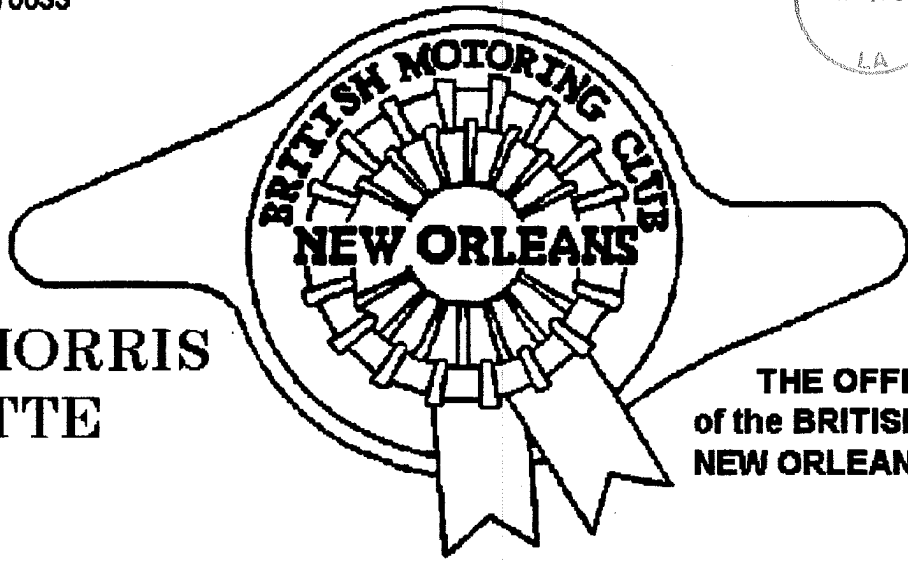


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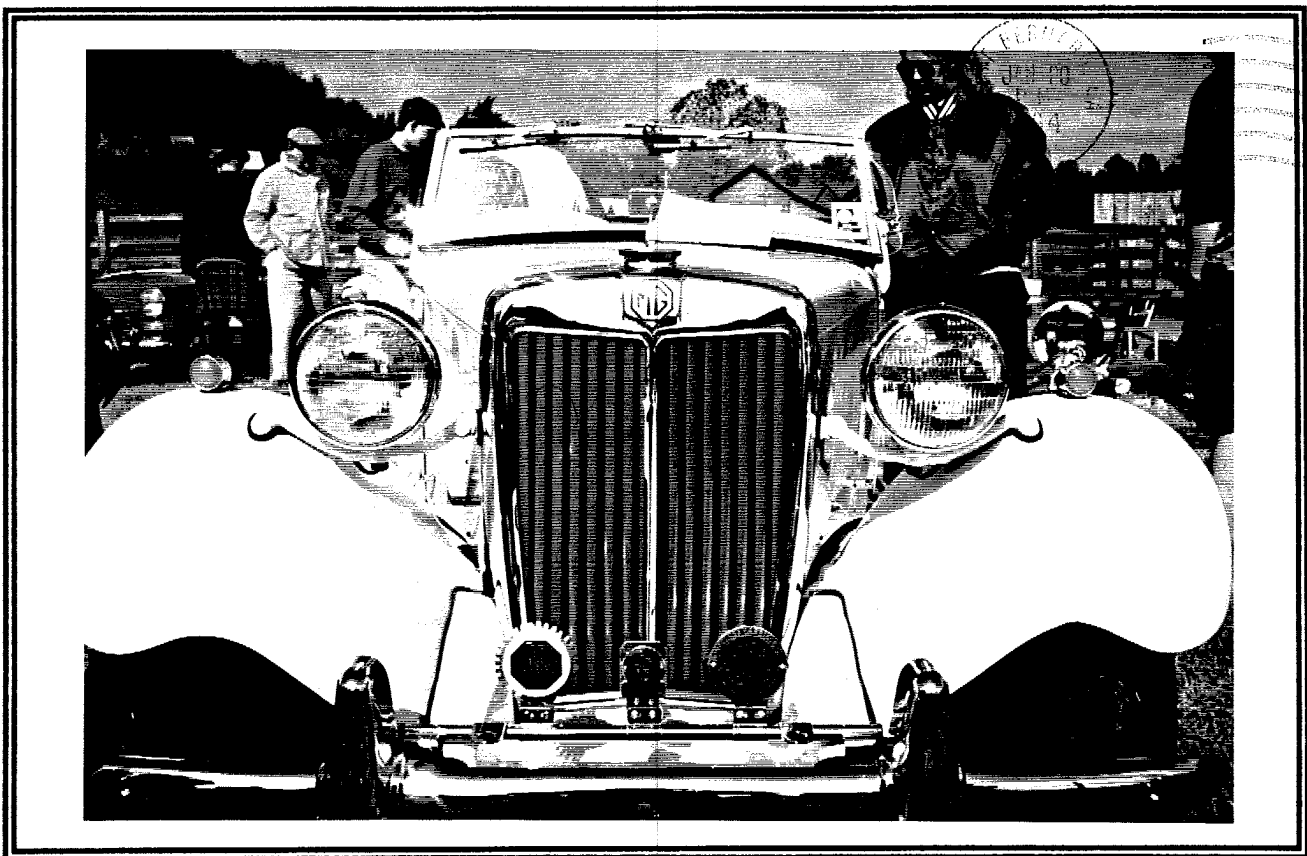


