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President's Message

The Eleventh Annual British Car Day is now history. We had very good participation by many, both at the Friday night reception, and at the show on Saturday. The weather was exceptional. We had good food and good friends in attendance. All in all, an excellent show. One hundred twenty three cars and motorcycles were dis-



played on the field of honor. Fifty-nine of these were vehicles belonging to our club members. Several people from out of town (and some local) took advantage of the fine hotel rates and spent a little more time in the area. Almost one hundred people were there for the awards dinner that evening (I prefer not to call this a banquet. To me, that conjures up an image of a formal dinner with a head table, and guest speakers). I want to thank all who attended, helped, donated, and gave to the show. If you missed it, you missed a good one.

We go through a great deal of gnashing of teeth and hair pulling to get the trophies completed in time for presentation at the dinner. Why do we try so hard to accomplish this goal? No other club in the region has consistently delivered the trophies so promptly, as many recipients have delightfully pointed out. Many people stayed, had a good New Orleans style meal with us, received their trophy in person, slept in a nice hotel then made a leisurely day trip back home (with their trophy in hand!)!

Soon it will be time for the club officers to analyze the show. Ideas will be floated, questions will be asked, "nation will march against nation", all in an effort to try to bring about any improvement, colossal or minute, to next year's 12th Annual British Car Day. Some trial balloons have already been launched. These thoughts generally deal with the trophy preparation and ideas to get even more participation, especially at the awards dinner. These are just a couple of the many items we will be discussing and sorting out between now and the next show. No mater what we say or do, our car show is the best you will find. The only item we can not improve upon is, the weather. I wonder if having some local Druids sacrifice a virgin might help? (Just kidding!)

Charles Ake§

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Wed Thu Mon Fri Sun Tue Sat 1 2 3 5 VTR VTR Regional Regional 6 8 11 7 9 10 12 VTR Regional 16 18 13 14 15 17 19 Board Meeting 20 26 21 22 23 24 25 Crawfish Boil 28 27 29 31 30 General Meeting

Tue Apr 24—General Meeting—7:30 pm. New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Restaurant, Metairie, Veterans between Bonnebel & West End Blvd

Sun Apr 29—Car Day Appreciation Party 3:00 pm. Everyone who worked the show is invited to Cici's Pizza, 3501 Chateau Boulevard, Kenner for a little appreciation!

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

May 5-6—Kansas City MG Car Club "Spring Lark in May" from Kansas City MO to Hannibal MO for overnight stay. Call (816) 224-9056 or email MGPrez@hotmail.com for more information.

Tue May 15—Board Meeting 7:00 pm. Allen Bradley 4412 Sedan Street, Metairie. 888-6887

Sun May 20—Crawfish Boil, noon. Bogue Falaya Park, Covington. Southshore convoy leave the south toll plaza parking lot at 11:30 am. Serving begins at 12:20 pm.

Advanced reservations and payment required! The members at large will call for a head count. Payment of \$10 per 5 pounds must be received by the treasurer by the board meeting on May 15. Bring payment to April meeting, mail to P.O. box or hand to one of the officers.

Tue May 29—General Meeting—7:30 pm. New Orleans Hamburger & Seafood Restaurant.

Sat Jun 2—American MGB Association's 24th Annual Meet, Houston TX. For more information contact AMGBA, P.O. Box 11401 Chicago IL 60611, 1-800-723-MGMG, or www.mgclub.org

March Minutes

The meeting was called to order by club president Charlie Ake. Guests and new members present included Nancy Mammelli, owner of a `54 Austin Sommerset which is currently in the shop with carburetor problems after a bad tank of gas, and new member from Slidell, Joe Campbell, owner of a `76 TR6.



Charlie announced that there was some concern by the Pensacola club over availability of hotel rooms for their show since there are several events that same weekend. They suggested that people make reservations soon if they plan on staying overnight in Pensacola Beach. Charlie asked who was planning to go to that show and six to ten members replied yes.

