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President's Message

Our British Car day was a huge success. We had our largest turnout yet, 138 entries. With a new site we could have run into many problems but carefully detailed planning by many volunteers kept problems to a minimum.



The weather was great, the site was superb, and our guests found their way with a minimum of trouble. Our registration and parking people did an excellent job.

Everyone I talked to was impressed with the Delgado facilities and, I believe, Delgado was likewise happy with us. Thanks again to all that worked to make our show a success.

As I am writing this a group of our members are leaving for the Pensacola Beach show April 19-20, and a small number will be going to the VTR Regional in Granbury TX April 25-28. We have our annual crawfish boil planned May 19 in Covington, and our trip to Catfish Charlie's on June 9. Busy...Busy... Busy!!!

The 6th Annual British Car Week is May 25-June 2. This is a national event with no entry fee and no rules except drive your British car as much as you can. The idea is to let people see them on the road again. Use your British car for all those trips to the store or anywhere you don't need a larger car. You will enjoy it, other people will enjoy seeing it, and the car will enjoy it. Our LBCs actually like being used and will run better the more you use them.

Also remember, driving your British car to our events and meetings will get you extra raffle tickets.

Have fun,
Harold O'Reilly §

(p.s. LBC = Little British Car)

May 2002

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

			1	2	3	4 Arkansas Show
5 MGT Club MG Day	6	7	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Board Meeting	15	16	17	18 EMC Haunted History Drive
19 Crawfish Boil	20	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 General Meeting	29	30	31	

Tues Apr 30—General Meeting 7:30 pm Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy, a half mile west of the Huey P. Long bridge. **PAYMENT for the Crawfish Boil is due at *this* meeting!**

May 4—BMC-Arkansas 2nd annual Car Show, Hot Springs Arkansas, at the Clarion Resort on the Lake. For more information call Lee Cowling, 501-372-8182, copperheadcables@alltel.net

May 5—MG Day with the Mardi Gras Ts. Ponchatoula. 11ish-3. Held at private shop belonging to one of their members. Plenty of parking, shop accommodates 100 people. Tour of memorabilia & car collection. Contact Marvin Dupree, 97corvett@cox.net for convoy details.

Tue May 14—Board Meeting. 7:00 pm Cathy Greensfelder, 5537 Berkley Drive, Algiers 504-392-9261

Sat May 18—English Motoring Club “Haunted Drive Through History”. See article page 4. Depart from Lorman MS at 10:00 am, return to Natchez approximately 5:00 pm. Contact Terry Trovato at 1-601-442-8684 or terryt@callon.com

Sun May 19—Crawfish Boil. Bogue Falaya Park, Covington. \$10 per 5 lb, payable by the April Meeting. South Shore convoy leaves Causeway South Toll plaza at 11:00 am. Start serving at noon.

Tues May 28—General Meeting 7:30 pm Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy.

Future Stuff: July 3-6 NAMGBR Convention, (MGB) Grapevine Tx (Houston area)
July 17-21 NAMGAR National, (MGA) Charlottesville, VA

March 19 Minutes

President Harold O'Reilly called the meeting to order at 7:30. Guests present included Stacey Spies, owner of a 1980 MGB-LE.

The car show T-shirts were displayed & sold. The "Goodie Bag" and pre-registration party was a success. This year's goodie bags will be the best ever.

Plans for a convoy to the VTR regional in Granbury Texas were discussed.

Allen Bradley was placing an order for Triumph parts from Rimmer Brothers and had a deal for free shipping.

Plans for the Car Day appreciation party were discussed.

Eight cars were planning to drive to the Pensacola show on Friday April 19. Convoy plans were discussed for both the Friday and Saturday (April 20) convoys.

Harold reviewed the club's new policy on 50/50 tickets. Beginning with the April meeting, any member wearing their club nametag will receive an extra ticket with purchase of any 50/50 tickets. Members who drive their British car to a meeting will also receive an extra 50/50 ticket with purchase, for a total of 2 extra if you drive your car *and* wear a nametag. If you don't have a nametag, we will have the nametag machine and badge holders at the meeting. Also, at future driving events, all members who drive their British car will receive a ticket for a drawing for \$10 to be applied to that member's food bill. Or towing or gas!

