

# *The Morris Gazette*

*Official Newsletter of British Motoring Club New Orleans*  
*May 2025 Edition*



***What's better than open road  
British Motoring on beautiful spring days?***





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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE by Colin McCormick**



It has been a rather quiet month for the British Motoring Club, especially after the spirited pace of events in March. In mid-April several club members went to Pensacola for the Panhandle British Car Association's Brits on the Bay show. You can read about their exploits further on page 10 in this letter.

On the same weekend (unfortunately), there was a show in Natchez hosted by the Rolls-Royce Owner's Club-Southern Delta Region. The Natchez Concours d'Elegance has replaced the spring Euro-Fest show in Natchez. I attended the show last year, and it was very interesting. British and European cars of all makes are welcome to attend; that helps round out the field and allows the show to appeal to a wider audience of enthusiasts. Read about it on pages 12-13.

Club member Ian MacDonald is hosting British Pub Night at his home this Friday. Then on Sunday, May 18th at noon we will enjoy our club's annual crawfish party at Fontainebleau State Park in Mandeville. We'll gather at the pavilion in the large meadow in the center of the park. Bring your own drinks and perhaps a dessert item to share. We're planning for a pleasant and relaxing afternoon in the park where we will share fellowship and stories about our recent British motoring adventures. I'll share reports I'm enjoying from Peter Brauen about his progress with installing a 5-speed and doing a general refresh of my Alpine. Please R.S.V.P. and pay for crawfish and fixings online with this link:

<https://square.link/u/bKWqSUds>

If you have not seen them already, club member Phillip Colwart has posted the entry photos from our British Motoring Festival. You may view and save photos from our website, or you can order professional quality photos from Phillip's studio at this link: <https://phillipcolwartphotography.shootproof.com/gallery/BMCNO-Show-2025/>

Enough from me. Enjoy reading this issue of the Morris Gazette. I look forward to seeing you all on May 18th at the crawfish party or perhaps out on the road.

Keep Calm and Drive On,

Colin McCormick



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## **BMCNO Upcoming Events**

Mark the calendar for British Pub Night, our crawfish party at Fontainebleau State Park and a trip to Lakefront Airport. And as usual, we hope you'll plan to attend our weekly Cars and Coffee gatherings and one of our monthly meetings in New Orleans, Baton Rouge and the Northshore. And it's Final Friday time in Covington every month through October. Your BMCNO friends look forward to seeing you. —Greg Roussel



**BRITISH PUB NIGHT May 9th** Hosted by BMCNO club members and local Brits Ian and Elizabeth MacDonald at their home in Covington. Come celebrate the grand re-opening of their newly remodeled pub. Sounds like fun! See the flyer on page 21. Please R.S.V.P by sending an email to Ian at [ianmacdnld@yahoo.com](mailto:ianmacdnld@yahoo.com).

**BMCNO Crawfish Boil Sunday, May 18th** Plan to join us in beautiful Fontainebleau State Park for our annual May get-together. Crawfish should be big and plentiful, so plan to bring your appetite along with your British car. We'll be in the park's big pavilion. Cost is \$15 per person and include crawfish and sides. Bring drinks and a dessert to share. R.S.V.P. and pay to reserve your portion at <https://square.link/u/bKWqSUds>.



**Big Easy Wing, Saturday, June 14<sup>th</sup>** BMCNO is again invited to bring our British cars to New Orleans Lakefront Airport for "flight day." Visitors can purchase rides on their 1943 Boeing Stearman biplane and see our cars in the hangar while there. More information available at <https://bigeasywing.org/> and we'll send you more info as it gets closer.

### **Brits on the Bluff, Saturday, September 20th**

English Motoring Club of Mississippi's 27th annual show in Natchez starting with a Friday driving adventure and a Friday night party. Then spend Saturday with your car club friends on the bluff overlooking the Mississippi River. Details and registration will be posted in August. Or contact John Turbeville (601) 940-5288 or Gene Johnston (601) 941-4892.



