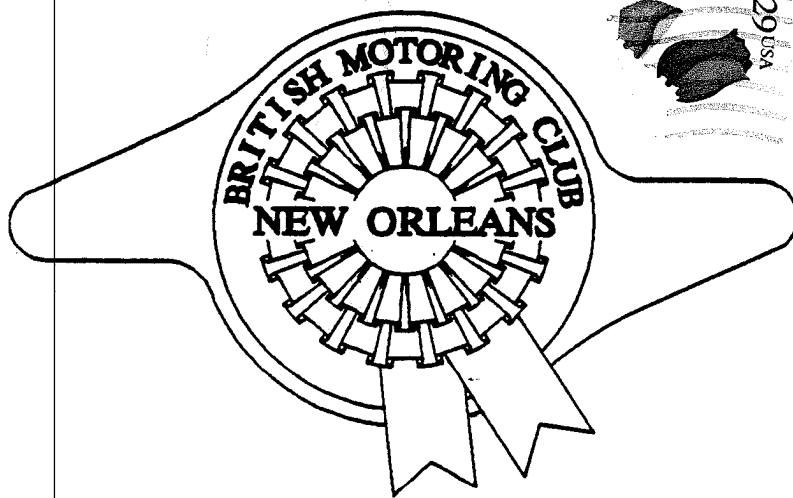


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# MINUTES OF THE MEETING

1-28-92

Meeting called to order at 8:02 pm.

New Business: Club hats are on sale for \$12.00 each. Thanks to Fred Mayer for his interest in getting designs and art work for the new hats. See Wayne to place orders.

All of you MGB owners out there, David Lowery has an all oak drink console for sale to members, price \$29.95.

PORSCHE CLUB OF NEW ORLEANS is offering a professional driving course scheduled for April 25th and 26th. Cost \$150.00, at Belle Chasse Naval Air Station. See Julian Feibleman.

Volunteers are needed for the New Orleans British Car Show.

Plaques presented to Mike Delacerda and Peter Brauen for excellent services rendered to the club last year.



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## *DETAILS OF COMING EVENTS*

### WAYNE'S COUNTRY DRIVE

Wayne loves those country drives on the North Shore, so he is going to put together a very interesting Spring time country drive. Bring your lunch and a map(the map is for Wayne). Meet in the rear Lakeside Shopping Center parking lot at 10am on March 14th. Call Wayne Aucoin (504 469-9083) for details.

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### BATON ROUGE CAR SHOW

Leave from Picadilly parking lot on March 7, 1992 at 8:00 am. Convoy to Baton Rouge for this first spring, bring what'cha got car show. Registration is \$4.00 (American). Call Mike DeLaCerde for details. 504 738-3246.

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### TASTE OF BAVARIA TRIP

Leave from the Picadilly parking lot at 8:00 am on March 29th for a short drive to Ponchatoula for breakfast at this very fine Bavarian style restaurant. This is a very popular event for the club with 20-25 cars in attendance. Call Roger (504 887-2725) for details.

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## *CALENDAR OF EVENTS*

General Meeting(7:30pm)	Feb. 25
Baton Rouge Car Show	Mar. 7
Wayne's Country Drive	Mar. 14
Taste of Bavaria	Mar. 29
Sonic Drive-In	Apr. 4
Empire Trophy Rallye	May 2
New Orleans British Car Show	May 16

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Hard top for 79 Spitfire. Crimson color. \$300.00 negotiable. Call Mark Taylor at 504 866-3565.

1980 Spitfire. 45,000 miles, driven daily. No rust, new top, new shocks, Alt. and radiator rebuilt. Call Charlie Groue at 504 833-1499.

1972 MGB with wire wheels, overdrive, good tires new top, new red paint. A pleasure to drive. \$4650.00. Call Elliot Evans at 504 891-3979.

1962 Sunbeam Alpine Roadster. Moving July 1, must sell. Restored 15 years ago. White top, light blue, tires good, 80,000 miles. No rust. Call Amy Addington 504 888-4649. \$3000.00 Owner will negotiate.

