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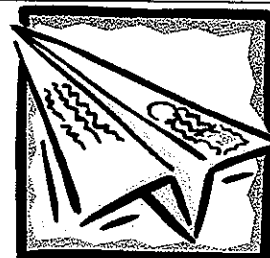
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## **President's Message**

It is my sincerest hope for ALL of our car club members to come to our 11Th. Annual Car Day and participate in it this year. The date, time and place for the car show has been in the news letter several times and anyone who has been with us for more than a week knows about it, consequently there should be no excuses to keep you away from it this year. So what if your car is not a top points getter, no one will mind the primer paint or the broken tail light, even that big dent won't matter. My car is not a contender for any awards (unless only three rubber bumper Bs show up! Fat chance! ) but it will be there. What will matter is if your car is not there.



Last year we only had about thirty club members bring cars to the show. That's thirty out of about one hundred and forty members, a very sorry showing for our -YOUR club. There were people that drove from as far as the Florida panhandle, Arkansas and Texas to be here and our own members could not drive thirty miles to attend.

Do I need to say more to get you motivated to attend the car show? Should you be one of the members who does not have a British car, you can still come see all the others and maybe participate a little. If you have a running British car we would LOVE TO SEE IT AND YOU there on the field, not hidden in the parking lot.

**SEE YOU AT THE SHOW!**

# April 2001

Sun      Mon      Tue      Wed      Thu      Fri      Sat

1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8 Taste of Bavaria	9	10 Board Meeting	11	12	13	14 45.00 NT KY
15 KY	16 KY	17 <del>    </del>	18	19	20	21 Pensacola Car Show
22	23	24 General Meeting	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**Tue March 20—General Meeting—7:30**, New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Restaurant on Vets.  
NOTE DATE! Moved up for show.

**Fri March 23—Red Beans & Rice Reception. 5-8 p.m.** Join us at the Lafreniere Park Pavilion with our out-of-town guests. The club is providing red beans—bring a dish to share with our guests.

**Sat March 24—11th Annual New Orleans British Car Day**, Lafreniere Park  
Registration 8-noon; Judging 12:30—2:30; Awards Banquet 6:00 pm.

**Sun Apr 8—Taste of Bavaria**, Breakfast at 10:00am at the restaurant.  
Southshore convoy leaves 9:00 am from Kenner Welcome Center I10&Loyola  
Northshore convoy leaves 9:00 am from Meme's across from Beau Chene.

**Tue Apr 10—Board Meeting**, 7:00 pm. Allen Bradley 4412 Sedan Street, Metairie. 888-6887

**Sat April 21—9th Annual Pensacola Beach Bash** and All British Car Show, Pensacola FL

**Tue Apr 24—General Meeting—7:30 pm.** New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Restaurant.

Future Stuff:

May 4-6—VTR Regional, College Station, Tx. Call Harold O'Reilly 504-486-5837 about convoy info.

Sun May 20—Crawfish Boil, Bogue Falaya Park, Covington

## February 20 Minutes

The meeting was called to order by club president Charlie Ake at 7:40 p.m. New member Tilden Holiday was present.



The cruise to Middendorf's was discussed. Roger Gibson announced that in response to Fred Mayer's accident on the way to the restaurant, Roger had replaced all 4 tires on his MGB. Roger examined the old tires after they were removed and was appalled to find that while they had plenty of tread, the sidewalls split when flexed. Charlie had done some research and found that the national tire industry standard for life expectancy of a tire is *six years*.

Charlie took a quick poll of members present and found the following:

Tire Age (years)	Number of Members
5 or less	11
6-10	no response
11 or more	4
Didn't say or didn't know	Too Many!

Fred Mayer gave a post mortem of his accident. He doesn't think the TR6's frame is bent. Both fenders & bumpers are badly damaged, but the door and window are fine and neither he nor Mavis were injured.