### **SABCC British Car Festival, Saturday, October 18th**

The 35th annual show in Fairhope, Alabama this year celebrates the Morgan Car Company. It's another favorite weekend for our club, and another great British car show. Information and online registration open now at <https://sabcc.org/british-car-festival>.



## Monthly Club Meetings

### Baton Rouge

2nd Tuesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Cafe American, 7521 Jefferson Hwy at Lobdell, BR

### Northshore

3rd Wednesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Coscino's Italian Grill, 1809 N Causeway, Mandeville

### South Shore

Last Tuesday of the month

Dinner at 6, Meeting starts at 7 p.m.

Original Italian Pie, 5650 Jefferson Hwy, Harahan



## BMCNO Cars and Coffee

### South Shore

First and third Saturday of every month 8 a.m. Chateau Café, 139 Allen Toussaint Blvd, N.O.

### NorthShore

Saturday at 8 a.m., Liz's Where Y'at Diner 2500 Florida St, Mandeville

Third Saturday at The Toasted Yolk, 206 Lake Drive, Covington




### Baton Rouge

Every Saturday at 7 a.m., The Warehouse Restaurant, 12328 S Choctaw Dr, Baton Rouge





# May 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3 N.O, NS & BR Cars & Coffee
4	5 	6	7	8	9 British Pub Night	10 NS & BR Cars & Coffee
11 HAPPY <i>Mothers</i> DAY	12	13 Baton Rouge Meeting	14	15	16	17 N.O, NS & BR
18 	19	20	21 Mandeville Meeting	22	23	24 NS & BR Cars & Coffee
25	26 	27 Harahan Meeting	28	29	30 Covington Final Friday	31 NS & BR Cars & Coffee

# June 2025

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 N.O., NS & BR Cars & Coffee
8	9	10 Baton Rouge Meeting	11	12	13	14 NS & BR Cars & Coffee Big Easy Wing
15 HAPPY <i>Father's</i> DAY	16	17	18 Mandeville Meeting	19 	20	21 N.O., NS & BR Cars & Coffee
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## April Monthly Meetings

**On Tuesday, April 8th in Baton Rouge**, our group met at Cafe' American with at least 3 high-end LBCs in the parking lot. Rick put the latest newsletter on the big screen TV and went over past events such as the TR-6 valve adjusting tech session and the Covington show. Then we talked about plans for Pensacola's Brits on the Bay on the April 12th, the Friday Mobile Bay harbor tour to see the SS United States ocean liner and our club crawfish boil on May 18th.

We also talked Valve Cover Racing and progress on the Spridget group's Midget. (The Kelly's are getting theirs ready for Arkansas at the end of the month.) The food was outstanding, and after the meeting some of the group hung around the parking lot to help Bobby align his new LED headlights, which were remarkably brighter than the sealed beams - even with the Moss relay kit.

Two 7" headlights and LED bulbs were \$129.99 a pair from the Little British Car Co. For LED taillights & various other bulbs, go to [superbrightleds.com](http://superbrightleds.com) —Roving Reporter

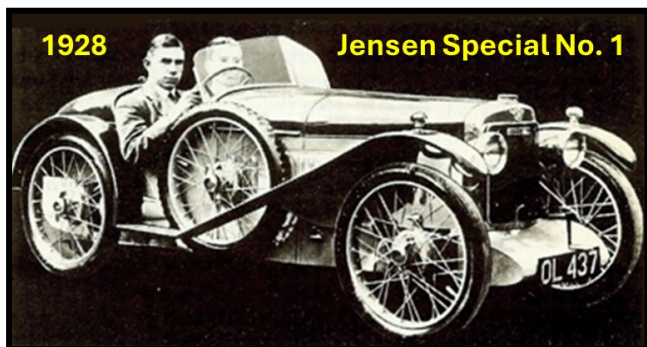
*\*Note - here is a link to a flashback YouTube video from a few years ago featuring a beardless Danny Varnado and his '76 MGB at Cruisin' the Coast. He's being interviewed by Dennis Gage of My Classis Car! <https://youtu.be/-4ha03hE-p4>*