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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8  7:00pm OFFICER'S & SHOW MEETINGS	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22  7:00pm GENERAL MEETING	23	24	25	26
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## *R* CAR CLUB DUES *R*

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## NEW MEMBERS

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## EDITOR'S NOTE

Articles, comments, tech tips, etc. from club members are welcome and will be printed in the newsletter subjected to the editor's approval. Submissions must be received by the middle of each month in order to be printed in that month's newsletter. Please become a part of the newsletter. As a member of the club, it is after all your newsletter! Mail you submissions to: Jim Jones, 235 Concord Drive, Laplace, La. 70068.

## MINUTES of the MEETING DECEMBER 1993

No general meeting is ever held in the month of December. All members are too busy with the holiday season!

## EVENT CONTRIBUTORS

For various reasons, I cannot always be in attendance at all the club functions and events. I need your help. On those occasions when I am absent, I need some one to record the facts, funny happenings, etc. of that event. I can and often do write up events from raw data. However, if you can write it up yourself, so much the better. Just get it to me or mail it to me as early as possible. I'll probably do some editing, but you'll still recognize it as yours. It will make you feel good to see your report in the newsletter and it will vary the writing style from mine as I compose just about every article in the newsletter. The things that I need or you need to put in your report are: Number of British cars, number of people, anything humorous or out of the ordinary, who won what if awards are given, the weather, etc. I am looking forward to receiving your input soon.

Editor

## IN MY TRAVELS

Well, I did it again! A friend of mine ( non-club member ) asked me to check out a British car that he was thinking of purchasing. He said that it was a MGB-GT. Turned out that it was a '73 Triumph GT6 Mark III, yellow in color. It was a California tagged car and had been repainted. The repaint was not the best, but was the original color. The car had no rust, top or bottom, despite the fact that it was not undercoated! It ran well and the only negative was the fact that it was not equipped with an overdrive. I did spot three mechanical problems. The clutch master cylinder was almost dry of fluid. There was no fluid to be seen around the master cylinder, so I concluded that the slave cylinder was leaking. However, the clutch operation felt fine. The exhaust system leaked at a point somewhere midway under the car, which was no big deal. The biggest problem was the rear suspension transverse spring which was flattening out causing the rear wheels to sit in unusual positions. The problem was not caused by other suspension parts, as they had been changed. So, considering the asking price, I deemed the car a worth while buy. Especially, if I could talk my friend into joining our club and he was willing to under take the necessary repair work with some assistance from me.

I kind of liked the car myself and told him that if he did not buy the car in a few weeks that I just might. After a month, he had still not purchased the car. A six weeks passed and did not know if he had done so or not. I had a dental appointment in Metairie and just could not resist going to see if the car was still available. Over the past weeks, I had made all the arguments with myself , pro and con, and my desire to have the car had won out! The car was still available and I could not help but make an as is offer for the car. My offer was accepted. There was only one hitch. The owner had missed placed the California state title and would have to obtain a duplicate. We agreed that the deal was done, but that I would not supply any cash until the duplicate title was in hand. A delay of about a week would be necessary before I would have the car in my possession.

