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## THE LOUISIANA CENTRE OF THE MG CAR CLUB

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MINUTES OF MARCH 1987 MEETING

by Kathie Winter

Meeting started at 8:30 pm 14 members and 4 guests present Everyone attending the meeting in an MG had a chance at winning an MG poster. Rodger Talley won. Members who placed orders with MG Car Club in England were given their items. New MG business cards were handed out and will be placed in local parts stores. A Saturday 4-4-87 trip to Gambino's Parts was planned. Ernest and Paulette Winslett joined the club. They have a '62 MGA ( not running at this time). Roger and Mike Gibson were guests. They are purchasing an "80 limited edition MGB. The 10 year anniversary T-shirt was discussed. Jack Kennedy, Jr. read his account of the Land 'O Pines camping trip. \$539.12 in treasury 20% discount has been reinstated at NAPA. British Car Day is indefinitely postponed for lack of a place to hold it. Tech Session by John Winter on transmissions and syncros. 50/50 of \$7.00 was won by Jim Van Sickle.

Installments Two and Three of our club's history

by Kathie Winter and Peggy Bienvenu

#### HISTORY OF THE LOUISIANA M.G. CAR CLUB

### THE SECOND YEAR

1978 - The club's second year was an active one with a lot of members and enthusiasm. Buzz Reese was elected president. In the Spring we held our first picnic on the lakefront and it was very well attended. This was the first time many of the wives became familiar with the club. (It was my first meeting with a group who we would come to share some of our fondest and funiest memories with - Kathie). The club held a rallye in May and a summer BBQ at Nick Tusa's house in Metairie.

Buzz Reese moved in June and the Presidency of the club was taken over by Toni Creel. A late summer Rallye was put on by John Pence and his wife, Jeannine. It was a fun rallye with questions that will bring back memories to the "old timers". Remember "Who protects Flame 'N Burger?"?

In the early fall the club toured to Oak Alley and on to dinner at El Palacio Mexican Restaurant in Baton Rouge. Most of these events were full of MGs (that was before we all had children or before the children got to big to fit in the MG).

In October we had "The Great Pumpkin Rallye". This was a night costume rallye and was great fun. (We hope to have another one this year.) We all showed up at Lakeside parking lot in Halloween costumes. We had Raggedy Ann & Andy, Dracula and his bride, boppers from the fifties, giant pumpkins, a Cowboy and Cowgirl and various others. The rallye was a hound 'n hare and ended with a party at Vince and Jean Olsen's house.

In November of 1978 the founder of the club, Eldridge Reynolds, died in an automobile wreck in North Louisiana. We decided at that time to begin a Memorial Rallye in his honor, a tradition we still hold every November.

1978 was the first year we held the Night at the Races event. This event has also become a traditional event although it has lost some of it's appeal the last few years. We seem to go more for the meal afterwards than the racing. The Christmas party was held at Joy and Carlisle's home and was also the start of a tradition in which we hold the party in a home and everyone brings a dish.

#### THE THIRD YEAR

1979 - The car club's third year was another full one. Toni Creel was once again elected president.

> Our first rallye of the year was held in January and was the Eldridge Reynold's Memorial Rallye. For the longstanding members, this was the rallye where we all looked for the infamous columns on Metairie Road, Peggy almost got out of the car while it was moving (we're still not sure that Snubbs wasn't pushing her) and the end of the rallye was at a restaurant that was closed. These events are great fun to look back on although at the time the rallye master was almost hung.

In February we held the first Funkana in The Driftwood Pharmacy parking lot in Kenner. It was a cold and rainy day but the event was fairly well attended and a tremendous amount of fun. It's hard to find a parking lot that will allow you to put on this type of event and in later years we found cow pastures to be every bit as much fun ( that's another story altogether - 1981 ). We bought chicken and beer and proceeded to Joy and Carlisle's to warm up, dry off and discuss the finer points of funkanas.

In the spring we toured to Z. Murray Gardens and held a tech session and picnic in city park. We also held our first Crawfish Boil at Jack & Audrey's house.