Charlie then turned the meeting over to show chairman Bill Breithoff. Quite some time was spent going over the manpower chart for the show, getting volunteers for the different jobs that were not yet filled.

Charlie Ake modeled the show T-Shirt. They were unfortunately not ready to distribute. A sign up sheet was passed around for golf shirts. (If you want one, call Bill Breithoff at 488-8560 or email Cathy Greensfelder at cgreensf@bellsouth.net)

Past Events:

Floyd Friloux reported on the Goody Bag party held the previous Saturday. The goody bags and registration packets were successfully assembled and stored in the Friloux's trailer for transportation to the park for the show. The club bought fried chicken for everyone for dinner after the work was done. Floyd said he and Anne had just finished up the leftover chicken for lunch the day of the meeting.

Future Events:

The schedule for the run to the Taste of Bavaria restaurant was discussed.

Harold O'Reilly said that he is planning to go to the VTR Regional. Any other Triumph owners interested in convoying over to College Station Texas should contact him.



Member Projects:

Dan Melesurgo is looking for a car again.

Bob Barback won \$23 in the 50/50 drawing. Tshirts were won by Richard Denneau, Sally Breithoff, and Sheila Simmons. (Sheila is giving Beverly Rice some stiff competition for luckiest person in the club!!) §

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

You wax your car roughly every third time you drive it, you take the wheels off to wash & wax behind them and you put "Armor-All" on the tread!

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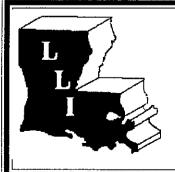
Clinton Car Show and Town Sale by Charlie Ake

Each first Saturday in Clinton Louisiana, they have "market day", where many people and stores place sale tables on the sidewalks. All anyone has to do is just put up your table and you're in business! In conjunction with this they also have a small car show open to all types of cars. I went there this month (Saturday, April 7) to join in.

The town is about 4 blocks long and sale items were everywhere — not a big as Ponchatoula, but still worth a drive. I got there about 10:00 a.m., signed in, and received a Hemming's Motor News and a Cajun Injector Kit, which were worth the \$5 entry fee. There were only twelve cars there this month though I am told this is unusual as there are normally twenty to thirty cars there. Parking is around the old courthouse (one of the oldest still in use in the state) with plenty of shade to sit in, and food and drink offered by some vendors.

Registration begins at 8:30 a.m. Awards - "Best Ten" - are presented at noon.

Getting there is easy: Clinton is about a thirty minute drive west of Interstate 55 on state highway 10. Get out your map, follow I-55 north to Fluker, then hang a left on 10. Found it? If you have any questions please call John Durham at 225-683-6784 or 225-756-0947 §



