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A message from the president

You may remember our last issue of **Wyres and Tyres** was in June 2007 and we are very happy to start it up once again! As your newly re-elected President, I am looking forward to another successful year of club activities and events. I extend a special thanks to those members who worked on BSCC projects and activities in 2018 by organizing fun and informative events and helping us to grow our membership. It is commitment like this that helps voluntary organizations like ours do the things we do. 2018 was a great year for our club and I sincerely appreciate their hard work, creativity and commitment to making BSCC one of the best car clubs in Memphis.

Our club includes over 80 members from the greater Memphis area. Members own a wide variety of British cars, from old to new, some "purring like a kitten", others in various stages of restoration. I'm always

thrilled to see these beautiful cars cruising down the highway on the way to an event. We welcome and encourage everyone to come to Coletta's for our monthly meeting and to our Marque events for the joy of the drive and the friendship.

Your Board is working diligently to create the 2019 calendar of events and it will be posted and updated on the club website and in this newsletter. If you have not already done so, check out our website at <http://www.memphisbritishcars.org>. Explore the links and discover the club history, memorabilia and memories created from past years of club activities and comradery. The Wyres and Tyres editors are always looking for news articles, stories, pictures or announcements for our bimonthly newsletter. If you have an item of interest or fun story to share, please send to the Wyres and Tyres editor for all to enjoy.

Steve Wayne

Mission statement

The British Sports Car Club, LTD., was formed in Memphis, Tennessee, in 1982 as an organization devoted to the preservation, restoration and enjoyment of British cars.

2019 Officers...

President: [Steve Wayne](#)

Vice President: [Jeb Blanchard](#)

Communications Secretary: [Jim Duke](#)

Treasurer: [Steve Feltman](#)

2019 Marque Leaders...

Austin Healey: [Jim Hofer](#)

Empire: [Dave White](#) & [Tom Wilson](#)

Jaguar: [Terry Roberts](#)

MG: [Jerry Farrar](#) & [Paul Burdette](#)

Triumph: [Bill Schulzke](#)

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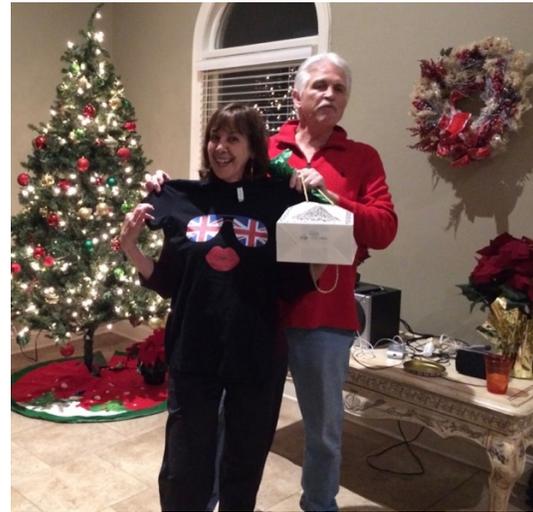
Webmaster/Historian: [Joe Reed](#)

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2018 Holiday party

Thanks to Lissa & John Duston and Teri & Larry Kiehna for organizing the BSCC Holiday Party for 2018. With over 40 members in attendance, many wore their fun Christmas attire making the party a huge success. The food was outstanding with the recipes of club members tickling our palates.

Awards went to the best sweater and most unique. Ileana and Steve Feltman won best sweaters and the Ross's, Al and Dale, dressed in Chevy Chase PJ's including bedroom slippers, won most unique. There was a special presentation to the 2018/2019 first Lady, Liz Wayne. A picture tells 1000 words! Congrats to all for a fun event.



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Meetings/Dues

General Membership Meetings are held on the third Monday of each month at Coletta's Italian Restaurant, on Appling Road in Bartlett, TN. No reservations are necessary, just show up and enjoy the evening and guest speaker (6:00 for dinner, and program begins at 7:00).

Board meetings are held the 2nd Monday of each month with selected locations listed on the club website

Annual dues are only \$30.00 – due in January 2019, so please send payment to Steve Feltman. You do not have to own a British car to be a member. Here is the link to renewal form.

<http://www.memphisbritishcars.org>.

**RENEW YOUR
MEMBERSHIP
FOR 2019**

February Marque event



February will be our first Marque event and it's a Garage crawl! One of our long-time

members has agreed to open up his garage and let us see some of his collectible cars. We will meet in Germantown and caravan over to see some interesting classics. We will then proceed to a nearby restaurant for refreshments, so be sure to charge up that battery and join in the fun of our first Marque event for 2019. Please watch for details on our website.

