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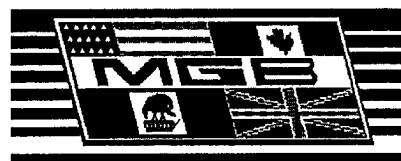


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MARCH 23rd, 1996
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March 1996

BMCNO EVENTS CALENDAR

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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3 MIDDENDORF RUN RESCHEDULE	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 CAR DAY and OFFICER'S MEETINGS	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 GENERAL MEETING	20	21	22	23 1996 CAR DAY
24 STREETCAR RIDE	25	26	27	28	29	30
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CLUB EVENTS - CHANGES IN BOLD TYPE

FEBRUARY 27 – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Restaurant located at 817 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie, La. at 7:00 PM.

MARCH 12 – OFFICER'S & CAR DAY MEETINGS – Keith Vezina's Place at 3221 Maine Avenue, Kenner, La. at 7:00 PM.

MARCH 3 – PLANTATION RUN – CANCELED!

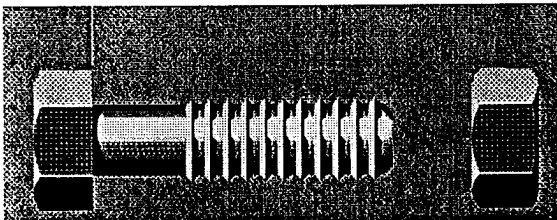
MARCH 3 – MIDDENDORF RUN – RESCHEDULED! A cruise to Middendorf's Restaurant off I-55 at Lake Maurepas. South shore convoy leaving the Piccadilly Restaurant / Campo parking lot, 8900 block of Veterans Blvd., Metairie, La., at **11:00 am** and North shore convoy leaving the Piggly Wiggly Super Store Market across from Beau Chene on Hwy 22, Mandeville, La. at **11:00 am**.

MARCH 19 – GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING – New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Restaurant, 817 Veterans Memorial Blvd., Metairie, La. **Date changed because of our British Car Day!**

MARCH 23 – CAR DAY – NEW ORLEANS 6th ANNUAL BRITISH CAR DAY in Lafreniere Park .
Fill out and sent in your registration form today! This is your Car Day. Enter your British car!

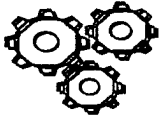
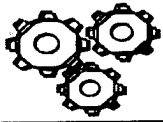
MARCH 16 – GOODIE BAGS – Members are invited to help put together the goodie bags for the Car Day. Call a club officer for information.

MAY 5 – ANNUAL CRAYFISH BOIL – **Location Changed** from the New Orleans Lakefront to the **Bogue Falaya Municipal Park in Covington, La.** Fee: adults \$5, Under 12 years \$3. Convoy leaving rear of Lakeside Shopping Center in Metairie, La. (N. Causeway Blvd. & Veterans blvd.) a 10:15 am. **Remember, this change of location was necessitated by the New Orleans Level Board not by your club officer's whims.** A map will be included in the April club newsletter.



BRITISH CARS & SPARES

Ads will be run only once, unless a request is received each month.



CARS FOR SALE

- '73 MG Midget – Parts car, No engine, No glass. Call Mike at 504-738-5659. (Harahan, La.)
- '74 MG Midget – Roll bar, Running, needs work. \$300.
Call Grant Wolf at 205-988-8003 Home or 1-800-633-4596 Work. (Alabama)
- '68 Spitfire – Not running, 3 years under cover in yard, seats redone, spares, wire wheels. Make offer.
Call Ray 455-1019. (No area code. Assume 504)
- '76 Jaguar XJ-6C – Coupe, Red, Not wrecked, but in need of restoration. Reasonable offer accepted.
Call Bill at 504-277-8356 or 504-277-6390. (New Orleans / Metairie, La.)
- '80 Triumph TR8 – Complete for restoration, Panasport (Minilite type) wheels, Koni shocks, Rebuilt transmission, Convertible, Gold. Call Karl Keiger at 504-737-2086. (River Ridge, La.)
- '78 Jaguar XJS – Chevy engine conversion, Fully restored, Red. \$9,500 obo.
Call Don Hingle at 469-8460(H). (Kenner, La.)

SPARES FOR SALE

- BONNET – Bugeye, Steel, Fair condition. \$250 obo. Call Karl Keiger at 504-737-2086. (River Ridge, La.)
- MGTD PARTS – All except engine, transmission, & suspension. All body panels and frame, etc. in good shape. Call Cliff Hughes at 504-845-8709 (Mandeville, La.).

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CAR CLUB DUES

If your dues are due, send them in now before you miss out on your next MORRIS GAZETTE!