On the way to the meeting, Harold passed a little red MGB sitting on the shoulder of the road. The owner had pulled a "Breithoff" and ran out of gas! (Bill Breithoff is *infamous* for either running out of gas or arriving with an empty tank for a driving event!) And Allen's gas gauge works! He managed to run the last mile to the Italian Pie literally on fumes – start, run, stall, repeat.

Harold also reported that in the process of running show errands he received a parking ticket at Delgado for not having a student parking tag. Hopefully this will *not* happen on show day. Delgado has encountered a minor glitch in plans for our awards banquet. The china and tableware had not arrived so we may be eating on paper plates again. Show staffing was discussed.

Rodger Tally and his son appeared in a clip of SpeedVision's coverage of "Cruisin' the Coast".

Richard Denneau was in the hospital in Chalmette with pneumonia again. Prayers and good wishes will be appreciated.

Keith Vezina said that he found a web site that gave good instructions on how to remove the automatic choke from a Zenith Stromsburg carb. He will be putting a link to it on our club web site.

Roger Nagy asked if anyone had any experience bringing a car into the USA from overseas. Several people stated that it is much easier for pre-1975 cars, before emissions regulations went into effect. Butch Frutos recommended checking with Customs for cars 1975 or later. Gene Graham imported a 1990 Rolls Royce from Canada but it was very expensive. Butch thought it cost in the vicinity of \$10,000.

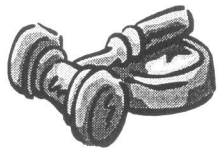
Someone mentioned that Broadway Titles in Alabama was very helpful in solving lost car title problems. They have a web site at <http://www.broadwaytitle.com> and there is a form you can print out and mail in to apply for a title.

Sally Breithoff won the 50/50 and took home \$26. Butch Frutos, Danny Maynard and Bev Rice all won T-shirts. §



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English Motoring Club of Mississippi Presents:

'Haunted' Drive Through History

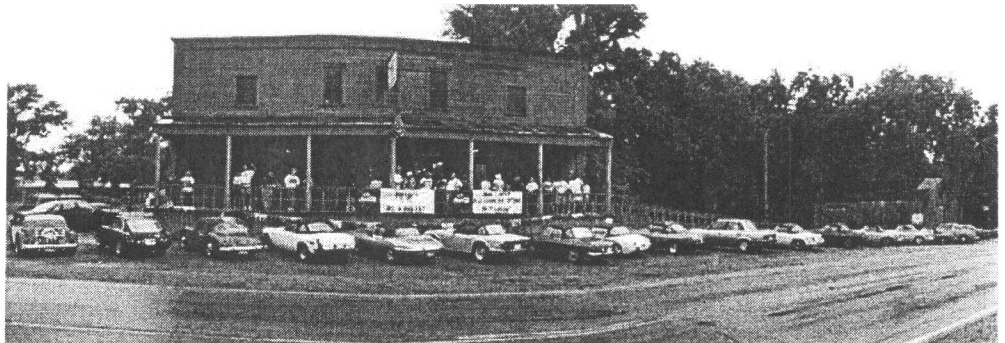
When: Saturday, May 18th

Where: Begins at "The Country Store," U.S. 61, Lorman, Mississippi

Details: All participants will meet for an early Brunch at 10 a.m. CDT at the "Old Country Store" on U.S. 61, Lorman, Mississippi. We will then tour "Rosswood," where two ghosts allegedly reside. Leaving "Rosswood" the entourage will motor north to the ghost town of Grand Gulf, where we will visit the cemetery, forts and museum. Grand Gulf is the site of a large engagement during the War Between the States, which, no doubt, serves as a gathering place for inhabitants from the spirit world. From Grand Gulf we will proceed south to Christ Church Cemetery at Maryland Settlement. Then it's on to Natchez where we will visit the town's famous "Under the Hill" district and "Linden," where there are allegedly two ghosts, "Goat Castle" (one Ghost) and "Longwood" (two ghosts). The tour concludes with a rest and relaxation stop at 5 p.m. CDT overlooking the Mighty Mississippi River at the Ramada Inn Hilltop, Natchez.