We held a summer tour to John and Jeannine Pence's home in Baton Rouge. It was our first meeting with M.G. Pence also. For you new members, M.G. Pence (Meridith Gail), is the daughter of John and Jeannine. He insisted his child's initials would be M.G. and thank goodness there are some nice names that start with those letters. John was a real devoted MG fan.

Jack Kennedy put on his first rallye in August and did a great job. It was a late afternoon rallye and ended at Louigi's Pizza Parlor on Elysian Fields. It was the start of counting birdbaths if I remember correctly.

In the fall we held a street concourse on a Sunday afternoon in the Clearview Shopping Center. It was a beautiful day and a lot of cars showed up plus a lot of people stopped by just to look and talk:

In October, 3 adventurous couples took off for Road Atlanta in C. Taravella's van. From the stories they came back with I'm sure that trip will live forever in their minds. Of the three couples, the Taravellas, Bienvenus and Kennedys, only Peggy and Snubbs have made the trip again.

We officially started the traditional Eldridge Reynolds Memorial Rallye in November of 1979 ( I guess January's was just a practice for the real thing). The loving cup was awarded at this rallye and is passed around from year to year to the winner and the winners put on the rallye the following year. The E.R.M. Rallye is usually a timespeed-distance rallye.

The Christmas party was once again held at Joy and Carlisle's home with the thought that 1979 would be the last year there because they were moving to L.A. (lower Alabama, as Carlisle liked to say).

### LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

April started out with a field trip for nine members to Gambino's Foreign Cars. We helped haul all the used parts outside to the scrap pile. Of course we got to keep anything we wanted. I think everyone got something - carburetors, doors, manifolds, seats, transmissions, cylinder heads, steering wheels, shocks, a hard top for a Healy, and much more.

R. J. was the first to use one of the parts for a broken inside handle on the door of his MG. Jim Brooks and Mike D. had fun on a GT body. Mik e L. managed to find a few useable pieces from a pile of steel that resembled an AH. I had the largest take with the bed of my Nissan filled up higher then the cab roof.

After all of that hard work a few members stopped at Burger King for lunch and made up excuses of why they were getting home at three o'clock instead of twelve.

Thanks Kevin for all the good junk.

Mike D. said that Import Parts on Causeway has offered their building for Club gatherings on Sundays if we are interested.

The weather has been great for April and I hope everyone is enjoying their cars.

Passport Auto Parts has given club members a 15% discount on most parts they sell. Be sure to mention the club when ordering parts. They have many parts for Japanese cars and can get parts for MG's the same day. They are located across from K-Mart on Veterans Blvd.

Has everyone seen that funny looking car on the cover of News on Wheels for the week of April 15-22. The feature MGA coup belongs to Mike DeLacerta. Looks good Mike!

Come to the meeting a little early this Tuesday and buy a meal or maybe a dessert from Shoneys. We should be very thankful for the use of their meeting room. Let's show our gratitude by spending some money, after all, they don't charge us for the use of the room.

At the meeting we'll discuss the crawfish picnic which will be held May 16th at West End Park.

See everyone at the meeting. Bring those MG's!!

Jimmy

#### CLENDAR OF EVETS FOR 1987

APR 12	April Foolishness Rallyee-Bellechase
APR 28	GENERAL MEETING
APR 25	Crawfish/Picnic
MAY 26	GENERAL MEETING
JUN 13	Tubing
JUN ?	Overnight Rallyee
JUN 30	GENERAL MEETING
JUL 11	Houma Waterpark (bring your rubber duckie)
JUL 28	GENERAL MEETING
AUG ?	Tubing
AUG 25	GENERAL MEETING

OUR NEXT GENERAL MEETING WILL BE AT 8:00 ON APRIL 28th AT SHONEY'S . 3410 WILLIAMS BLVD, KENNER. Y'ALL COME!

The Crawfish Picnic is set for May 16th. The bill-of-fare is \$5 for adults and \$2 for children. We will meet at West End Park on the South side.(See map) Bring your lawn chairs and Volleyball Equipment. As we are not cooking the crawfish, we need to have your reservation and money at the general meeting(or a FIRM commitment to Jimmy Bruno no later than May 12th). Beer and Sodas will be provided. Profits will go to our continuing campaign to aid under-privileged and oppressed MG owners, so your support is urgently needed!