Well, the deal fell through. The owner made excuses, too much trouble to get another title, wife wants to keep the car, being transferred, etc. I was all ready to receive the car. Ordered catalogs, made plans, etc. I guess that I just was not meant to have that car. I really want a Triumph 250 anyway, I think!

## ANTI-FREEZE HASSLE

Tired of reading charts on Anti-freeze containers in order to determine how much to pour into your radiator? Here is an easy way to do it.

From a gallon of Anti-freeze pour half of it into another container. A clean plastic milk container will do. Then fill both containers with plain water. Label all containers as to their contents for safety reasons. Now you have two 1 gallon containers of 50% Anti-freeze. A 50% mixture is a good blend for all the hot or cold temperatures you will encounter in the south. A 70% blend is the maximum mixture recommended by the manufacture and any greater mixture will not work better but, in fact, will reduce the desired effects. In this case, more is not better. With premixed Anti-freeze, you can be sure that you have the proper blend of Anti-freeze and water in your cooling system. Make sure that you drain the block and not just the radiator to ensure complete drainage of the old fluid.

To be certain that no air is trapped in the cooling system, run the engine until the thermostat opens. Or take a short run with a container of mixed Anti-freeze just in case the engine temperature goes too high. This is the only way to free trapped air from some cooling systems. If adding fluid is necessary, release the radiator cap very slowly. Steam can burn your hand! Get a cap with a release lever and this will be no longer a concern for you.

Use Ant-freeze and change it at least every two years in your older British car. If you do not, you are destroying your engine from the inside out. You are putting at risk head gaskets, water pumps, etc. and clogging the cooling system's passages.

No more charts, no more guessing! Simple and easy!

## NOTE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It's a new year and we look forward to a great one. Our car show committee has started work on the 4th Annual All British Car Day to be held at Lafreniere Park in Metairie, Louisiana. The show is scheduled for April the 8th and 9th, mark your calendar. You should see our show advertised under the calendar of events in your favorite British automobile publications. Hopefully, by advertising in national magazines we will attract more people from distance locations.

We are planning a few new activities this year. I think that these events will be welcomed and enjoyed by all who attend. The details are being worked out for these events and are tentatively on the Car Day agenda.

## EVENT DETAILS

- January 25th**  
✓ **General Membership Meeting** - held at Russell's Short Stop #1, 119 Transcontinental, Metairie, 7:00pm.  
All general membership meetings are held on the last Tuesday of the month.
- January 30th**  
✓ **Cafe Du Monde cruise** will leave from the rear of Lakeside Shopping Center, Causeway & 18th Street in Metairie, at 11:00am Sunday. We will utilize public parking and protect our cars by grouping together.
- February 8th**  
✓ **Officer's Meeting** - Will be held at Keith Vezina's house at 7:00pm.
- February 22**  
✓ **General Membership Meeting** - held at Russell's Short Stop #1, 119 Transcontinental, Metairie, 7:00pm.
- February 27th**  
✓ **Middendorf's Cruise & Lunch** - Two groups will convoy, one from Pickadilly Cafeteria on Veterans Blvd in Metairie and another from the Piggly Wiggly on Highway 22, across from Beau Chene in Mandeville, La. departing both at locations at 10:30am.
- March 15th**  
✓ **Officer's Meeting** - Will be held at the Times-Picayune office building in Metairie at 7:00pm.
- March 27th**  
✓ **Fountain Bleu State Park Picnic** - A group will convoy from the rear of Lakeside Shopping Center in Metairie, La. at 10:00am. The Park levies a charge of \$2.00 a car up to 4 persons in each car. Bring your own food. The club will supply the cold drinks. More details later.
- April 8th & 9th**  
✓✓ **4th Annual British Car Day!** Friday pre-registration at the Holiday Inn. Later that evening, the reception next door with great food locally prepared by some of the best cooks in the south! ( Club members, Wives, Mommas, Etc. ) Saturday will be the Car Day itself at beautiful Lafreniere Park just a few blocks from the host hotel! After 3 years of the same food, the banquet will feature something different! The awards plaques will be changed to a more modern design also! A larger number of cars is anticipated at this Car Day. The club's event has been listed with several national publications this year.
- April 16th**  
✓ **Pensacola Beach Car Day** - A well organized show with a lot of friendly people! Located just off the beach.
- April 23rd ( Will be rescheduled due to next event )**  
✓ **Gulf Coast Cruise & Picnic** - Held on the grounds of a private home in Mississippi overlooking the beaches of the Gulf of Mexico. No interstate run this, cruise old highway 90 past fishing camps in Louisiana and the beautiful beaches of the Gulf Coast of Mississippi!
- April 24th**  
✓ **Annual Crayfish Boil** - AAAEEEE! Lets go suck some heads and eat some tails! Location of the event is at one of the shelters on Lakeshore Drive ( to be named at a later date ) overlooking beautiful Lake Pontchartrain in New Orleans. It's plenty cheap, too ( cost to be announced later )! The club will provide all the mudbugs you can eat and Barqs Root Beer you can drink! It's a full day of family fun, don't ya just know it. Bring ya mama and dem to pass a good time!
- May 14th**  
✓ **Abita Springs Cruise and Tour** - A cruise to Abita Springs for a picnic and a tour of the local brewery located there! And a visit to the possible site of a future Car Day! Details later.