Taco Tuesday...a monthly tradition



Because we all gather around food and love the comradery of the club members, each month we gather at a great Mexican restaurant. Our first Taco Tuesday will be held on January 29th at Casa Mexicana (535 Perkins Ext. #101) at 6:30 PM.

TECH Talk (TECH Tips from John Twist, source The MG Driver, MGB Register)

John – I recently started work on an MG TD – purchased from someone who had “restored it” – their idea of restoration didn't include things like replacing grease caps (there were none) or properly installing the

door latches (who needs doors to stay open). Anyway, I just turned the front rotors and put in new shoes and cylinders (yes, they are positioned the correct way) and am seeking guidance on how to break them in. Currently they freewheel loosely. I have read to adjust until they grab and then back off two clicks – is that correct? A little

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grinding grabbing is Ok to bed the shoes?
Sounds like a recipe for heating and warping, but what do I know? I came from Rover 200 TC world: disk brakes. Best and hope to meet you someday!

Steve

You probably meant to write that you'd turned the front drums. Adjust the shoes until they lock, then back off a couple of clicks. Go out and drive the car to "bed in" the shoes. That means that the shoes will conform to the radius of the drums – eventually. Expect to readjust the brakes a couple of times in the next couple hundred miles until the distance between locked and unlocked in one click. I've found that by using vice grips on a screwdriver shank you can get the leverage you need to make a one click movement.

Hi John – I have a 1980 Triumph Spitfire that up until recently ran fine. It now stutters on acceleration in all gears. The only change I can think of is that I tried a tank of 90 octane, non-ethanol gasoline. Prior to that I'd been using normal premium

gas. Any suggestions on what to check?
Thanks, Jom Gow

Jim

First thing I can think of – easiest and least expensive – is that you don't have enough or think enough oil in the dashpot. Fill it up with some really heavy gear oil -90/140 – something like that. Let me know if that takes care of the problem. There are only about a jillion other things it might be, but this one is so easy. If the extra oil doesn't take care of the problem, disconnect the vent line from the float bowl to the charcoal canister (5/16" line). See if that makes a difference.

Hi John – I have a 1965 BRG Austin Healey Mark III BJ8 with 5-year-old tires. I need to find a place to have them shaved. Ever since I replaced them, I have the infamous Skuttle shake at 65 MPH.

Tom,

Use Allen Hendrix at Hendrix Wire Wheel in Greensboro, NC. He's the man.

Car Show News

Yes, plans are already underway for EUROFEST 2019! Mark your calendars for September 27 and 28th for another special car show on the Youth Villages Campus. This year we will be featuring a British and European Marque, details to follow. We would welcome any volunteers who could help with organizing the event, fundraising and show preparations. Please contact Jim Hofer, EUROFEST Director, if you are interested in helping out in some way.

Please remember

On December 20th we lost a longtime friend and active BSCC club member, Bruce Pelynio, in a private plane crash in Atlanta. Bruce lived life to the fullest through his love for cars and had a passion for driving his Aston Martin whenever possible. Bruce is survived by his wife Laurie and twin daughters and other family members. A celebration of Bruce's phenomenal life will be held on Saturday January 12th at Owen Brennan's, Memphis, TN. Our heartfelt condolences go out to Laurie and family.

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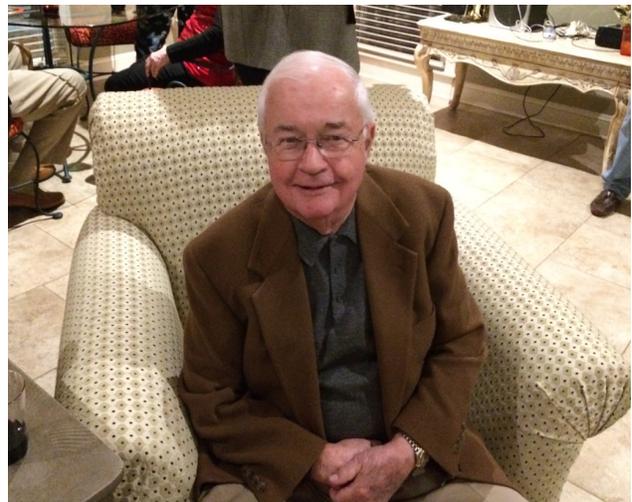


Member spotlight - Janey and Jack Reynolds

The Reynolds have been members of the Memphis BSCC since 1986. Jack has served as Club President, Treasurer, Marque Leader, Historian and Grounds Organizer for many Car Shows and currently sits on the Board of Edge Motor Museum. He has owned a 1967 and 80 MGB, 79 Porsche

Targa, 2 Mini Coopers and currently a 2007 Jag XK Coupe.