**Wednesday, April 16th in Mandeville** Benny Stiegler reviewed our past events and those coming up, and Colin McCormick led a discussion of nearly every aspect of our March car show, going over the Friday reception, financials, sponsors, donors, judging, our post-show survey and everything else. For the most part, everything was a big success, especially considering the threat of bad weather. BMCNO member and Jensen-Healey owner Preston Marx then had an outstanding presentation on the history of Jensen. We had four Jensens at our car show, 1974 and 1975 Jensen-Healeys, a 1963 C-V8 and a 1973 Interceptor. But that's just a 12 year period. Jensen was around for 58 years, building trucks and passenger cars from 1934 to 1998. Richard Jensen transformed an Austin Chummy into a boat-tail sports car and that pretty much started it all.



Preston Marx and Lynn Franco at our British Motoring Festival



Richard Jensen's boat-tail racer (left). "Jen-Tugs" (right) were popular and a familiar sight on British roads.



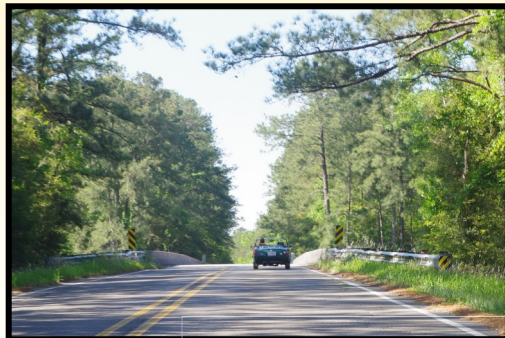
**On Tuesday, April 29<sup>th</sup> in Harahan** Allen Bradley led the meeting this time. He reviewed our British Motoring Festival and went over upcoming events. He and Keith Vezina were leaving Wednesday to join the Arkansas mountains drive. Three new members were introduced. Andrew Doran told us about his harmonic balancer coming apart while driving to the car festival. Keith Vezina, along with a few others, discussed special projects. Lee Matthews had a list of items concerning his Stag that he discussed



**April 12th  
at Liz's in  
Mandeville**



Another nice gathering of friends and LBCs this morning filled the parking lot in front of and around the diner. Brad came in his V8 B and Dean in his Bugeye Sprite. After filling up on coffee we drove to the beginning of Paquet Road in Lacombe and then on to Bayou Bonfouca and Bayou Liberty. From there Dan led us through the maze of new housing along the Interstate at the lake. How much does flood insurance cost there?





# 2025 Brits on the Bay

On April 12th about a half dozen or so BMCNO members brought cars to Brits on the Bay in Pensacola, the annual show hosted by the Panhandle British Car Association. Some others drove there Saturday in regular cars to check things out. The show had a nice variety of British cars, a total of 95 in Seville Square, the beautiful park in the historic area of Pensacola. Best of Show winner was Thomas Notaro's 1964 Rolls-Royce Phantom V. Keith Vezina took home 1st place Modified and Competition for his '78 MGB V8. Harry Barkerding won 1st place MGA and Mark Foster won 2nd in that class. Jan Songy took home 2nd and Allen Bradley 3rd in the TR6 class. Allen Bradley also won third place in the valve cover races. Congratulations!