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Show Stopper (Best in Show): Corrado Giacona, 1958 Jaguar XK150-DHC				Tourist Trophy Garage (Most original pre-1970) Fred Fabre, 1939 Rolls Royce Wraith		
A	ustin Healey 100, 1	100-6, 3000	Tre	vimph Spitfire, GT6		
-	(Two Oaks Acou		1	Brad Wolf	1971 Triumph Spitfire	
1	Rudi Markl	1956 Austin Healey 100M	2	John Boudreaux	1969 Triumph GT6	
2	Lorraine McCaa	1961 Austin Healey 3000	3	Barbara Drewett	1968 Triumph Spitfire	
3	Robert Barback	1960 Austin Healey 3000		t	-1 1b-a\	
		•	_	otorcycle (Lubripo	1971 Norton Comando	
Al	H Sprite & MG Mid		1	Jeffrey Pitt		
1	Raymond Cooper	1958 Austin Healey Sprite	2	Jason Gray	1969 Triumph TR6 T120	
2	Rodger Talley	1959 Austin Healey Sprite	2	Charles Beck	1969 BSA Lightning	
3	Tony Wittkamp	1959 Austin Healey Sprite	(N	o, that's not a mistake	-the TR6 is also a bike!)	
M	G T-series, PreWar	MG (Paretti Imports)	Jo	ıguar Sports: XK aı	nd XKE types	
1	Chesney Loeb	1952 MG TD		(Paretti Inports)		
2	Allen Flake	1952 MG TD	1	Corrado Giacona	1958 Jaguar XK150 DHC	
3	Daniel Cantor	1950 MG TD	2	Robert Henson	192 Jaquar XKE	
M	GA Roadster & Co	nune	2	Bryan Landry	1964 Jaguar XKE	
1	John Webster	1957 MGA Coupe	Sn	nali Sedans: Morris	Minor, Austin Mini, etc.	
2	Joseph Lagarde	1960 MGA	1	James D. Jones	1967 Morris Minor	
3	Tom Page	1962 MGA	2	Elliot Evans	1967 Austin Mini Moke	
-	J		3	Michael Delacerda	1961 MG Magnette	
	-	e (Baldwin Motors)	1	Sodano Mili	I S Type (Paretti inports)	
1	John Charles Murpl			Mike Schrantz	I, S-Type (Paretti Inports) 1964 Jaguar Mk2	
2	Eddie Davis	1969 MGB	1 2	Tom Schmitz	1967 Jaguar 420 Saloon	
3	David Lavies	1964 MGB	3	Chesney Loeb	1965 Jaguar S-Type	
M	GB,1974 1/2 -1980), Rubber Bumper		-	•	
1	Sidney Cousans	1980 MGB	En	npire Sports: Astor	Martin, Lotus, etc.	
2	T. Keith Vezina	1976 MGB	1	Terry Trovato	1949 Singer Nine	
3	Brad Daroca	1978 MGB	2	Tim Joost	1965 TVR Griffith 200	
			3	Bill Parker	1972 Triumph Stag	
_	GB/GT & MGC/GT	1969 MGC/GT	3	Jeffrey Pitt	1962 Daimler SP250	
I	John Simmers	1969 MGC/GT	la	irae Saloons: Rove	r, Sterling, Armstrong.	
2	Keith Sanders	1909 MGC/GT 1974 1/2 MGB/GT	1	Pat Cashman	1960 Armstrong-Siddeley Star	
3	George Barton	1974 1/2 WIGD/G1	2		Sr. 1979 Land Rover	
Tri	iumph TR2 , 3, 3A&	B, 4, 4A, 250	3	Mike Darby	1990 Sterling 827 SL	
1	Russell Seto	1959 Triumph TR3A		•	-	
2	Mike McPhail	1959 Triumph TR3A	Ro	olls Royce & Bentle		
3	Bob Skewis	1968 Triumph TR250	1		1964 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud III	
T	TD / /l.ubrime	articipa)	2	Bob Maureau	1950 Bentley Mark VI	
	iumph TR6 (Lubripo	-	3	Tony Sparrow	1951 Bentley Mark VI	
l	Wayne Hardy	1972 Triumph TR6	AA.	organ		
2	Donald H. Lacher	1974 Triumph TR6 1975 Triumph TR6	1	Bill Silhan	1951 Morgan Plus 4	
3	Nicky Edrington	1979 Humph LEO	2	Bill Varnum	1962 Morgan 4/4	
Tri	iumph TR7, TR8		3	Don Polak	1970 Morgan +8	
1	John Roper	1980 Triumph TR8	,	POTT VIMIT	, v 2-2-2-8mm . v	
2	Bill Breithoff	1980 Triumph TR8	M	GB-LE		
3	Harold O'Reilly	1979 Triumph TR7 Sprint	1	William Harris	1980 MGB-LE	

1979 Triumph TR7 Sprint

William Harris

Roger Gibson

1980 MGB-LE 1980 MGB-LE

Thank You!