For further information contact

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1-601-442-8684 or
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Several BMCNO members have participated in EMC "Drive through History" events in the past and have always reported that it is a spectacular drive.

Lorman, MS is only about a 3 hour drive from New Orleans, so it is a very do-able day trip. Or good excuse to spend Friday night at a Bed & Breakfast in the Lorman area. §

2002 British Car Day Results

Popular Choice Results:

(Class Sponsor listed after class name.)

Austin Healey 100, 3000 (Land Rover, New Orleans)

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|------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Louis Ballard | 1963 Austin Healey 3000 |
| 2 Adam Marcus | 1955 Austin Healey 100M |
| 3 Robert Barback | 1959 Austin Healey 3000 |

AH Sprite & MG Midget (Land Rover, New Orleans)

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|---------------------|---------------------------|
| 1 Rodger Talley | 1959 Austin Healey Sprite |
| 2 Tony Wittkamp | 1959 Austin Healey Sprite |
| 3 Fletcher Thompson | 1973 MG Midget |

MG TD & TF (Land Rover, New Orleans)

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|--------------------|------------|
| 1 Al Flake | 1952 MG TD |
| 2 Chesney Loeb | 1952 MG TD |
| 3 Seth Silverstein | 1952 MG TD |

MG TC (Land Rover, New Orleans)

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|----------------|-------------------|
| 1 John Lange | 1949 MG TC EXU |
| 2 Gene Gillam | 1949 MG TC EX |
| 3 Frank Daniel | 1947 MG TC Tourer |

MGA Roadster & Coupe (Delta Testing)

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|-------------------|---------------|
| 1 Martin Straka | 1957 MGA 1500 |
| 2 Joseph Lagarde | 1960 MGA |
| 3 Dean Duplantier | 1958 MGA |

MGB & MBC Chrome bumper (Butch Frutos)

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|-----------------------|----------|
| 1 John Charles Murphy | 1973 MGB |
| 2 David Lavies | 1964 MGB |
| 3 Eddie Davis | 1969 MGB |

MGB, 1974 1/2 - 1980, Rubber Bumper

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|-------------------|-------------|
| 1 William Harris | 1980 MGB-LE |
| 2 John E. Pearson | 1978 MGB |
| 3 T. Keith Vezina | 1976 MGB |

MGB/GT & MGC/GT

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|-----------------|-------------|
| 1 Linda Warren | 1971 MGB/GT |
| 2 Keith Sanders | 1968 MGC/GT |
| 3 Mike Thomason | 1969 MGB/GT |

Triumph TR2, 3x, 4x, 250 (Gibson Photography)

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|-------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Jeff Herndon | 1957 Triumph TR3A |
| 2 Tony Watts | 1959 Triumph TR3A |
| 3 David C. Hayden | 1967 Triumph TR4A |

Triumph TR6 (Two Oaks Acoustics)

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|-------------------|------------------|
| 1 Pat Cullifer | 1970 Triumph TR6 |
| 2 Nicky Edrington | 1975 Triumph TR6 |
| 3 Donald Lacher | 1974 Triumph TR6 |

Triumph TR7 (Hall of Frame)

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|-------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 Harold O'Reilly | 1979 Triumph TR7 Sprint |
| 2 Barry Schmidt | 1979 Triumph TR7 |
| 3 Roy Richardson | 1981 Triumph TR7 DHC |

Triumph TR8 (Continental Engineering)

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|------------------|------------------|
| 1 Bill Breithoff | 1980 Triumph TR8 |
| 2 Ron Newman | 1980 Triumph TR8 |
| 3 Steve Olson | 1980 Triumph TR8 |

