 year or 2,500 miles with conventional oil (Valvoline VR-1 20W-50).

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From the Editor

Welcome to the February 2007 issue of **Wyres & Tyres**. I'm your new editor, Rob Cosgrove. Please feel free to contribute articles and pictures. **PLEASE** contribute! You can send articles and digital pictures to me by email, and printed pictures and articles by snail mail. I can read the memory cards from all digital cameras, so send them in and I'll send the cards back to you. You can even drop them off at my Collierville office.

Please only send in things for publication that you wrote or photographed yourself, or are copyright-free, or for which I can acquire reprint rights, like we did with **Oil is Killing our Cars**. If you are in doubt, call me.

The deadline for publication is the Monday two weeks before each monthly meeting (except for December, when the deadline is 5 Dec).

Marque leaders – please keep me up to speed on all your events. I would love to have a short report on who attended, what happened, etc., and PICTURES.

Have you taken a car-related trip? Got a story about working on your car? Is there a vendor you'd like to praise (or warn about?) Some tips on tuning SU carbs? Got a picture of an especially good looking car you saw parked somewhere, or a trashed-out junker in someone's yard? Maybe before/after pictures? We'd love to hear about it.

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New Club Directory to be Published

It's time to update our printed club directory. If your name and contact information has changed, or you've bought or sold a car within the past two years, please email with your updates.

The new directory is currently scheduled to be published at the end of February, so we need your updates by the date of the next club meeting, February 19.

Send updates by email to your new **Wyres & Tyres** editor, Rob Cosgrove at rob@alice.net.

2007 Dues are Now Due

This is a gentle reminder that your 2007 dues are now due - and what a great value! For a mere \$25 a year you can enjoy all the BSCC camaraderie you can stand. Please bring your check to the February meeting, or mail it to the BSCC address on the first page.



Ozarks Driving Tour Sold Out

By Jim Duke

The Ozarks Driving Tour scheduled for the first weekend in May has been sold out. We plan to depart Memphis around 3:00 p.m. on Friday, May 4th and return in the late afternoon/early evening of Sunday, May 6th.

We'll motor from Memphis to Mountain View, Arkansas where we'll be greeted by the innkeeper at the Inn at Mountain View. The Inn is a nationally registered, AAA rated, historic Inn (built 1886) located just off the square in downtown Mountain View - the Folk Music Capitol. Since it is a Bed & Breakfast, there are only ten rooms available, now all filled with lucky BSCC couples.

We don't have a busy schedule of events planned. Instead, we envision a quiet weekend of leisure. After enjoying the Breakfast part of Bed & Breakfast on Saturday morning, there is a round-about drive of 80-100 miles of interesting hilly roads planned. We'll stop in a wayside hamlet for a casual lunch before completing the circuitous trip. Saturday will bring dinner in a family restaurant either in Mountain View, or in a nearby picturesque setting.

On Sunday, we'll enjoy a nice, quiet mid-morning breakfast before setting out for a slow drive back to the faster-paced hustle of the flat lands on this side of the Mississippi.

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Upcoming Events

February 25th - The Vice President's Poker Run (More details later)

March 31st or April 1st (date tentative) - The Empire Marque Event will be a cruise to Shiloh to watch the Civil War Reenactment, followed by dinner at a local catfish restaurant before heading back home...

April 20-22, 2007 - MG Classics of Jacksonville is hosting The Gathering of the Faithful, South - Jekyll Island, Georgia

April 22nd - The Jaguar Marque Event will again be a visit to the Ostner's Rollin' J Ranch - one of our most popular events in recent years.

May 27th - The Austin Healey Marque Event - the annual Indianapolis 500 fish fry.

June 24th - The MG Marque Event (details to be announced)

July 22nd - The Triumph Marque Event (details to be announced)

August 26th - Garage Crawl

September 8th & 9th - The Germantown Festival - with the BSCC's annual Show & Shine

October 5th & 6th - The 24th Annual Memphis British Car and Motorcycle Fest

November 25th - The Car Show Rallye Replay

Ladies Luncheon

The ladies meet on the last Wednesday of the month, usually at a different restaurant each time. Attendance is open to all club members (even the guys!) and friends. Questions or comments? Call Sharon Duke (901) 324-0909, or email at skduke4@netscape.net



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.

WANTS and GOTS

WANTS:

Looking for R/H side motor mount mounting bracket/platform for '59 A-H 100-6. This is the heavy metal part that bolts to the frame and motor mount bolts to it. Paul Svoboda 618-588-3041

MGB metal bumper - Jack Reynolds..754-9889

GOTS:

72' MGB Engine (short block) FREE
Larry Kiehna 901-850-0324

71' E Type - Knox Everson 754-1510

European Headlights for 1975-1980 Mercedes SL
Leslie Dale 937-0534

1948 MG TC / Good condition. In storage 20+ years. In need of restoration. Located in Laurel MS Gene Johnston / English Motoring Club johnston18@jam.rr.com 601 607 7021

Excellent rust-free 1973 Spitfire 1500. It's complete, and it does need restoring. comes with many extra parts. \$1500 contact Doug Taber Cambria, California 805.927.5044 or gdz54@charter.net

1970 XKE Roadster w/ Factory Hardtop
Thom.Perhac@fabsv.com

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