Car club dues are \$30.00 for the first year of membership and \$25.00 a year thereafter. Correspondence membership is available for those members who live out of town and is \$15.00 a year. If you are unsure if you owe dues or not, check the mailing label on your current Morris Gazette. It has the date that your membership dues will expire and that date will be highlighted in yellow the month before and the month that your dues are due.

AN INVITE TO SOUTHERN AREA BRITISH CAR CLUBS

Our club's Annual Gulf Coast Mansion Picnic has been scheduled for May 18th, 1996 and we wish to invite all members of southern British car clubs to attend. The spacious grounds are beautifully populated with large oaks and the grass is green. The sandy beach is just across the road. The event is located at Courney Avenue and U. S. Highway 90 (Gulf Coast Drive) in Pass Christian, Mississippi which is east of Bay St. Louis and west of Gulfport. Bring you own picnic lunch and blanket. Our club will provide the soft drinks and the ants. Drive your British if you can.

SPARES NEEDED FOR "WHAT'S IT BOARD" by Karl Keiger

This year at the Car Day, we will be reviving the traditional "What's it Board" well known to older club members. For newer club members, the "What's it Board" is a selection of British Car parts displayed on a board. The object is to guess what kind of parts they are and what make and model car they came on.

We are looking for a variety of small parts and the more obscure the better ('58 Humber Super Snipe or '51 Nash-Healey parts accepted). If you have some small parts like these and you are willing to lend to me for the Car Day, please bring them to the February general meeting or call me at 504-737-2086.

JUST DOING HIS JOB by Jim Jones

Our new club Vice President, **Mike Anderson**, believes in doing his job properly. As Vice President, Mike has the job of club activities chairman. In pursuit of that job, he set up the Annual Middendorf Run for Sunday, February 4th. Always wanting to ensure that things go well, he called Middendorf's on Saturday the 3rd to check on things. Their answering machine had a message which said that the restaurant was closed for the weekend due to the freezing temperatures.

Mike then called all the Members at Large and me so that we could contact club members about the cancellation of the event. We tried to notify everyone, but that was not possible. Some members have moved and I am usually notified of their new addresses but I do not always receive their new telephone numbers. If you live on the Northshore or in the Greater New Orleans area, you should have received a call. Of course, some club members were not home when called and do not have answering machines or did not have them turned on.

A big thanks to Mike for "just doing his job" as club activities chairman.

A NAMGBR NOTE from Richard Liddick, Publicity Coordinator

The North American MGB Register requests that you direct all technical questions to one of their Technical Coordinators and not to the Register's 800 number. Contact through the 800 number just delays things and over loads the Secretary.

You can call the following Technical Coordinators:

Bob Mason 5 Leslie Court Fairhope, AL 36532 334-928-5366

Bob Daniels (Engines, etc.) 518-372-4566

Glen Towery (V-8's, etc.) 302-734-1243

Norman Nock 209-948-1030

When Writing, be sure to include a stamped, self addressed envelope.

IN MY TRAVELS by Jim Jones

I took a little trip to Pensacola to help **Keith Sanders of the Panhandle British Car Association** do some work on a Triumph GT6 Plus. I have never had the opportunity to do work on any Spitfires much less a GT6, so I welcomed the chance to do so. Keith intends to race the car and as such mechanical things and safety are high on the list.

We removed the front cap from the car, what an advantage that is, and pulled the previously rebuilt engine with transmission, and overdrive unit from the car. I replaced all the rubber "O" rings in the overdrive and matted it up to a rebuilt transmission. The water pump was leaking, so it was replaced (found locally) with a new one. One of the core plugs (freeze plugs) was missing. its location was below the manifolds, so it was necessary to remove the two exhaust manifolds in order to gain access. The core plugs were replaced at the time of the rebuild, but they were replaced with American made plugs of 1-1/2" diameter and the specs. on the car call for something like 1.543". Maybe, this is why it blew out of the block. For this reason, it was replaced with a 1-1/2" expandable cooper plug. I may talk Keith into replacing all the plugs on the side of the block with copper expandable plugs. They are more expensive, but they will not come out of the block.

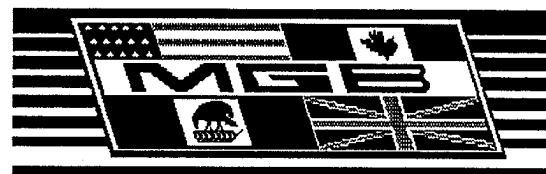
The engine is equipped with three dual side draft carburetors of Italian manufacture. That is the equivalent of one carburetor for each cylinder. More carburation than the small six cylinder engine can use, I think. SCCA regulations may not allow the use of the setup. Two Austin Healey S.U. carburetors should do fine.

