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President's Message

We are moving the monthly club meeting place to the Italian Pie on Jefferson Highway (see the map) just up river from Clearview. This move has been prompted by many members who have commented over the last few months about the declining quality of service, quality and quantity of the food and the over all feeling that our presence at the New Orleans Hamburger and Seafood restaurant was unappreciated.

A committee of members have searched for any restaurant that could be used for a meeting place. They had to take into consideration our requirements for a new meeting spot. The list below will give you an idea of just how hard it is to find the "perfect" place:

1. It must be centrally located and easy to get to.
2. It must have plenty of parking, ideally in sight of the dining room.
3. It must have an ample menu and the food must be good.
4. It must have space to seat 30 to 45 people at one time, preferably in a separate area or room.
5. The restaurant must be open on Tuesdays (can't expect them to open specially for us).
6. The price of the food must be reasonable.

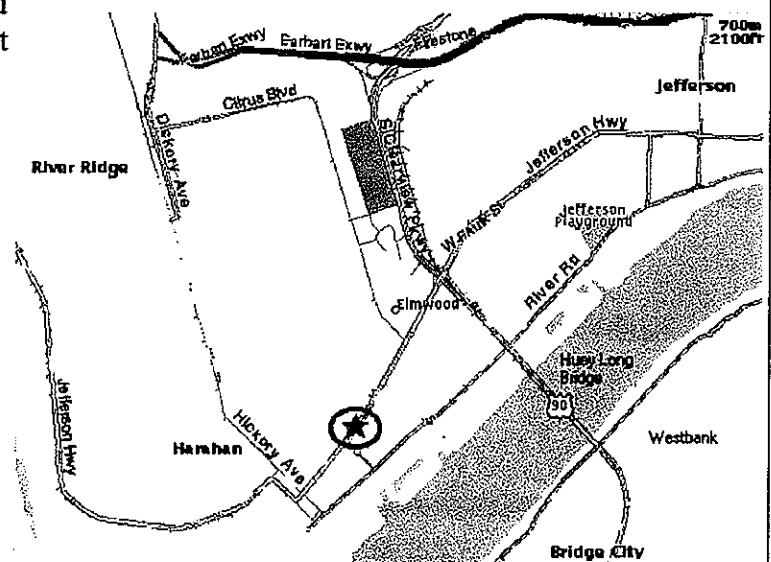
And the most important requirement our club has is.....

The restaurant management must want our business, long term !!!

You can see it is not the easy task as it first appears. Yes, you can find almost any type of restaurant in this city, but just try to apply this list to many of the restaurants you know, you see how quickly the list is narrowed down. I think the committee has found a place that all of our club will like - I know I will.

See you there and bring your appetite.

Charlie Ake §



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Tue July 31—General Meeting 7:30 pm. NEW LOCATION! Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy. 0.7 miles upriver from the Huey P. Long bridge, on the river side, in Elmwood Plaza. The Italian Pie serves sandwiches: \$5.75-6.25; pasta w/ salad & garlic bread: \$9.50-10.50; pizza: \$6.00-\$13.50; salads: 2.95-6.45.

Sun Aug 12—4:00 pm, 4rd Annual Un-Car-Show. 4 – 7 p.m. Tap Room, Mandeville.

South Shore convoy leaves Causeway Toll plaza parking lot at 3:00

Directions: from Causeway, take W 190 about 2-3 miles past I-12 .

At Hood Chevrolet get into the left-turn lane. At the light turn left onto E. Boston Street, then go 3 blocks to Columbia Street and turn right.

The Tap Room is on the corner of Columbia and E. Gibson.

Leave the kitty prints. It's too hot to work on anything except an iced tea.



Tue Aug 14—Board Meeting 7:00 pm. Bill Breithoff, 7315 Beryl 504-288-4019

Tue Aug 28—General Meeting 7:30 pm. Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy .



May 29 Minutes

The June 26th meeting was called to order by vice-president Bill Breithoff. President Charlie Ake was unable to make the meeting. Tippy Barback announced that Richard Denneau was in Ochsner Hospital with kidney failure and he is back on the transplant list. Tippy asked that club members donate blood for Richard.