## MORE ***Brits on the Bay***

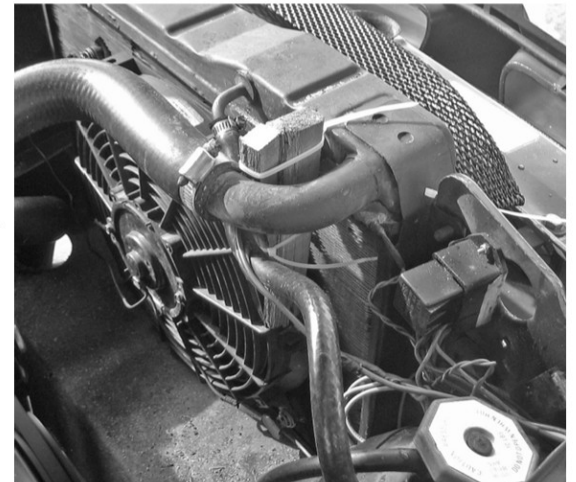


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### **Pensacola Beach Bash Car Show** by Cathy Greensfelder

The Panhandle British Car Association held their 13th Annual Pensacola Beach Bash Car Show on Saturday, April 16th. The Friday convoy was sort of disorganized this year. Several of the regular Friday drivers were unable to go and several others had to work Friday morning so only three cars, Susan & Allen Bradley in their TR6, Bill Breithoff in his TR8 and Cathy and Mark Greensfelder in our MGB, left at 2:30 pm. Somewhere in Mississippi Cathy started smelling something sweet and burnt. Like coolant. Just as Cathy said she smelled coolant, Mark said the car was running really hot. They headed for the shoulder, followed by the two Triumphs. As the MGB slowed, steam was visible coming from under the bonnet. The temperature probe in the back of the radiator had popped half way out and steam and coolant were spraying all over the engine compartment. Not good!

Allen inspected the problem and Susan and Cathy began gathering up all the little half liters of bottled water from our coolers, while Bill Breithoff scavenged something off the side of the road to hold the probe in the radiator. Bill & Allen wedged a stick and a chunk of tire tread between the probe and the radiator hose and poured all the Kentwood water we had into the radiator. It was enough to limp the MGB a couple miles to the next exit and a gas station. While Susan & Cathy refilled the water bottles in the ladies restroom, Bill scrounged up some more chunks of wood from the side of the road and Allen wire-tied the best fitting ones together to fit in the gap. Bill whipped out his saw (yes, he carries a saw in the TR8!!) and cut off the wood so the bonnet could close without knocking it out of place. After filling the radiator & purchasing two gallon jugs of bottled water (just in case!), we were back on our way. The MGB made it to Florida and back with that chunk of wood wedged behind the temperature probe!





## Natchez Concours d'Elegance

April 10-12 by Richard Branyan

This year was our 3rd Natchez Concours d'Elegance presented by the Southern Delta Region of the Rolls-Royce Owners' Club, and another thoroughly successful event! The weekend started with the "Early Bird" party at the Lower Lodge Courtyard Thursday night. We had a great group of early arrivers who enjoyed the food and music by Cha Cha Boo.

Friday morning, we lined up outside the Grand Hotel for a drive led by the Natchez police department onto the Natchez Trace. We stopped at Emerald Mound, and then continued to Church Hill Variety for a catered lunch. After lunch we toured the historic church, and then we jumped back into our cars for a fun drive to Windsor Ruins. After a photo stop at Windsor, we returned to Natchez enjoying the beautiful lush greenery along the Natchez Trace.



Friday night we had our welcome party at the Grand Hotel and Barkeep Bryan kept the spirits high. Most of the cars were lined up on Friday night and the Natchez PD kept an eye on the cars overnight.

Saturday morning the street in front of the Grand Hotel was filled with a beautiful array of cars. The team of judges inspected the cars and the standards were very high. Best of Show went to Clara Newman's 1956 Mercedes 190 SL a stunning, beautifully restored car. The Mayor's Choice went to Ray Symens with his pristine and rare (one of 25) 2007 Rolls-Royce Phantom VII Silver Edition. Ladies Choice went to Bobby Major with his sleek silver Bentley GT.





## *more Natchez Concours d'Elegance*

The show wrapped up with the awards dinner at Stanton Hall. Again, we had a photo session with the cars posed in front of the mansion followed by a delicious elegant dinner.