Triumph Spitfire, GT6

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|-------------------|------------------------------|
| 1 Pete Peterson | 1976 Triumph Spitfire 1500 |
| 2 Barbara Drewett | 1968 Triumph Spitfire Mk III |
| 3 Michael Japp | 1977 Triumph Spitfire 1500 |

Motorcycle (Lubriport Labs)

- | | |
|------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 Pepe Merrick | 1913 Triumph Type C |
| 2 Anne Friloux | 1996 Triumph Adventurer 900 MC |
| 3 George Torlage | 1973 Norton Motorcycle |

Jaguar Sports: XK&XKE types (Giacona Corporation)

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|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1 W. Ronald Gaertner | 1960 Jaguar XK150 |
| 2 Lane Buschhorn | 1939 Jaguar SS 2.5L DHC |
| 3 Robert F. Henson | 1967 Jaguar XKE 4.2 |

Jaguar XJ6

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|--------------------|---------------------|
| 1 Dan Melesurgo | 1975 Jaguar XJ6C |
| 2 Mark S. Dolhonde | 1986 Jaguar XJ6 VDP |
| 3 Bill Gross | 1989 Jaguar XJ6 |

Jaguar XJS

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|----------------|---------------------|
| 1 Butch Frutos | 1993 Jaguar XJS |
| 2 Max Bazin | 1992 Jaguar XJS V12 |
| 3 John Guyton | 1992 Jaguar XJS |

Jaguar Sedans

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|--------------------|-------------------|
| 1 Mary D. Schrantz | 1964 Jaguar Mk II |
| 2 Brent Bordelon | 1951 Jaguar Mk V |
| 3 Wayne Henry | 1961 Jaguar Mk IX |

Empire Sports Cars (Tourist Trophy Garage)

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|----------------|--------------------------|
| 1 Bill Silhan | 1949 Triumph 2000 |
| 2 Debbie Joost | 1965 TVR Griffith 200 |
| 3 Jim Pfeffer | 1967 Sunbeam Tiger Mk II |

Small Sedans (Two Oaks Acoustics)

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|------------------|-----------------------------|
| 1 Michael Lewis | 1950 MG/Y Type |
| 2 James D. Jones | 1960 Morris Minor Traveller |
| 3 Elliot Evans | 1967 Austin Mini Moke |

Rolls Royce & Bentley

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|-----------------|-----------------------------------|
| 1 Tony Sparrow | 1951 Bentley Mark VI |
| 2 Warren Milan | 1967 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow |
| 3 Richard Norem | 1964 Rolls Royce Silver Cloud III |

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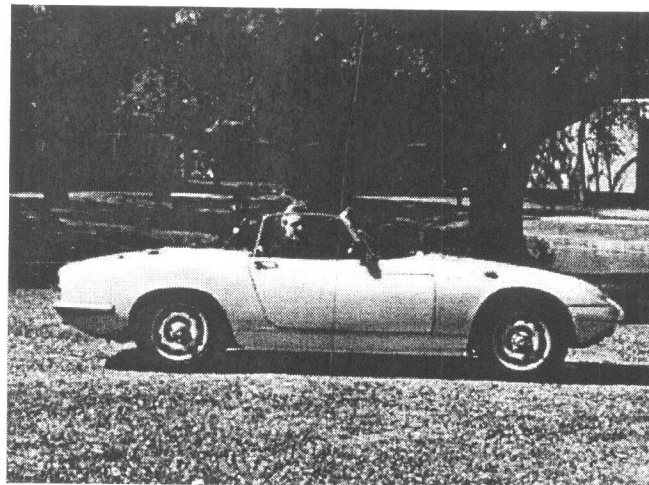
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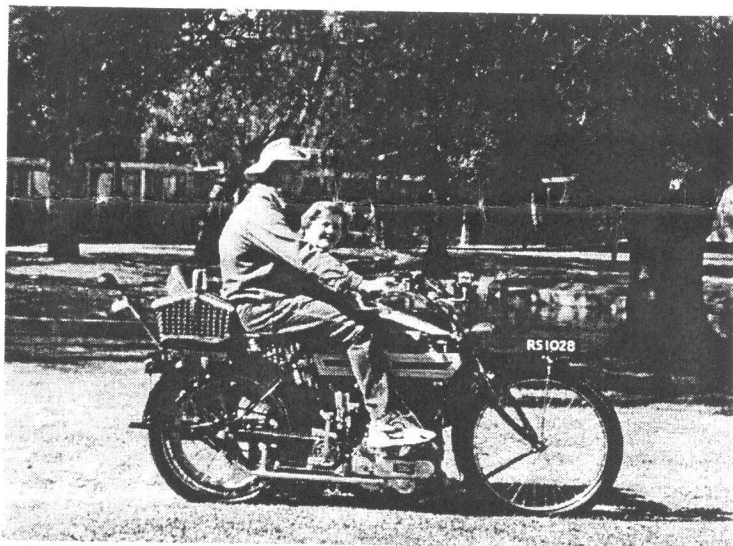
The Club Participation award went to the South Alabama British Car Club (SABCC).