Car Show business:  
The Goody bag party will be at Lubriport Labs on the March 17th. We have key chains and pens, but that's it. If you or your employer have any-

thing to contribute (trinkets or samples in quantities of roughly 120), bring it with you. The club is buying Dab-A-Doo hand cleaner to contribute. Samples of two different types of Dab-A-Doo were passed around for a "smell test". We decide to get half cherry scented and half spearmint scented.

The Jaguar Club will not be conducting a "show within a show" at our Car Day this year due to scheduling difficulties. (The Rolls Royce club has done this before.)

There was a question on classes and how many cars are necessary to make a class. The bare minimum is 3 cars to move to the new class and 3 cars to stay in the old class but that is *not* a guarantee that a separate class will be split out. Peter Braun is chairing the Judging Committee and will be making technical decisions regarding assigning cars to classes. Show Chairman Bill Breithoff and club President Charlie Ake will be handling any other questions or disputes regarding class assignments during the show.

As of the meeting, there were 20 cars and 2 motorcycles entered, from as far away as Austin Texas.

A signup sheet for the Friday March 23 Reception was circulated. Tippy Barback was unable to get the t-shirts to the meeting but sent a sample shirt. The shirts will be available at the next meeting. The T-shirt price goes up on show day, so get yours early. Orders will be taken for golf shirts too, with the price expected to be around \$20.

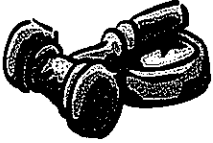
### Member Projects:

Fred Mayer's TR6 is going to the same mechanic who did Keith Vezina's car.  
Floyd Friloux is selling his Norton 950 Commando motorcycle.

Roy Richardson, former club treasurer, won \$19 in the 50/50. Sally Breithoff, Tildan Holiday and Anne Friloux all won T-shirts. §

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## Pensacola Car Show Hotel Alert by Tom Schmitz

Hi, I am sending this to British Car Club leaders and individuals who have been to past Pensacola Beach British Car Shows. WE MAY BE HAVING A MOTEL ROOM AVAILABILITY PROBLEM.

For several reasons listed below, there is a run this year on motel rooms on Santa Rosa Island, site of the Pensacola Beach Bash and British Car Show April 21, 2001.

I know several of you have already made your reservations but please pass the following on to your friends and members who are coming or even thinking of coming. I know in the past, it has been possible to pick up cancellations at the last minute, but this year, it appears that will be a very limited likelihood. Also this year, they are going to lift our block after March 23. REMEMBER YOU CAN ALWAYS CANCEL 48 HOURS IN ADVANCE.

"Call the Pensacola Beach Best Western at 1800 934-3301 ask for Marta, the Sales Manager, x604 or x410 NOW. There are rooms available but you need to do it right away as this is the end of Easter week, the Hot Rod show is that weekend also, our attendees are booking earlier than usual and other than the rooms we have blocked, there is going to be nothing on the Island. All the rest of the hotels are in the same situation. THE CUTOFF ON OUR BLOCKED ROOMS IS MARCH 23. You can cancel 48 hours in advance. SO BOOK THEM NOW if you have any idea that you are coming., otherwise it's a tent at Fort Pickens or someplace off the Island in Pensacola or Gulf Breeze."

Registration Form and other info on our website at [www.geocities.com/pbca1](http://www.geocities.com/pbca1)

Looking forward to seeing you, Tom Schmitz, Show Chairman Panhandle British Car Association §



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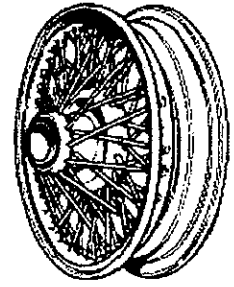
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## Wheel Bearing Play by Jim Jones

I have changed many a front wheel bearing set without any real problems. However, I did experience a problem recently. I had changed out the bearings in a MG Midget disk wheel front hub and noticed that the inner bearing went in place very easily. The bearing did not need to be pressed into position. I could simply seat the bearing using my fingers. I knew that this was not the norm, but I did not pay too much attention to it at the time.