## NEW HEALEY?

Not quite! But a reproduction car is being produced by the Haldane Motor Company, England for 19,000 Pounds. It uses a 2 Liter, 125 BHP Ford engine and sports a chrome roll bar and a double row of louvers on the bonnet. It looks just like an original from the exterior view.

Mr. Goodspanner



## BMCNO CAR DAY UPDATE



Car Day brochures have been sent out to the attendees of all our previous shows and to the clubs with which we exchange newsletters. Preparation for the Car Day has been progressing as planned.

## TECH SESSION REPORT

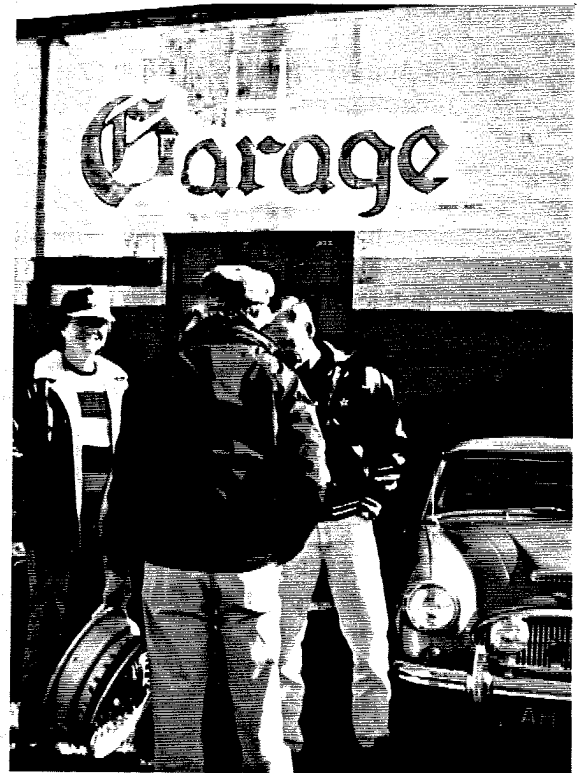
The weather was on the cool side Saturday but it was sunny. The trip to Baton Rouge from Mandeville was made in the fast lane. We arrived at Frank's Restaurant just before the club convoy from Metairie. We spent at least an hour enjoying breakfast and talking about our British cars. Quite a few new faces and British cars new to us were on hand. We took the short drive to Fred Fabre's impressive Carriage House Garage. There were thirteen British cars of various marques and models parked all in a row along side the building. Fred began the tech. session with a routine covering ignition distributors and spark coils commonly used on British cars. A lot of good information was made available to us and many questions were answered. A session covering carburetors was next. Fred had a number of disassembled units on display which made handed around to club members. This technic made following Fred's detailed lecture easy! We took a break for lunch. Fred graciously provide the group with a lunch of chicken jambalia and potato salad. The tech. session continued afterwards. Before the session was completed, a group of us had to leave in order to stuff envelopes for our upcoming Car Day brochures. We picked up one new club member and possibly a second as well.