Steve Olson was awarded the "Longest Distance Driven" award. He drove over 700 miles to the show in his TR8.

The Tourist Trophy Garage Award is sponsored by Tourist Trophy Garage on Tchoupitoulas Street. This award is made each year for the car judged by Elliot Evans (owner of Tourist Trophy Garage) to best exemplify an original British automobile. The car is chosen (very subjectively, in Elliot's own words) based on originality, age and usage. The car must be at least 20 years old, regularly driven, and have minimal modifications from factory original condition. This year's award was presented to Jim Polster of New Orleans, Louisiana for his 1967 Lotus Elan Series 3/S. Congratulations!



Jim Polster's 1967 Lotus Elan Series 3/S



Best in Show: Pepe Merrick's 1913 Triumph Type C.

The Best of Show Trophy, sponsored by Gibson Photography, is awarded based on popular choice. The vehicle voted best in show this year was NOT a car. It was the 1913 Triumph Type C motorcycle with wicker side car owned by Pepe Merrick of Covington, Louisiana. This highly unusual machine was the talk of the show! §



Pepe Merrick (left) and Cliff Hughes at Awards Banquet.

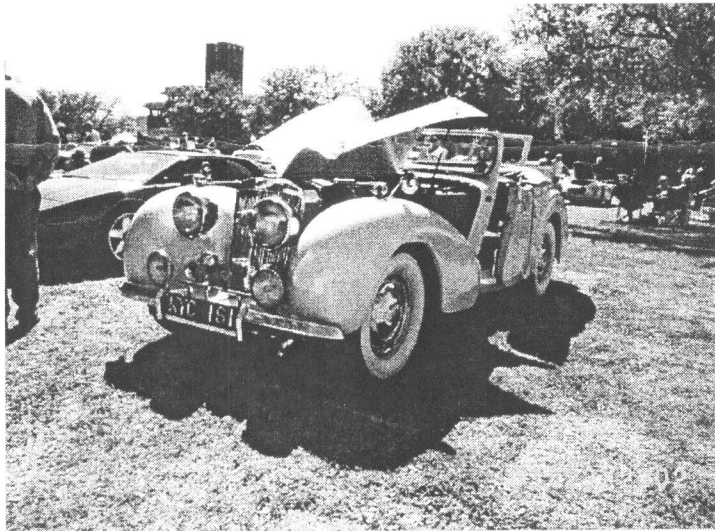
Mr. Goodspanner says...

Make an enlarged copy of your wiring diagram on a good photocopier. Color in the wires with colored markers, and then laminate it. It's easy to read and highly resistant to dirt and liquids.