We had good feedback from participants and we have some interesting changes planned for next year! We are working on the dates for next year and are looking to find a date that will avoid conflicts with other events. Watch for updates on our Facebook page or our webpage at <http://www.natchezconcours.com>.





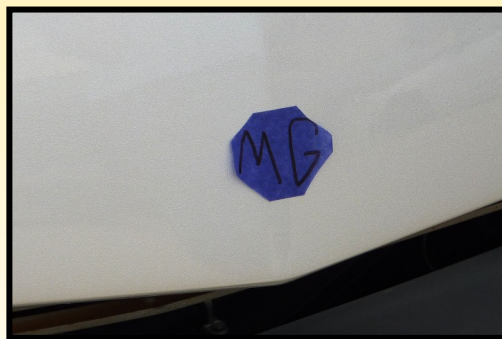
## Southshore Cars and Coffee *April 19th*

Cloudy, breezy weather greeted a fun group at the British Breakfast and Cars and Coffee this morning. Chris Landry's daughter, Vivian, was even treated to an Easter Egg hunt at Chateau Cafe during breakfast! Then we headed to the lakefront to hang out with other cool car fans. –Bob Gordon



## *Cars and Coffee in Covington, April 19th*

The third Saturday is Toasted Yolk Day and it was a nice turnout of cars and members, including Bill Jackson, who said he's feeling much better, thank you. Dan's friend came in a 280Z with an LS engine. His attempt to disguise the car as an MG was good enough to let him hang out. Robert led us on a brisk drive down Dog Pound Road to 59, through Abita Springs to Money Hill and beyond.





## *Meanwhile, in Baton Rouge...*

With the Warehouse Restaurant closed April 19th for Easter, our Cars and Coffee group cruised over to the James Restaurant in Denham Springs where the Ramblin' Oldies of Denham Springs car club was having their cruise breakfast. Lots of car guys, then a couple tables of bikers rolled in! Ahhhh! --Roving Reporter





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British Motoring Club New Orleans offers a heartfelt thank you to these businesses, club members and friends for sponsoring this year's car show. Their generous support makes it possible to host this incredible event.

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## Ausin Engines in My Life by "Robbie" Robert Albert Robertson

There is a blessing with age that is measured in decades, not years. A person can look back and see trends that are in the path of life. One of the trends in my life is Austin Engines. I was a wee laddie when my mother took a picture of me in front of her American Bantam. Okay, it may have had an Austin engine or modified Austin design so American Bantam did not have to pay a design fee. But this was my first association with an Austin Engine.



My first sports car was a 1961 Austin Healy 3000. Oh, the sound of that Austin six-cylinder engine was a wonderful intro to British sports cars. My Scottish father said that a passing semi-trailer truck would blow me off the road. On my first road trip was the test. I saw a semi coming toward me on a two-lane road. I braced myself, ready to turn into the blast of wind. When it passed, I got a blast of wind, but my Austin Healy did not move. I laughed. Dad was used to having his big American car buffeted by semis.

I had bought The 1961 by borrowing \$400 from my girlfriend, Marian. After we married in 1967, I did not have to repay her. Then in 1968 when I graduated from college, I wanted to reward myself with a 1968 Austin Healy 3000 Mark 3. Of course, it was not to be, as the United States safety laws outlawed many cars. The search for a good used 1967 Austin Healy started. We found one, and it was just a short distance from the apartment we lived in. We traded in the 1961 and signed the paper just before a college girl who had wrecked her red Austin Healy 3000 came to buy the one we had just bought.

You can see why I married Marian. She is beautiful and could drive a stick shift. We enjoyed this Austin Healy for years until we needed an air-conditioned car, being that we lived in Miami, Florida.