Two new members, also members of the Jaguar Club, were in attendance.

The next general meeting, on July 30, will be held at the Italian Pie on Jefferson Highway in Harahan. One of the long time members pointed out that in a way, this is a return to the club's roots. The original club meeting place in the 70's was a pizza place.

The July event, dinner at Sal's in Boutte was discussed. Several people commented that the timing for last month's crawfish boil was perfect. The following weekend, the park was under water.

Barbara Wolf has preparations under control for the 4th Annual UnCar Show at the Tap Room in Mandeville on Sunday August 12th, from 4 - 7. Get that project car rolling, and let the cat walk on the bonnet.

Other future events include the Funkana in September and the EE Reynolds Rally in November. Keith Vezina will be Rally master again. Keith said he needs a couple of helpers to man the check point and that he is tired of running the rally. Several people pointed out that the obvious solution to the problem, since the WINNER becomes the following year's rally master, was to LOOSE!

Allen Bradley reported on the Houston MG Show. Bill Harris will be in Premier class next year, since this was his 2nd first place. The show is held at Trader's Village, a large open-air market place in the northwest quadrant of Houston. Harold O'Reilly reported on the Thunderbird show. Harold's T-Bird took 2nd in the driver division.

Cliff Hughes showed everyone the new club license plate frames. Cliff pointed out that you could paint the letters to match your car. Jim Jones suggested spraying a little clear coat on the back of the frames for extra protection. The club is selling them for \$5 or two for \$9. Similar metal frames sell in catalogs for \$20.

The site for the 2002 British Car Day show was discussed. Lafreniere park is planning to construct a large garden walkway around the Foundation Center pavilion where we have held our show. They are not certain if the construction will be completed in time. They have also asked that the club pay \$1,500 for the pavilion in January. The officers do not feel the club can afford to commit to that amount that far in advance of the show. In the event of rain, we would not have the entry fees to cover the expenditure.

Several other sites have been investigated. Roger Gibson reported that Zephyr stadium would charge \$1,000 for 150 parking places and 2 porta-potties. He contacted several area plantation homes. Destrahan is not interested and Ormond is already booked for our date. The Treasure Chest Casino is a possibility as is the UNO Campus.

Chris Marz, a past member, thanked all the club members for all the help he received with his last project. He is moving back into the area soon and will be becoming an active member once again.

Keith Vezina pointed out that there is almost a 33% markup between jobber prices and retail prices. He found that the starter on his Maxima was \$329 retail at Nappa, \$139 rebuilt, and water pump was \$260 jobber price and \$349 retail price. Cliff Hughes wanted to know if anyone else had problems with AutoZone brake pads squeaking. Many people answered "YES". Cliff said he had tried anti-squeak treatment and anti-squeal shims and nothing worked. They stop fine, but they are noisy.

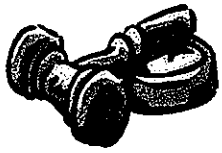
Jim Jones won \$22 in the 50/50 and Mario Messina and Cliff Hughes won T-shirts. §

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Sal's in Boutte

About 20 members came out for dinner on the Westbank at Sal's Seafood Restaurant in Boutte on July 15th. (The ride from the South shore was just a quick thirty minute dash across the river on I310.)

There was some confusion when we arrived, thinking that our "fearless leaders" had forgotten to make reservations. It turned out that we purposely didn't make reservations. Had we done so and gotten seating all together in the back room, we would have had to order from a limited "group" menu that left off many of the more interesting dishes. And no separate checks.

So we just showed up, and the restaurant seated us at the next available half dozen or so available tables. As it was, they were not busy so we all got seated in the same general part of the dining room, in groups of four to six. We got to order anything we wanted off the menu and the wait staff were able to give us separate checks.

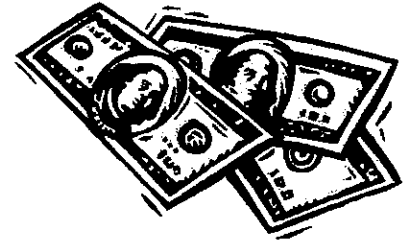
The food was very good and in generous portions. Most people had seafood, but a few tried the special of the day, liver. Next time, we will have to find a more interesting route for the south shore crowd, even though the I-310 bridge does look more like modern art than civil engineering. §

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

All your cars carry tools and a tow strap, even the Toyota (just in case you end up driving it to a British Car event)!