One of the Roto-Flex couplings (Rubber Donuts) which act as a universal joint was broken. I disassembled the rear suspension on that side and removed the coupling. Lack of parts did not allow me to finish the job.

I removed both of the shock and spring assemblies while replacing the front suspension's rubber bushes with the harder plastic type. I disassembled the assemblies with a borrowed spring compressor and found one shock was bad. The shock was replaced with one from a spare assembly. After compressing and decompressing three assemblies, my hands sure were sore!

I will be going back to Pensacola the third week of this month to help Keith with the brakes and finish up the other things which we could not complete because of lack of parts. Keith hopes to be racing the GT6 on the 25th of February.

The new headliner has been installed in **Mike & Mary D Schrantz's '64 Jaguar Mark II**. Peter Brauen and I reinstalled the windscreen, rear glass and both rear door glasses and chrome frame assemblies. Most of the exterior chrome peices have been installed. The wooden dash components and wooden interior trim pieces are in hands of the woodworker's shop in Covington, Louisiana for re-veneering. The front bumper and the grill are at the chrome shop. The NDV (non-draught vent) gaskets have been installed. Subfreezing weather prevented any work on the Jaguar for a while. It is going to be a push to get the Jaguar ready in time for the club's Car Day in March.



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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

New members are entitled to a BMCNO T-Shirt and a Name Badge with Holder. The T-Shirt & Badge Holder will be shipped to new members free of charge by the club treasurer.

The Name Tag will be included with their first copy of the Morris Gazette.

Dan & Barbara Fucci
3503 Hastings Lane
Ocean Springs, Miss. 39564
601-872-7082
'62 MGA, '68 MGB-GT, '54 MGTF.

Henry Boureois
25510 Highway 435
Abita Springs. LA 70420
504-893-7610
'77 MGB, White.

NOTE: Supplies of larger sizes of club T-shirts are very low. New T-shirts are being ordered. There may be a delay before you receive yours.

A REQUEST by your club officers

Try and remember to top up your fuel tank before attending a club road event. It can sure throw off the timing of the event for the planner when several stops are necessitated by the need for fuel. We can all understand a break down causing a delay (it can happen to anyone of us), but not having sufficient fuel for the run is just poor planning.

As an after thought, keeping your car's fuel tank as full as possible during periods of idleness will reduce the amount of water vapor (equaling rust) in the tank.

WHERE WE'RE AT! by Jim Jones

I was thinking about where our club members live. Here is the scoop according to postal zip code.

Louisiana:

Metairie	20	River Ridge	3	Ama	1	Gretna	1	Plaquemine	1
New Orleans ..	17	Arabi	2	Alexandria	1	Hammond	1	Ponchatoula	1
Mandeville	11	Destrehan	2	Amite	1	Harahan	1	Raceland	1
Baton Rouge ...	8	Lulling	2	Bossier City	1	Jefferson	1	Reserve	1
Kenner	6	Slidell	2	Cut Off	1	Madisonville ...	1	Sorrento	1
Covington	4	Abita Springs ..	1	Denham Springs	1	Meraux	1	Tickfaw	1
Belle Chase	3	Abbeville	1	Geismar	1			Zachary	1

Mississippi:

Bay St. Louis ..	1	Long Beach	1	Sauier	1
Hattiesburg	1	Ocean Springs ..	1		

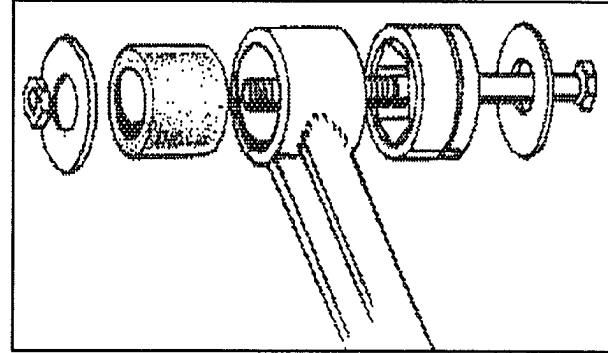
Texas:

Houston	1.
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We're from everywhere! How about that!