I mounted the hub on the front spindle shaft only to find that the hub had way too much movement at the inner bearing. I removed the hub and checked the placement of the components only to find that everything was O.K. I selected another hub assembly into which the inner bearing had to be pressed into place. I mounted it and found no play at either the inner or outer bearings.

I inspected the faulty hub and could not find any cracks. The hub's inner bearing seat must have been stretched. The car from which I had obtained this hub had suffered a front tire blow out. The stresses placed on the hub during the blow out must have stretched the hub at the inner bearing seat.

If you have experienced a blow out or have hit a curb hard, check the play in the front or rear hubs. If excessive, the hub may be at fault and not the bearings. Although, I would replace the bearings anyway.

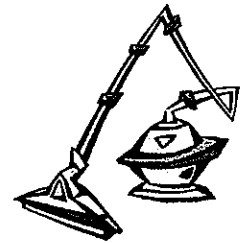
It looks like I will have to find another Midget disk wheel front hub. Anybody have one available?

Email: [bmcno@neosoft.com](mailto:bmcno@neosoft.com)

Web Site: [http://members.tripod.com/jim100\\_70433/C/\(shift sensitive\) §](http://members.tripod.com/jim100_70433/C/(shift%20sensitive)%20%26)

## A Trick of the Trade by Mr. Goodspanner

While listening to the Saturday "Car Talk" radio show on PBS "with Click and Clack the tappet brothers" I heard of a trick that was a new one to me. A 30 year plus heavy equipment mechanic related a technique that he has utilized.



Many times a part removal requires that the oil in an engine or the fluid in a hydraulic system be drained first. In order to not perform this task, he uses a shop vacuum. Using a number of home made adapters, he connects the vac to the system and it prevents the oil or fluid from leaking out while he removes the part. He adjusts the vacuum to prevent it from withdrawing fluid.

He claims that it works like a dream and has save him much time. He has only had a problem one time. While using this technique one day, he had just removed an oil drain plug from the oil pan of a large piece of equipment when a fellow employee turned off the vac to tell him that it was lunch time. Ten gallons of oil poured down on him!

I would like to hear from anyone who tries this trick. §

(The radio guys also noted that you could blow up the vacuum cleaner with the petrol fumes, or blow up your marriage after your spouse saw the results in the household Hoover! Editor.)

## And Now a Word (of Thanks) to Our Sponsors...

We would like to thank the following companies and individuals for their support of our annual car show. This is only a partial listing with others to come on board between now and the show.

By the way, the names on the list are in no specific order.

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## Addendum to Squealing Brakes by Mr. Goodspanner

It appears that the problem I have been having with the MG Midget disk brake conversion squealing on my Morris Minor has been solved. Bringing the hub-mounted rotors to the machine shop and having them trued did the trick!

I have driven my Traveler all over Covington and after many, many stops not one squeak much less any squealing. So, it appears that even brand new rotors must sometimes be trued before installing them on your car.

Napa in Covington did the job for just ten bucks a rotor. David, the machinist, sure knows his stuff! I am so glad to no longer have that embarrassing noise every time I come to a stop. §

You know you've owned a British car too long when

When you own a "Lucas Prince of Darkness" T-shirt.



# Past Event Pictures



The photos from the Poker Rallye in January and the Middendorf's Cruise in February weren't available in time for those newsletters, but we have them now.

Better late than never!

Poker Run: in front: Mike Brown's son. First row: Susan Denneau, Carol Gibson, Fran Talley, Sally Breithoff, Opie Lee Anderson, Sheila Simmons. Middle row: Ricard Denneau, Mike Brown, Bill Breithoff, Mike Anderson, Tippy Barback, Harold O'Reilly. Back row: Bob Barback, Rodger Talley

Middendorf's Cruise:



## For the Literary Mechanic by Keith Vezina

From *The Grapes Of Wrath* by John Steinbeck:

" Al, bent over the wheel, kept shifting eyes from the road to the instrument panel, watching the ammeter needle, which jerked suspiciously, watching the oil gauge and the heat indicator. And his mind was cataloguing weak points about the car. He listened to the whine, which might be the rear end, dry; and he listened to tappets lifting and falling. He kept his hand on the gear lever, feeling the turning gears through it.