To all of those members who took the time and gave up their other activities to help to make our 11^{th} Annual Car Day a success, I would like to give my personal thanks for a job well done. For all those members who supported the club by entering their cars, again my thanks. And for those British Car enthusiasts who drove great distances to be a part of a great show, my deep appreciation. We hope that you had such a wonderful experience that you will want to come back next year. And bring your friends! To the sponsors and donors who contributed greatly to the success of our show a heart-felt "Thank you!" It was very satisfying to me to see all of the pieces come together to become what I think was our best show yet.

Again, Thank you all.

Bill Breithoff, Show Chairman.

Our Sponsors:

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We think that's everyone. If we missed a sponsor please let us know and we'll print an addition next month.

Special Thanks!

I would like to give a few words of special thanks to Lubriport Labs, a.k.a Anne & Floyd Friloux.

Anne & Floyd have donated everything from office supplies and warehouse space, to a class sponsorship and use of their trailer to haul the mountain of stuff to the park that is needed to put on the show. *Many* of us put in days of hard work to bring this off, but I personally think we would be hard pressed to do this

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show as well as we do without the resources Lubriport has graciously

made available to us, year after year.

Thank you, Anne & Floyd! §

Show Comments from out of town

"As usual, you all put on a great show and we very much enjoyed the banquet. I will try to get more of our folks to stay next year. We usually have a few more but several of our regulars didn't make the show this year (two didn't make it out of their driveways with last minute Gremlins or had to get back early for reasons they don't usually have.) Looking forward to seeing the New Orleans crowd at Pensacola Beach the 21st [of April]." Tom Schmitz

"I, along with 4 other members of the Texas Triumph Register (Houston area) attended your show last Saturday. Just wanted to pass on my compliments on a truly excellent show. All of us enjoyed the event. It was well organized, and the venue, the banquet, the trophies, the door prizes, and even the quick posting of photos on your web page were truly first class.

Our club will be hosting the VTR South Central Regionals in College Station on May 4-6th. I appreciate just how much effort went into the planning and execution of your show as we attempt to get ready for a similar size car show. Again, great job and thanks for being such gracious hosts. I hope that TTR will be able to return your hospitality in College Station in May....

Best regards, Jeff Harris President, Texas Triumph Register "

"My wife and I are MGB owners in Tuscaloosa, Alabama and came to your recent outing out of curiosity. Besides seeing a Tuscaloosa couple (!) there with their MGB, we really enjoyed all aspects of the meet and appreciated the hospitality so graciously extended to us.

We'll be back next year, this time with our 'B. Charlie Haynes"

- "...I'm very happy with the picture of my car taken at the show. That's something that a lot of us who attend your show are impressed with is the pictures taken and given to us before we leave. Thanks, Mike J. "
- "Merideth and I had a great time at your show Saturday. Saw a lot of old friends and, of course, enjoyed seeing a wide variety of old British iron. You and your fellow staffers did a great job of registering everyone, and the food was great, too! Terry T. English Motoring Club, Natches MS"
- "Thanks for a great show in NOLA this past weekend. All the group from Houston thoroughly enjoyed the show and thought your club did a wonderful job with the mechanics of putting on the show. I especially like several things:
- 1. The speedy way you went through the awards ceremony. NO ONE likes to sit through those things once their class has been called and they did not win. However, once they get into your class, they want them to go on for ever. That's just the way we are. Jeff Harris, our club pres' was sitting next to me and was furiously taking notes to apply to our regional show in May.
- 2. The way that you had already drawn the door prize numbers and had them pasted on the door prize. Door prizes are great ideas and keeps the audience attention between awards. But if they have to wait while some non-biased person slowly draws a ticket stub from a fishbowl and then hands it to the announcer and then the announcer turns the stub around several times to get it right side up, and then reads the number, it takes forever. Your way worked great. I think what we will try in May is to have all the door prize numbers drawn and the winning ticket and the prize description will be posted on a clip board on a table before the awards ceremony starts. So, people can claim their door prize at their leisure.
- 3. The award I won was the first one I have ever won that had my name, the order of finish, the car and the class. I am amazed that you got all that done between the end of judging at 3 pm and the awards ceremony at 6 pm. I hope we have the same fast support from the local artisans in College Station in May... Once again, great show, great venue and great competition. Hope to see you all again next year and maybe see some of you Triumph drivers in College Station in May. Regards, Bill Parker §