It was around this time that we attended a friend's party, and I mentioned that I wanted to race sports cars. My friend said that at 31 years old and too old to race. I had joined the SCCA in 1969 (I am a Lifetime member now). I attended a Regional Race in West Palm Beach where a driver of an F-Production Austin Healy Sprite said he was quitting. I asked how much he wanted? He said \$800, and I said "Okay." So, the next weekend I went to his house to get my Austin Healy 1275cc Sprite. It came with a homemade trailer. The trailer needed some work, so I took it to Johnny's Trailer Service and Johnny Jr. helped me. My Dad and Johnny Sr. had done business when I was a wee lad. We designed a trailer that had a drop axle and a goose neck hitch that allowed me to load and unload my Sprite without ramps.

The 1275cc Austin engine needed rebuilding as #3 and #4 pistons had holes in them. A new fellow racer friend helped me. We rebuilt the engine using lower compression dish pistons so that I could get through the two Drivers' Schools and two Regional Races to get my Regional License. As I was preparing the 1 ¼" SU carbs, my friend was pouring oil into the Austin engine. A neighbor was watching him and noticed that oil was coming out of the rear intake port of the head. We agreed that this was not right and found a small hole where the intake had been honed out too much and had broken through to the pushrod channel. I checked with the previous owner, and he told me the machine shop that had worked on the head. They heated up the head and brazed up the hole.



## more Austin Engines in My Life

After getting the Austin engine started, I signed up for my first Drivers' School. We had a Friday night class to go over the flags and other safety procedures. Then the next morning, off to Palm Beach International Raceway where I drove my Austin Healy Sprite for the first time. As I started the second lap, I thought to myself, "Oh, yes I love doing this"! I did two Drivers' Schools and a Regional Race with the 1275 cc Austin Engine performing flawlessly. Then on the second Regional Race the Austin blew a head gasket. I was very disappointed to say the least. Well, my friend that had helped me rebuild the engine came up to me and said that I could use his 1100cc engine G-Production Austin Healy Sprite in the last race on Saturday night, and if I did well the Regional Executive would sign me off.

During the race his Austin engine would cut out in the turns. He had warned me about this. I noticed that the ignition light would flash, so going down the back straight I reached behind the dashboard and pushed the wiring up against the dashboard. It worked, and I completed the race with the Austin engine running smoothly. Upon reaching the pits after the race, I told him what I had done and fixed it by using needle nose pliers squeezing the solder connection to stop the wire from shorting out. I used connectors in my car. I did well, so the RE signed me off so I could get my Regional License. I had gotten a score of 24 out of 25 on my Drivers' School. After four Regional Races I was able to get my National license.



I raced the Austin Healy Sprite for years tweaking many things to make it faster and handle better. I had to call it an MG Midget 1275cc so that I could modify the body to help cooling and handling. I modified the Austin 1275cc over the years. One item was to use the intake manifold with Healy stamped on them so that I could use MGA 1 1/2" SU carbs. I modified the oil pan so that it held seven quarts of oil, and increased the volume of coolant so that my Austin engines ran cool in the hot Florida sun. Down the back straights it would turn 9,200 RPMs. It sounded like a turbine. My Austin engines won two F-Production Championship in 1975 and 79.



How do you pay for racing without hurting the family budget? I rebuild Austin powered sports cars--MGBs, Midgets, and Austin Healy Sprites and 3000s. Okay, there were Triumphs sports cars also. There was a TR6 that a racing friend could not get to run right for the owner. The owner wanted \$1,000.00 for it, so I bought it. I started with the basics and checked the firing order. I found that number 3 and 4 ignition wires were reversed, and it ran like a champ. I sold it for \$3,500.00 within a month.

At the beginning of the eighties the money from the rebuilds found its way into the family budget and the racing ceased. I still have the race engine that turned 9,200 RPM as a remembrance.