Listen to the motor. Listen to the wheels. Listen with your ears and with your hands on the steering wheel; listen with the palm of your hand on the gearshift lever; listen with your feet on the floorboards. Listen to the pounding old jalopy with all your senses; for a change of tone, what a variation of rhythm might mean. That rattle - that's tappets. Don't hurt a bit. Tappets can rattle till Jesus comes again without no harm. But that thudding as the car moves along - can't hear that - just kind of feel it. Maybe oil isn't gettin' someplace. Maybe a bearing's startin' to go..."



Steinbeck must have owned a British car!!!!!! §

## 2001 VTR Regional Event by Cathy Greensfelder

The 2001 VTR South Central Region Convention is being held in College Station, Texas (home to Texas A&M University & the George Bush, Sr. Presidential Library) on Friday May 4 through Sunday May 6. Registration is \$40 until April 2, 2001, \$50 after April 2.

The Friday schedule includes a Texas History Rallye at 2 pm and a poolside party & car wash at 6 pm. On Saturday May 5, registration is from 7-9 am with Concours at 8. There are several activities scheduled for the afternoon including a Funkhana, Solo II Autocross and Messina Hof Winery driving tour.

For more information, call 713-499-2900 or visit the web site: [www.kingswayrc.com/txttr](http://www.kingswayrc.com/txttr)

Contact Harold O'Reilly in New Orleans at 504-486-5837 for information about convoying to Texas. §





# For Sale

**Jaguar KJ6 '84** —runs, needs work, no rear window. Make offer. Dr. Bryan Pedeaux after 5pm (504) 488-0272 (3/01)

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 Email to [cgreensf@bellsouth.net](mailto:cgreensf@bellsouth.net)  
 or bring a diskette to the meeting.  
 (MS Word or plain text preferred.)

Bring written articles to the meetings, or mail to  
 P.O. Box 73213 Metairie LA 70033

## Membership Info

Club membership is open to anyone who owns or has owned, drives or is interested in British motor vehicles.

Annual Dues: \$30 first year / \$25 subsequent years.

\$15 corresponding membership (newsletter only) is available to persons living outside the Greater New Orleans area.

New members receive a club T-shirt, window decal and name tag. All members receive the monthly club newsletter. Your membership expiration date is printed on your newsletter mailing label.

Please pay your dues promptly to avoid missing any issues of the *Morris Gazette*.

Mail renewal checks to Treasurer, PO Box 73213, Metairie LA 70033 (payable to BMC-NO)



**Club Regalia** — Contact Harold O'Reilly (504-486-5837 or [haroldor@bellsouth.net](mailto:haroldor@bellsouth.net)) for information.

T-shirt \$ 10.00

Golf Shirt \$ 15.00

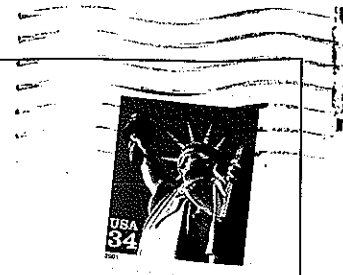
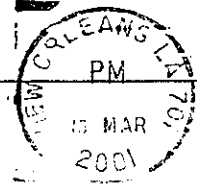
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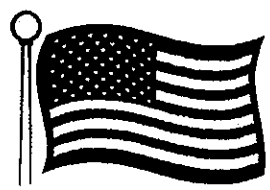
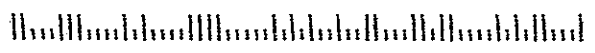
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**March 24th, Lafreniere Park  
2001 British Car Day!**