1979 TR-7 Roadster. Body shell, rolling chassis. \$550.00. Call Richard Baker 504 386-2709.

### SPARES;

Wanted: Rear deck lid for TR4A. Richard Baker 504 386-2709.



### **"EARLY BIRD" CAR SHOW REGISTRATION**

AS AN INCENTIVE FOR MEMBERS OF OUR CLUB TO REGISTER EARLY FOR THE NEW ORLEANS BRITISH CAR SHOW, ALL MEMBERS THAT REGISTER BEFORE MARCH 15, 1992 WILL BE ENTERED IN A DRAWING FOR A \$50.00 U.S. SAVING BOND. THIS EARLY ENTRY PROGRAM WILL PROVIDE THE FUNDS NEEDED TO GET THE CAR SHOW OFF ON A SOUND FINANCIAL BASE. THE CAR SHOW COMMITTEE APPRECIATES YOUR HELP WITH THIS PROGRAM. (GUY & ROGER)



TR-3 REBUILD  
(continued)

The crank was worn to the point that it needed to be reground! So..I had to pull the engine. This involves pulling the front apron off. This was a job because most of its end was Bondo! I decided to pull the engine and transmission as this seems easiest. I borrowed an engine hoist from a member and an engine stand from another (this is one advantage of being in the club). The engine stand really works nicely!

Of course in doing all of this, I found more problems. The engine mounts and transmission mounts were shot. The vacuum line between the intake manifold and the distributor was full of holes. The thermostat was in pieces. The temperature bulb was frozen in the head and I broke the capillary tube upon trying to remove it. (If any of you guys know where I can get a new TR-3 temperature gauge, let me know.)

Upon disassembling the engine, I found that the timing tensioner was completely gone and the chain was worn to the point that the gears and chain has to be replaced.

I bought the crank to Shreves; they turned the mains and big-ends down .010. I ordered the parts from Victoria British. The parts came in after 5 days. Now assembly will begin.

Until next time.....MIKE BROWN



TRIP TO MIDDENDORF'S

The weather was brisk enough for most members to put the hood up on their cars. I made the trip with mine down but with assistance from Peter Brauen put the hood up for the return trip home. The club filled half the restaurant. Customers leaving after lunch were treated to the sight of a parking lot filled with British cars (and one Corvette.) I heard one older gentleman exclaim to his wife " That's an MG!" (He was referring to the TD) "How do you know that ?" she asked. He answered, "Because it's written on the front'." Here was a couple who obviously have had a lot of laughs over the years.

After lunch, most of us drove to Pontchatoula to browse through the antique shops on the main thoroughfare. Everyone saw things that they remembered from the fifties (well, everyone who is old enough to remember the fifties). It was a pleasant trip for everyone. Good food, good friends, nice cars. Let's do it again!