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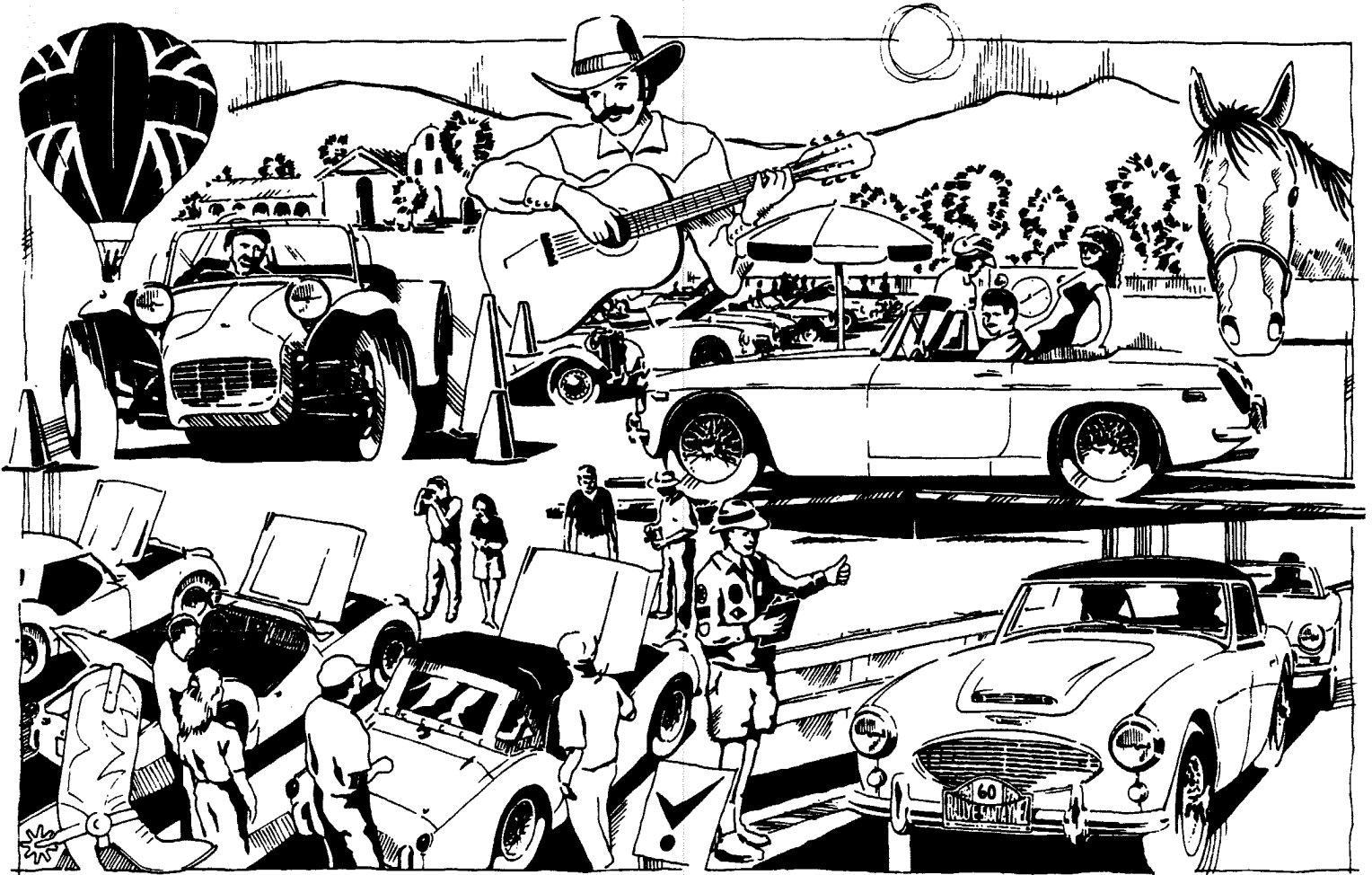
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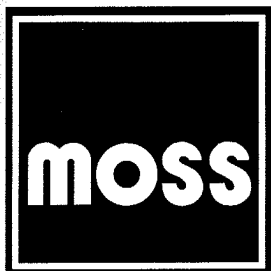


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