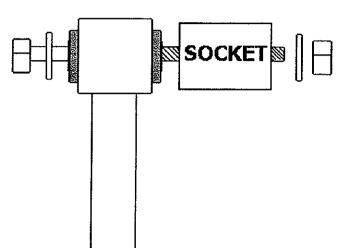
Rubber Bushing Removal by Mr. Goodspanner

Suspension rubber bushings sometimes defy removal. It is usually the type with a metal tube running through the center. I removed one once by setting the rubber on fire and letting the melting rubber drip out. It worked, but this procedure could distemper the suspension part into which the bushing is inserted.

Here is a better way. Use a socket, a bolt, a nut, and a couple of washers. Assembly the parts as is shown in the accompanying drawing. Select a socket size that is just larger than the rubber bushing's outside diameter. Select a washer for the left hand side that is just a little smaller than the rubber bushing's outside diameter. Trim any excess rubber that extends out over

the suspension part from the left hand side of the bush using a razor knife. Be careful!

Tightening the bolt and the nut will extract the rubber bushing. Before inserting the new bush, clean any rubber that has been left behind from the old bush in the suspension part. Pushing new rubber past the old remaining rubber pieces is next to impossible. Have fun! §



Taste of ... the Airport? by Cathy Greensfelder

Well, the run to Taste of Bavaria didn't happen, at least not as an organized event for the New Orleans crowd. The restaurant warned us that they would be jammed because of the Ponchatoula Strawberry Festival and the decision was made to relocate the breakfast to the Flight Deck at the Municipal Airport in New Orleans. The Flight Deck has a nice little breakfast buffet for \$4.99 with very good biscuits, made-to-order omelets and a view of the planes landing and taking off.

The Member's At Large tried to call everyone and give them the word of the change, but there are always people they can't reach. And we typically do not call the corresponding members—out-of-state and the folks from the Baton Rouge area and the Gulf Coast. I was supposed to send out an email notice of the change, but didn't get the word myself till late Saturday afternoon, too late to do any good. (My computer was experiencing technical difficulties so I ended reinstalling Windows for most of

Saturday and couldn't get to my email till then. I was worried we might have to do this month's newsletter the old fashioned way with scissors and paste!)

I worry that we may have let some of you down with the sudden change. I know there are a few members who live out that way who might have decided to go to this event because it was close enough for you to make it. If so, please accept the board's humblest apologies. §

For Sale

Triumph TR6 `71—great condition, no rust, BRG. Ply-bushing suspension & Koni shocks. Restoration started, still have original parts, some assembly required. \$1,500 Vic Raibstein NoGrip25@hotmail.com (4/01)

3 MGBs, years unknown. \$2,500 for set. Richard (504) 279-5179 (4/01)

Triumph Spitfire `80—hardtop, runs good, good condition, 90K miles, \$3,000 Carlos Lopez (504) 467-0447 or beii2121@aol.com (4/01)

Jaguar XK6 `84 —runs, needs work, no rear window. Make offer. Dr. Bryan Pedeaux after 5pm (504) 488-0272 (3/01)

Range Rover Country Classic '90—red/tan leather 130K miles. Needs some work. \$6,700 OBO Cort Musgrave (504) 394-3633 (3/01)



Parts

MG Midget Top Frame. Good Condition. \$100. Contact Jim at: bmcno@neosoft.com or (985)-892-7774 (new area code!) (4/01)

Newsletter submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred. Email to 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

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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) for information.

Golf Shirt \$ 15.00

Windscreen Transfer \$ 1.00

Baseball Cap \$ 12.00

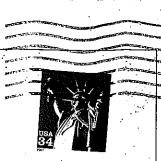
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