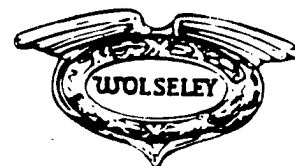
### HEAVY STEERING CURE

LACK OF LUBE IN THE RACK AND PINION ASSEMBLY IS THE MAIN CAUSE OF HARD STEERING. FIRST CHECK THE RUBBER BOOTS FOR BREAKS AND REPLACE IF NEEDED. THEY MAY LOOK GOOD WITH A QUICK VISIAL CHECK SO TURN THE WHEELS FULL TURN AND PULL ON THEM OPENING THE PLEATS FOR A PROPER CHECK. TO CHECK THE LUBE LEVEL, REMOVE THE TWO BOLTS WHICH RETAIN THE DIAMOND SHAPED PLATE ON TOP OF THE STEERING ASM BOX. REMOVE THE PLATE. REMOVE THE THINNEST SHIM WHICH MAY BE STUCK TO EITHER THE HOUSING OR THE PLATE ITSELF. ENOUGH WEAR WILL HAVE OCCURRED THAT THIS SHIM WILL NOT BE NEEDED. REMOVE THE SPRING AND WASHER FROM THE CENTER OF THE GUIDE. REMOVE THE GUIDE. IF THE GUIDE IS STUCK, JUST TURN THE WHEELS BACK AND FORTH AND IT WILL POP UP. THE MANUALS CALL FOR 90 WEIGHT GEAR OIL BUT A BETTER CHOICE WOULD BE GEAR LUBE USED IN MORE MODERN CARS LIKE 85W140. YOU CAN RAISE THE CAR TO MAKE TURNING THE STEERING EASIER BUT DO NOT DO SO BY SUPPORTING THE CHASSIE. WHEN THE WHEELS HANG DOWN, SO DO THE STEERING BOOTS. YOU WILL OVERFILL THE ASM. WHEN ADDING LUBE, TURN THE WHEELS FROM LOCK TO LOCK IN ORDER TO DISTRIBUTE IT THOUGH OUT THE RACK ASM. DOING SO, ADD LUBE UNTIL LUBE CAN BE SEEN AT THE FRONT OF THE RACK SHAFT. CLEAN, LUBE AND REINSTALL THE GUIDE, WASHER AND SPRING. BOLT THE PLATE IN PLACE AND THE JOB IS DONE. REMEMBER, IF YOU WERE LOW ON LUBE IT HAD TO LEAK OUT SOME PLACE. MAKE SURE THAT THE CLAMPS ON EITHER END THE BOOTS ARE SECURE AND IF NECESSARY RECHECK THE BOOTS.

MR. GOODSPANNER

### CLUB TO VOTE ON AMENDMENT

A vote will be taken at the regular February meeting of the British Motoring Club New Orleans. The vote will be to raise the annual dues from \$25 for new members to \$30 for new members and from \$20 to \$25 for renewals. This amendment is necessary in order to keep the Club in good financial health. The cost of putting together the Club news letter has increased significantly over the last year or two. A four page news letter cost the Club about \$100.00 per month, printing and postage. The Club is providing drinks at some events like the swap meet and tech. sessions. All awards for rallye events are provided by the Club and as you know there are no charges for these events. Anyone who would like a more detailed account of Club expenses can see Wayne Aucoin our very efficient Treasurer. No one likes to see dues raised but it has become necessary and your support for this amendment will be appreciated. (Your Officers)



### CAR SHOW SPONSORS

I AM SURE THAT ANYONE WHO ATTENDED LAST YEARS CAR SHOW REALIZES WHAT AN OUTSTANDING SHOW WE HAD. FOR A FIRST TIME CAR SHOW, WE HAD A FIRST CLASS FUNCTION. ONE OF THE THINGS THAT ALLOWED US TO BE SUCCESSFUL WAS THE FUNDS RAISED THROUGH SPONSORSHIP OF THE VARIOUS CAR CLASSES. THIS YEAR WE ARE AGAIN GOING TO OFFER THIS SPONSORSHIP. WE WILL BE CONTACTING ALL OF THE SPONSORS FROM LAST YEAR AND WE FULLY EXPECT MOST OF THEM TO PARTICIPATE THIS YEAR. BUT WE ARE ALSO LOOKING FOR NEW BUSINESSES TO SOLICIT FOR SPONSORSHIPS. IF ANYONE IN THE CLUB WORKS FOR OR KNOWS SOMEONE WITH A BUSINESS THAT CAN CONTRIBUTE AS LITTLE AS \$30.00 FOR A SPONSORSHIP PLEASE LET US KNOW. THESE BUSINESSES CAN ALSO PARTICIPATE BY PROVIDING GIVE AWAY ITEMS SUCH AS DOOR PRIZES, PENS, PENCILS, CALENDARS OR JUST ABOUT ANYTHING THAT WE CAN PUT IN A LAGNIAPPE BAG. (GUY & ROGER)