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British Sports Car Club, LTD - Memphis, Tennessee

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The Inaugural BSCC Ozark Ramble

by Jim Duke, pictures by Joe Reed

What happens when you mix 1 Jaguar XJS V12; 1 Sunbeam Tiger; 1 TR6; 1 MGC; 1 Austin Healey 3000; 1 Mini Cooper S; 2 MGBs; and 1 Chevrolet pickup? How about when we add the open air miles of the hilly, windy roads of the Arkansas Ozarks? Well, then, how about if we throw in banjos, double basses, mandolins, dobros, fiddles, guitars, and the homey atmosphere of a quaint Bed & Breakfast?

What we got was a great weekend spent stretching the legs of our sporty British cars in the delightful companionship of fellow British Sports Car Club members. The event was the first of what we hope to be a continuing series of long weekend tours to sample the best roads and warmest accommodations offered in the Mid South.



Our group were - Charles & MaryAnne Coleman (Chevy), Gordon & Tammy Gold (Tiger), Joe & Angie Reed (MGB), Bill & Marian Cravens (TR6), Dick & Linda Cooper (XJS), Tom Eckert & Sherri Williams (MGC), Jim & Bunny Hofer (AH), Jack & Janey Reynolds (Mini), and Jim & Sharon Duke (MGB). Sadly, two couples had to cancel due to health issues.

This, the inaugural BSCC Ozark Ramble, began at the feet of Rameses II in front of Memphis' Pyramid. From there, our caravan headed west across the Mississippi to Augusta, Arkansas where we stopped to sample the renown 'Hubcap Hamburger' at Ralph's restaurant and convenience store, followed by a quick stop to replenish stores of liquid refreshment. Then we headed into the Ozark foothills toward Mountain View, Arkansas where the Ozark Folk Center attracts folk and country musicians from around the nation.

After reaching the Inn at Mountain View, where we found our hosts to be newly transplanted from Memphis, we gathered in the rocking chairs that graced the Inn's wrap-around porch.

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Cars and Cycles Against Cancer June 2nd - Blytheville, Arkansas

Beautiful, shady Walker Park in Blytheville will be the scene of the Cars and Cycles Against Cancer car show on Saturday, June 2nd. The event is open to everyone. The BSCC will meet in the parking lot directly across from the front of the Pyramid, at the corner of Front & Overton. We'll gather at 7:00 AM, then caravan across the I-40 bridge into beautiful, crime-free West Memphis, then exit onto U.S. 61, and follow that old road (a bit more scenic) North to Blytheville.

Registration is \$15 per vehicle. Plaques will be given for the first 200 registered. All proceeds of the event go to the American Cancer Society. According to the Event's flier there will be \$2,000 raffled, door prizes, silent auction, 50/50 early morning Dice Run for Cash, a magic show, and \$200 for the best British car.

For motorcycles, there will be Dyno testing and a Loudest Pipe competition. This is also an official USACi Audio Competition, with trophies awarded. Walker Park has fishing and swimming.

Meet us Saturday morning, June 2nd, for what looks like a really nice event only about an hour away.

BSCC Euro Auto Fest Update By Larry Kiehna

The BSCC Euro Auto Fest committee has held 2 meetings with most of the other European car clubs in Memphis. These include the Mercedes, BMW, Italian/Lotus and VW/ Audi.

We are still trying to engage with the Exotic Italian, Mini and Porsche clubs. The clubs indicate they will participate and attend the show. Each club will determine their judging system. The BSCC and Mercedes prefer the 10 point Concours system. The others clubs will probably have People's Choice voting for various categories.

The event date will be the first or second weekend in October. The format will follow the previous year's Friday night hospitality, Saturday car show, and a Saturday evening banquet. Our membership list will probably be at a recent record level of 80 by then so we anticipate 100+ European cars and more business sponsorship that will make a significant improvement in the Youth Villages donation.



Directly across the street was a city park where we found music - four to six ever changing folk jam sessions in which musicians traded licks, lyrics, and laughter. Next door was the County Courthouse where even more musicians gathered. More sessions were in progress in front of businesses and restaurants across the street from the Courthouse.

The Arkansas Ozark roads are even more delightful than Mountain View's sounds. Our group of British iron (plus one Chevy PU) took a brisk 90-mile tour over mountains, valleys, hills, rivers, creeks, and dales from Mountain View north through Calico Rock to Norfolk, then back south through the Ozark National Forest, through Fifty Six to Sylamore, then back to Mountain View.

It was a brisk tour; you would think those speed limit signs were mere suggestions or recommendations!

After another night's musical enjoyment and more front porch rocking, we headed back toward the Delta, the Mississippi River, and home. Fortunately, we managed to follow great driving roads nearly all the way home - at least until past Harrisburg, Arkansas and over Crowley's Ridge.

Then, it was back to straight level roads with increasing traffic. Still, we could look back to a fun-filled weekend with exhilarating roads, and great companions. I, for one, can't wait until next year! How about you? Want to add to our recipe and join us next year?

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Upcoming Events – MUCH More information about these events is on the BSCC web site at <http://www.memphisbritishcars.org/>

June 2 - Cars and Cycles Against Cancer - open car show in Blytheville Arkansas.

June 2 - 4th Annual Brighton Motorshow & Summerfest, Brighton, TN.

June 9 - Convoy to the Seafood Junction Restaurant in Byhalia, MS, organized by the Mercedes-Benz Club

June 16 - All Euro Cruise In (weather permitting) from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM - location to be announced

June 17 - Memphis Cars Italia Car Show – more info at www.mcicars.com/carshowadv07.htm

June 23 - 1st Annual All Car Club Road Rally is sponsored by the Mid-South MINIacs club

June 24 – MG Marque Event – a 2 hour private open house at Bluff City Jaguar, including a tech session

July 3 - The Great Race returns to Germantown - 2:00 in the Germantown Center parking lot

July 14 - **All Euro Cruise In** (weather permitting) from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM – location to be announced

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

August 18 – All Euro Cruise In (weather permitting) from 6:30 PM - 9:00 PM - location to be announced

August 26 – Garage Crawl

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

October 5 & 6 (tentative) - 1st Annual Memphis Eurofest – Our traditional Car and Motorcycle Fest BIGGER - BETTER!

Ladie's 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



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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:

45D distributor for 1978 MGB. Contact: Randy Walker, (901) 568-7447

Jaguar XJS Sedan 6 cyl Automatic, '95-'96 – Rob Cosgrove 850-9920

MGB metal bumper - Jack Reynolds..754-9889

Right turn signal unit, left lens for Series 2 E Type Knox Everson 754-1510

TR-6 Project. M Smith - britracing@yahoo.com

GOTS:

1978 Original MG Midget with 2247 original miles – Curtis Pool, Collierville 901-574-2705 or 901-854-4041

1991 Jaguar XJS-V12 convertible. Contact: Gordon Gold, (901) 830-5875

Baby Blue Bug Eye for Sale. It is running great, looks good too. I just don't drive it enough. Checked out the internet and found out it is about an 8 footer. sharrisrose@peoplepc.com, or 901-386-2003 or 5111 Blueridge Dr., Memphis, TN 18134.

Signal light switch for MG 70-72 – a prize piece of iron, \$10. Marshall Bryant 754-4627

Tail light lens for Jag 85-91 761-1678

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

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

1954 Jaguar DHC completely restored - Jimmy Jones 901-292-6901 aircraftinteriors.org

62 Silver Cloud - Steven Gibson 409-5172

Hardtop for Triumph TR6 - Bill Whitley 526-9432



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