The Green Slime Gives up the Green

by Jim Jones



While in the process of disassembling my 1949 Austin of England A40 Dorset, I came across something. I had found it before in cars, but not in this shape or quantity.

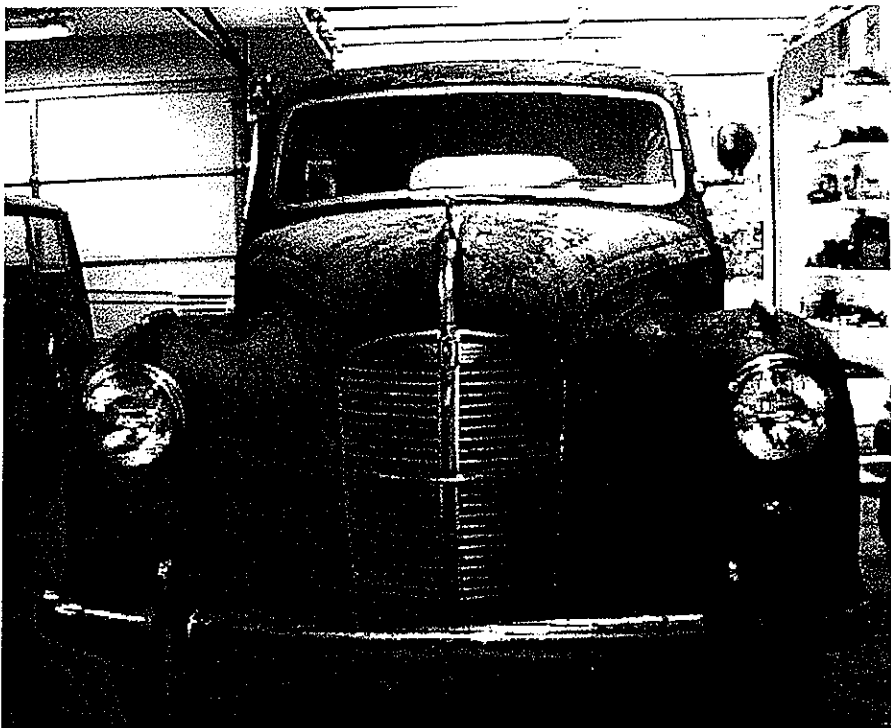
Attached between the wiper motor and its mounting is a metal box. Inside this box, I found a number of bills (American cold cash) folded and secured with a piece of bailing wire, twenty-five \$20 bills in all, for a total of \$500. When I first saw the outer bill, I thought that they all must be eaten up by roaches or such. There was some roach do-do on the exposed portion of the outer bill, but no holes or chewed corners.

Now, I have found lots of quarters, dimes, etc. under the seats of British cars, but never \$20 dollar bills. All but two of the bills were 1950 issue. The remaining ones were 1934 issue. All the bills appeared to have been new when stashed away.

Now that was a lot of money in the early 50's. Heck, you could buy a nice motor vehicle for kind of cash! The cash was not real easy to get to as well. It took a long Phillips screwdriver to remove the four screws that held the box in place.

Peter Brauen was the one who gave me the car, so I shared the loot with him. It was the right thing to do and it gave me bragging rights.

I do not think that there is any more money squirreled away inside the car. But then again, I have not removed the back seat yet! §



1949 Austin of England A40 Dorset, a.k.a. "the Green Slime"

Call for MGB Bonnet Orders by Beter Braun

Hi all! In light of a couple of recent enquiries about the availability of **new MGB hoods** (bonnets) at reasonable prices, I am going to order a batch for sale to club members (or anyone else who wants one for that matter). Apparently, it costs no more to have four or five shipped than to have one shipped! The cost including shipping will be \$160 per hood if we can get three additional orders. If we can get ten total orders, the price will be \$150 per hood! You can blow that in bodywork on an old hood pretty quickly. All prices subject to Mississippi sales tax of 7%, items will need to be picked up in Bay St. Louis. I will collect orders for about a month, unless in the face of overwhelming demand, enough orders are placed beforehand. Thanks for your interest.---Peter (BMC Restorations)

P.S. ANY truck freight item can be included in this deal, not just hoods, for any British marque! Basically for \$10 to \$20 over catalog price depending on the number of orders.