Janey has helped to organize and participate in many BSCC events over the years and helps the Board with communications and is an active volunteer at The Med. They have made many great friends from their membership in the BSCC.



New year's resolutions

- Attend a monthly meeting at Coletta's
- Participate in at least one Marque event
- Volunteer to help, we'll find something for you to do!

- Bring a British car to EUROFEST 2019
- Join us at Holiday Ham for BSCC Cars and Coffee (our first one is Jan. 5th)
- Attend Taco Tuesday, meet new members & share a your British car story with friends.

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Survey Results

Here is a summary of the results from our December member survey. Your feedback will be used by the Board as we plan for our 2019 activities. Thanks for your support.

50 responses

How long have you been a member?

0-5 years	19
6-10 years	10
more than 10 years	21

Why did you join the club?

To connect with other British car enthusiasts

I joined because I wanted to be part of the yearly car show. It was never published.

Comradeship, technical support, events

Wanted to meet other like minded British car owners and enjoy the driving events.

Wonderful people to work with and socialize

to be with other British car enthusiast

Interest in British cars and associating with other owners of British cars.

Own a British car, MG

Because of car

Cars and very nice and friendly people

To have friends to help me work on my car

previous owner of my car

Learn about British cars. Friendship.

Join others who have the same love of British cars.

To meet people who owned British automobiles

Enjoy first Saturday breakfasts. Good resources for auto repair.

Learn About British cars and the folks that own them.

mg husbands love

Friendship

Bought a Brit car

I wanted to meet people with similar interests.

To experience cars with other enthusiasts and learn more.

To enjoy time with like minded enthusiasts.

Antique Car addiction & Friends

to meet other British car owners

Share common interest in cars

share info, learn from other mgb owners

To meet widowed rich women

Meet people with British Car interests. Learn more about British cars. Find contacts for British car service.

Events, comradeship, sharing knowledge

to socialize with other British car folks - they are the nicest people

To get to know more people with appreciation for British cars.

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To meet up with fellow enthusiasts.

Was a member of SPCA and had a Brit car so when it was organized, I joined.

Events

Socialize with other British car owners

To gain knowledge to help me maintain my MGB

Bought a British sports car

cars

to be with other British Car Owners

Have owned MG's much of my life.

Fun, common interest

obtained an MG

Like the cars — like the people

How satisfied are you with the club and our activities?

Value Count

1 0

2 2

3 5

4 18

5 23

What other activities and programs would you like to see?

Garage sessions

We have too many now. The ones we have check all the boxes.

More organized driving programs/events

Do another winery trip in the area: Crown winery, Century Winery, De Terra Winery, Delta Blues Winery to name a few

More of the same

Good job. Most active car club I have seen.

We are very pleased with the amount a quality of the activities. We especially like evenly meets, drive and eat.

Garage crawls, group repair

how to work on British car workshops.

things that include all members

Out of town events with overnight!

Visits to auto collections, some histories of different Marques?

More ties to music events, and more like John Twist.

More driving events.

Levitt Shell, Trolley Night or Beale Street

Programs about CARS! I now attend another meeting on Mondays.

More auto related speakers

I prefer car-focused activities and programs - technical, tourist, etc.

Anything suits me.

Another smaller car show in the spring

More technical talks

A car show just for members with non-member judges

driving

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Any kind of generalized mechanical repair series that is not specific to one car type... best hydraulic repair/replacement practices, tuning the Weber, S-U or Zenith-Stromberg carburetor, timing your British Iron. That kind of thing.

Longer driving events

Keep interesting monthly programs

How likely would you be to recommend a BSCC membership to family, friends or colleagues?

Value Count

1 0

2 0

3 5

4 7

5 37

How many Marque events have you attended in the past 12 months?

0-2 22

3-5 20

more than 5 7

How far are you willing to drive your British car for an event?

Less than 20 miles 8

20- 50 miles 17

50-100 miles 13

More than 100 miles 11

Do you intend to bring your British car to our Eurofest event?

Yes 41

No 7

How often do you visit the BSCC website?

Weekly 8

Monthly 11

Occasionally 28

Never 2

Do you have any feedback or suggestions to the BSCC Board?

You are doing a very good job! Let's poll the membership and determine what the issues are concerning the car show attendance. Attendance is about 30- 40%. It is basically the only charity fundraiser we do each year.

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Perhaps an alternate restaurant meeting site.

Live in Jackson. Don't attend many regular gatherings.

Thank you for all the hard work you do for our group!

We don't need to do the car show. There are many other British and Euro shows we could go to.

I believe they do a very fine job.

Love the monthly events! Get younger members!

Admire the work the Board does. Proud of our club!