I am rebuilding a 1970 MGB-GT, a 1972 MG Midget that is yellow like the racecar, and I have modified the Austin engine. I have had an Austin engine in my garage since 1965, including my latest acquisition--a 1959 Morris Minor 1000 I call "Happy," as I have so much fun driving it. Happy has a 948cc Austin engine. Okay, it has a Morris label on it, but it is an ancestor of the engine I remember in my dear mother's American Bantam.





## Northshore Cars and Coffee April 26th

It was a big crowd at Liz's this morning. A couple of people said the count was 31, including more than a few couples, plus Barney the MGA Guru and his son joined us. In the parking lot, Dean's Lotus Emira was the star of the show today. After kicking the tires, some of us drove up Highway 1088 to Fish Hatchery Road and then down to Lacombe. From there we headed to Fontainebleau State Park where the Honey Island Clydesdales were being honored for being Louisiana ambassadors.





**Meanwhile, in Baton Rouge AH Brake Caliper Tech Session April 29th**



This morning Rick Huber, Larry and Cathy Kelly, Charlie Brown, Robb Cowzer, Randy Fleming, Roy Johnson and I met Lorraine McCaa at her home to replace the front brake calipers on her Austin Healey 3000. Apparently, someone had sprayed a chemical into the pistons (to free them up?) which reacted with the rubber seals and caused them to swell up enough to lock up one side!

Rick and Robb were the main mechanics with some of us jumping in from time to time. Larry had to walk home to try and get a frozen brake fitting out of a caliper, but it was too far gone. Fortunately, Charlie had a new one and drove home to get it while we visited.

Then, we all got a primer on bending said line to match the old one! In the process, my cheap-o socket wrench broke and almost sent Rick's face through the fender! Think I'm going to splurge on some good quality socket sets for all of my cars. When you need them for an emergency on the side of the road they better be up to the task!

Lorraine had a spread laid out for us with gourmet cookies, cakes, bananas and apples, and we enjoyed meeting fellow club member Roy Johnson who is restoring his MGA. —Roving Reporter



## BR C&C May 3rd

We had a nice crowd at the Warehouse Saturday morning, and it *didn't* rain! Mark Huber was limping though - he stubbed (and broke) his little toe while walking down the sidewalk barefooted. We all hope he's back on the clutch pedal soon.

Barney Gaylord and his son Elliot joined us for breakfast in his well-traveled, Illinois registered MGA. He has been on the road for 11 years now and has racked up around 700,000 miles on the little car! I bet he has crossed the Pearl River Bridge! We gave him directions to Harbor Freight as he needed a new wheel or two for his trailer.

Leaving, my door felt funny when I closed it, and pulling out of the parking lot it swung open! Yep, broken door latch. Randy, Charlie and I looked at it, but I ended up holding the door closed with my arm all the way home. Did you know there are NO YouTube videos on removing an MGB door latch assembly? Haynes manual to the rescue! —Roving Reporter (currently grounded)





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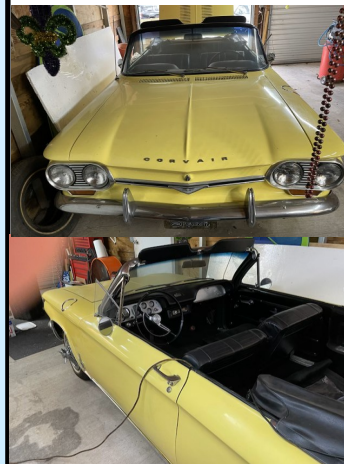
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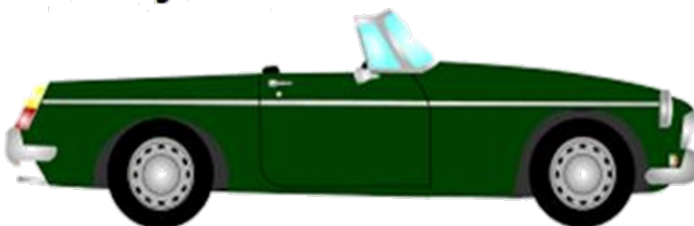


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