Email your exact needs to me at: . pbrauen@telepak.net
or call (228) 467-0519 §



National MGB Registry

Club License Plate Frames by Cliff Hughes

What's up with this? Since joining this car club in 1987, club tee shirts were given to each new club member. It is now 2001 and our club has given the last of the club tee shirts away. Charlie Ake and I were involved in a deep discussion of what we could give to new club members and maybe serve a dual purpose for our other club members. The idea of a license plate frame came up and we both started looking at these frames on autos as we traveled around the city.

Just before the car show this year we contracted Paretti Imports, and they gave us one of their frames, and the name of the manufacturer. Charlie and I surfed the Internet, found the company, Ben Matt Industries, which manufactures these frames for Paretti. Several weeks later we contracted Ben Matt in Philadelphia and gave them criteria for our BMCNO silence plate frame.

I thought that the price was right and idea was unique. It is somewhat difficult to develop a product for our British cars that is universal in nature, fitting the mold for all the different marques that we own. The license plate frame, I hope, will advertise our club and fill that void for a unique product that we can all enjoy for years to come,

When I bought my MGA in 1987 it came with a license plate frame from "Lemans Sport Cars," a Los Angeles sport car dealer. After completing the above-mentioned investigation I found that "Ben Matt Industries" was molded on the backside of the frame. I called Ben Matt again and inquired about the old frame I had. They had manufactured it in Los Angeles in the mid 60's.

Remember 1 for \$5, or 2 for \$9. §



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Rolls Royce Silver Spirit '86 - Beautiful metallic blue with beige leather interior. Only 41,000 miles and in excellent condition. Warren Milan 836-2470 or lafish@home.com (5/01)

Triumph TR6 '76—excellent shape, original. Kenny Allen, Sorrento (225) 675-5842 (5/01)

TRIUMPH TR6 '69 - Runs great. New wiring harness, interior (carpet, upholstery, dash), tires, soft top, boot cover. Comes with service manual. Asking \$6900. Alan Harris 985-764-3791 or ajharris1@home.com

Parts

Midget 1500 engine (also Spitfire). Professionally rebuilt head with new valves etc. Polished standard crank with new bearings. Cleaned and bored cylinder block. NEW .020 pistons and rings. Complete gasket set. All for \$650 plus MS sales tax. Professional assembly available for additional charge. Peter Brauen (228) 467-0519 pbrauen@telepak.net (6/01)

1960 Morgan Engine, 4 cylinder. **FREE!** call Nick (504) 283-3299 (5/01)

Assorted: 79 Midget bumpers *excellent* condition \$100 set; MGB Twin Carbs \$300; pair 48 TDF Webbers new \$500 set; Spitfire parts, big port manifold for 7500 Midget; ported 1300 Spit' manifold; 5 Midget motors, more. James Jumonville 488-6557 (6/01)

Wanted

Recent transplant from out west moved to Diamondhead. Looking for older XK, XKE etc. (or possibly older TR3 or Morgan) for restoration project. (Last project was a Healey) Contact Jerry , 228-225-7403 (6/01)

ORDERS for MGB Hoods and other large "truck freight" items from Victoria British. See article p 8. Call Peter Brauen (228) 467-0519 pbrauen@telepak.net (6/01)



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

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.

T-shirt \$ 10.00

Golf Shirt \$ 15.00

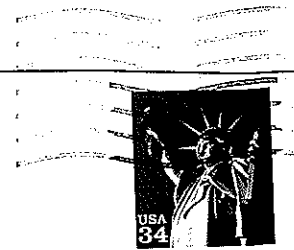
Baseball Cap \$ 12.00

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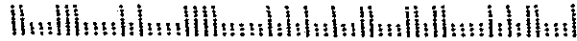


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Sunday, August 12

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