I would like to see our club adopt a more proactive welcoming and engagement of new members/visitors. I am far from shy and do not mind introducing myself to strangers, however it has been my experience that unless you are a long-time member you can easily feel like a foreigner in a strange land. Perhaps have those experienced members that have outgoing personalities to be the greeter and encourage conversations with new members and visitors. I would really like to see if we could come up with more driving events. They do not need to be to special locations, they could simply be a drive in the countryside and stop at a restaurant to eat. Additionally, I have heard from several past members that a new local for the monthly meeting would be refreshing.

More downtown events or Beale street

I am not a fan of the food at Coletta's Restaurant. If there was better food available, I would come to more meetings. Perhaps other restaurants should be looked at.....even the buffet at Holiday Inn U of Memphis would be a good choice if there is a private room attached.....or Picadilly Cafeteria.....

when presentations are in progress, eliminate conversations in the audience.

I am not interested in gardening, furniture, etc. I like cars.

You are doing a great job - thanks for what you do. PS - the website is getting much better the last year or two.

Keep up the good work!

doing a good job

Maybe have a car and coffee for our club on a Saturday in the summer

Change the location for meetings.

How about some kind of "track day" at MMSP?

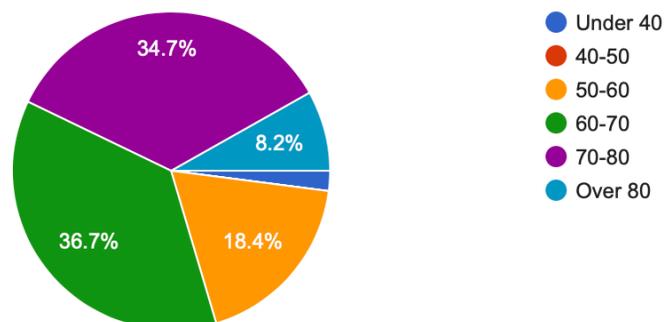
Keep up the good work.

No

I appreciate your good work

My age group is:

49 responses



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Mark your Calendar

Sat. Jan. 5, BSCC Cars & Coffee Holiday Ham (Poplar Avenue at Erin Drive) meet 8:30 AM.

Sat. Jan. 26, Cars & Coffee GPAC Germantown meet 8am

Tue. Jan. 29, BSCC Taco Tuesday at Casa Mexicana (535 Perkins Ext. #101) meet 6:30 PM.

Sat. Feb. 2, BSCC Cars & Coffee Holiday Ham (Poplar Avenue at Erin Drive) meet 8:30 AM.

Sat. Feb. 3, BSCC Super Bowl Party - once again graciously hosted by Dave White at his home (1875 Wood Oak Drive in Cordova) The meal will be Italian theme....BYOB along with an appetizer or dessert as you wish....and arrive at 4:30

Sat. Feb. 23, Cars & Coffee GPAC Germantown meet 8am

Tue. Feb. 26, BSCC Taco Tuesday, location TBD, check club website, meet 6:30 PM.

Wants and Gots

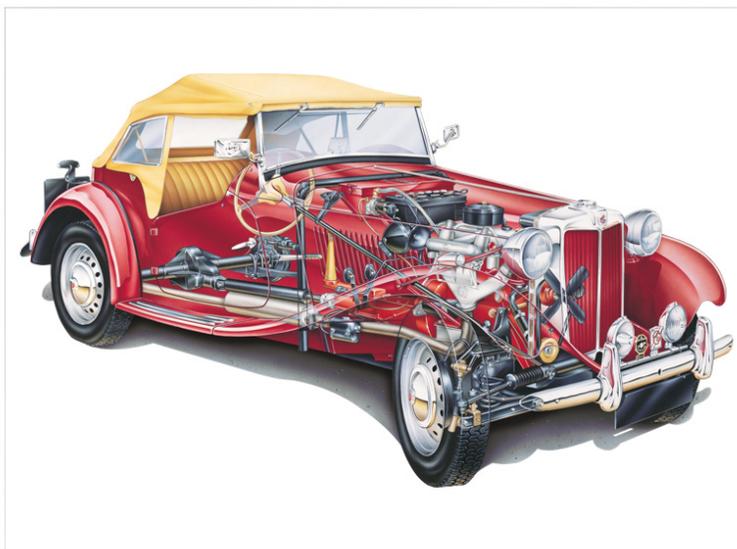
I have a few Zenith Stromberg Carbs from Rubber bumper MGB's and intake/exhaust manifolds for free if someone needs one.

I also have my strut spring compressor, which I will gladly loan or help folks use.

I have a complete front suspension for a 1975 MGB, make an offer if interested.

I also have dash gauges, speedos, clocks, etc, make offer. Contact: [Steve Feltman](#)

Nostalgia



MG-TD Cutaway