TECH TIP by Mr. Goodspanner

Last month I said that I would tell you how to get rubber bushings with steel sleeves into their respective mounting holes. Well, here is the trick, visual aid and all. The bushings are always a little larger in diameter than the mounting holes they fit into (called a pressed fit) and that is actually what you are going to do, press them into place; and without a special tool designed for that purpose. Use a socket just large enough for the bushing to fit into, a long enough bolt to span the distance, a nut for that bolt, and two washers (hardened steel if available), and you are in business. Spray the outer diameter of the bushing with silicone (oil based lubricate weakens rubber) to ease the job, properly position the socket and bushing, and begin tightening the nut. If the bushing must be centered within its mounting, stop before the bushing is completely pressed in its mounting, disassemble the rig, and check for its proper position within the mounting hole. You will be surprised at just how easy the bushing will press in place. Of course, if the part with the mounting hole has been removed from the car, I prefer to use a socket and my bench vise.



BRITISH MARQUE CLUB NEWS

If you would like to be "in the know" about many other British car clubs in Canada and the United States, the British Marque Club News is for you. It is a newspaper type publication which prints many individual British car club newsletters from around North America and Canada. It is issued 11 months each year (January excepted) and a subscription cost just \$14.00 a year.

Their mailing address is: Hull Associates, Inc. 264 Bedford Street Lakeville, MA 02347.

Phone #'s are: Voice 508-923-0020 & FAX 508-923-0030.

THANKS TO ALL! by Floyd Friloux

With great appreciation to all for your efforts, I am happy to report that the auto lift works great. After the January 13 tech session, held in our warehouse, a loyal crew of mechanically gifted members returned from lunch and proceeded to install the large, very heavy, four post lift. They generously spent their Saturday afternoon working together at this project.

Even though none had ever witnessed such an assembly, this group of engineers and otherwise talented individuals was successful in deciphering the less than accurate instructions, and in a few hours had completed all but the last finishing touches.

A couple of hours Monday night had the lift working for demonstration at the officer's meeting. Thanks go out to all who assisted in the project, to **Anne** (Floyd's wife) for preparing the coffee and snacks, and to **Joe Rogers** for the delicious King Cake.

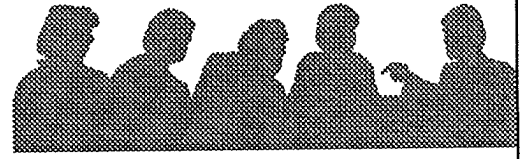
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GET THESE ITEMS WHILE THEY LAST! ORDER FROM CLUB TREASURER ANNE FRILOUX AT GENERAL MEETING.

MINUTES of the GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING by Jim Jones.

The meeting was opened by **Keith Vezina** at 7:30 pm. Keith reminded members to wear their name tags and thanked **Cliff Hughes** and **Fred Mayer** for their services. **Bill Breithoff** reported on the Christmas Party. **Mike Anderson** reported on the tech session and lift assembly held at **Anne & Floyd Friloux's** place. Floyd said that the lift is available to club members and that he can dispose of the used oil. Keith spoke on matters pertaining to the Car Day.



Jim Forsyth spoke on the feelings of The Mardi Gras T's members concerning the naming of the newly formed British car club in Alabama, "The Mardi Gras MG's".

Cort Musgrave related the story of his Rover continuing to indicate overheating even after replacing the thermostat and having radiator work done. The Rover Hotline suggested replacing the temperature sensor. It worked. **Fred Mayer** said that he had the same problem with the same fix.

The 50/50 was won by **Scott Altonlow** at \$25.50 and following won "Goodie Bags": **Mike Anderson, Janet Daniels, and Roger Gibson**. Thanks to Mike for recording the minutes in my absence.

YOUR CLUB NEEDS YOU TO ENTER YOUR BRITISH CAR IN THE CAR DAY!
 MORE CARS AND THEIR PEOPLE MEANS MORE FUN.
 WE HAVE A SECTION FOR THOSE "SHOW CARS" AND WE ALSO HAVE A SECTION
 FOR THOSE "GREAT TO NOT SO GREAT CARS".
 IF YOUR CAR IS IN THE "NOT SO GREAT" CATEGORY, SO WHAT, IT MAY BE
 UNIQUE, ORIGINAL, MODIFIED, OR JUST PLAIN LOVABLE.
 IF YOURS IS "GREAT TO GOOD", WHAT'S YOUR EXCUSE?

BRITISH CAR CLUB-NEW ORLEANS' CAR DAY MARCH 23RD, 1996 REGISTER NOW!

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NAME: _____ ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: () _____ CLUB AFFILIATION: _____

FIRST CAR \$20 - AFTER MARCH 10th \$25 - ADDITIONAL CARS \$10 EACH ANYTIME.

(EXAMPLE:	MG	B	GT)	<u>JUDGING CIRCLE ONE</u>
YEAR: _____	MAKE: _____	MODEL: _____	BODY STYLE: _____	POPULAR OR POINTS
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