Pictures of show



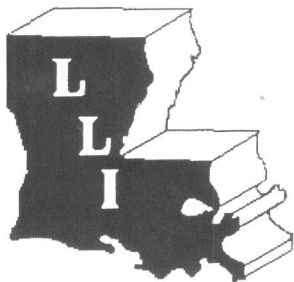
View from the balcony of the Delgado Student Life building. Photo by Norma Peterson of Pensacola British Car Association



Bill Silhan's 1949 Triumph 2000
(photo courtesy PBCA)



Spitfires. (Photo courtesy PBCA)



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International Triumph TR Registry by Corey Sherman

After many months of development, we just released the International Triumph TR Registry ("ITTR"). We are seeking the support of all major clubs.

We would like the British Motoring Club New Orleans to encourage all of it's members that own Triumph TR automobiles to register their cars so that this online database will document the existence and whereabouts of the cars. Other significant features of the TR Registry include the documenting of Stolen or For-Sale cars, an online registration Certificate and Photo Gallery. Please visit the site at <http://www.trregistry.com> and see for yourself.

The TR Registry is not directly affiliated with any one company or club, but rather (we hope) supported by all vendors and clubs who are serious about the preservation and documentation of the TR automobiles. No club or organization can provide any value to its members without input from its members. This is NOT a commercial website; there are NO Fees or Dues involved; and participants privacy is paramount.

The **TR5/250** section of the International Triumph TR Registry ("ITTR"), is now available for public registration. In the first three weeks after the initial TR6 database was launched, over 1,000 people visited the site and approximately 150 cars registered.

Development continues, as over the next few weeks our plans are to include the TR2/3/4 models. Further design and functionality are presently underway, having listened to your requests, and recognizing both clubs & individuals needs alike. Further announcements will be made.

Thanks, once again, for your time and continued support.

The web address is <http://www.trregistry.com>

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Research on Heart Attacks has shown:

- ◆ The Japanese eat very little fat and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- ◆ On the other hand, the French eat a lot of fat and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- ◆ The Japanese drink very little red wine and suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.
- ◆ The Italians drink excessive amounts of red wine and also suffer fewer heart attacks than the British or Americans.

Conclusion:

Eat & drink what you like. It's speaking *English* that kills you!

(from the Internet)

For Sale

92 Jaguar XJS V12 31,000 miles. Winner of "BEST IN SHOW" 2002 Concours d'Elegance
\$15,000 (504) 400-7760 (4/02)

79 MG Midget. British racing green. Garage kept. Peter Brauen rebuilt the engine 50 miles ago. Needs body work. Top has a tear. \$2,500
OBO Harvey Colomb 831-8481 (3/02)

77 MGB Black. Overall a good, nice looking car. Some minor things need attention. Clutch, tires, brakes and carburetor have less than 1K on them. Guaranteed to leak oil ;-). \$2,850.00. Call (504)887-9826 before 7pm.
Email: jfbrown@cox.net for a picture. (4/02)

58 Jaguar XK150 drop head coupe. Silver exterior, red leather interior, black top. Silver wire wheels, coco mats. Low mileage on re-built 3.8 L engine. New clutch, wiring harness, much more. Polished engine valve covers & dashpots. Car was black plate CA registered purchased 2 years ago at Monterey CA auction. 1st in Class and Best of Show at 2001 BMCNO show.
Asking \$70,000. (504) 616-4102 or email mrg@giacona.com (3/02)



WANTED

Transmission for late model (1978) MGB. Non O/D.
Harold O'Reilly (504) 486-2424 (4/02)

Newsletter submissions

Electronic submissions are greatly preferred.
Email to MorrisGazette@cox.net <-NEW!
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) available outside Greater NO area.

New members receive a club T-shirt, window decal and name tag at their first or second meeting. (shipping extra). 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 Roger Gibson 504-887-2725 (rgibson1no@aol.com) for information.

T-shirt (out of stock)

License Plate Frame \$5 (2 for \$9)

Jacket Patch \$ 5.00

Windscreen Transfer \$ 1.00

Golf Shirt (out of stock)

(please pick up regalia at the regular meeting. Shipping extra.)

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