

Wyres & Tyres

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Membership Meetings

Coletta's Italian Restaurant
2850 Appling Rd.

Mark your calendar - **Monday**,
September 19th; 6:00 p.m. for dinner, 7:00
p.m. for our program

Taco Tuesday - September 27th, 6 p.m.
Location To Be Announced



North American MGB Register



Wyres & Tyres will be truncated a lot this month, and probably next because your editor is working through a series of maladies. First, a blood disorder keeps the hematologist hopping. Then stuck down by the dreaded Corona 19 virus (boo on all those who have foregone vaccination!). Finally, a serious lung ailment will need surgical intervention, followed by recovery.

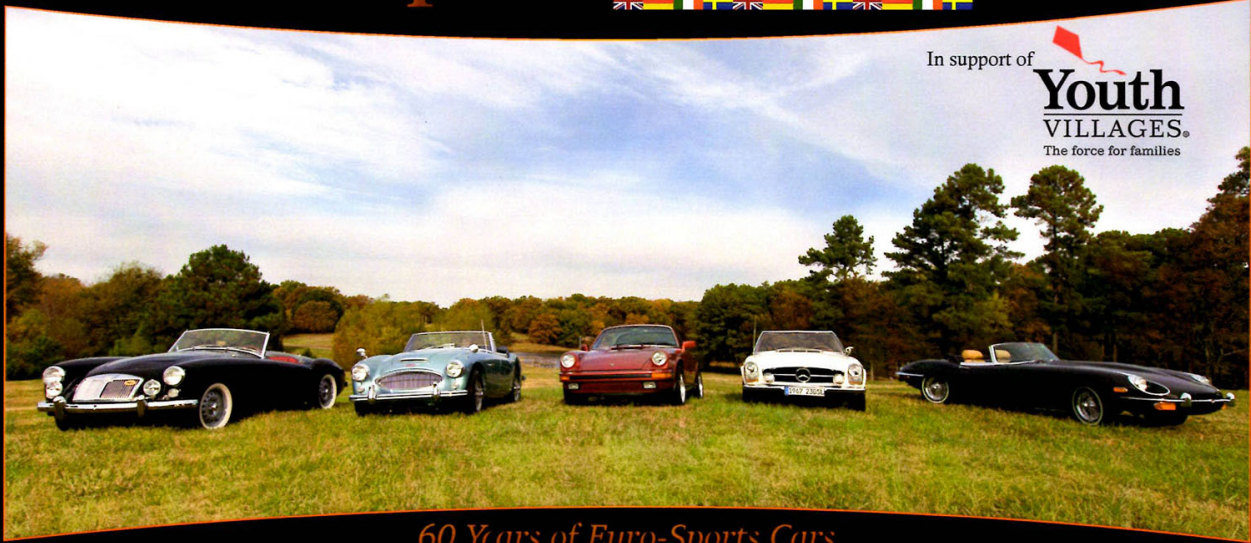
Hence, the W&T editor has been taking a lot of medical leave and expects to need more over the next month or so.

This editorial vacancy cries out for a volunteer to take the wheel and keep the bus rolling and out of the ditch. Think back in the days of CB radio the term was, "keep the shiny side up". Just contact Al Ross, BSCC President, to let him know you're willing to help.



British Sports Car Club of Memphis
presents

Memphis Euro-Fest 2022



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60 Years of Euro-Sports Cars

Saturday September 24, 2022

7410 Memphis-Arlington Road

8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Hosted by the  British Sports Car Club, LTD., Memphis, TN www.memphisbritishcars.org/eurofest

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Yep, just as the poster (above) shows, the annual BSCC-sponsored EuroFest is back on the calendar, and coming up very soon.

September 24th is the car & cycle show at Youth Villages' Bartlett campus. That's at 7410 Memphis-Arlington Rd.

Friday the 23rd will feature the traditional Alresco dinner under the big tent on the showground. That will kick off at 6:00 p.m. with loads of good food and hospitality - be sure to bring a dish that goes with barbeque to share with others; a tasty dessert goes with anything!

Then show registration opens at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday and remains open until 10:00 a.m. You can beat the rush by downloading a registration blank from our website - www.memphisbritishcars.org and have it all completed in advance.

Our car show chair, Jim Hofer, has asked you to donate a tool or apparatus from your garage, or a newly purchased item from Harbor Freight or Northern Tool. Your donation will become either a door prize or a silent auction item in the drive to raise money for Youth Villages.

Now is a good time to start shining up the old buggy, September 24th will be here before you knowit!



A guy went into a Chicago bar and asked, "What's the quickest way to get to Milwaukee?"

The bartender asked, "Are you walking or driving?"

The guy said, "I'm driving, of course".

The bartender replied, "That the quickest."

Running Rich?

From 'News and Notes', Sept. 2022 issue
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Running an engine too rich doesn't just waste money.



According to Zachary J. Santner, senior specialist of quality at Sunoco, it might cause several major driveline problems as well.

- **Fouled Spark Plugs:** If the engine can't burn all the fuel dumped into the combustion chambers, hard carbon deposits can form on the spark plugs. The potential result? Ignition problems.
- **Hard Carbon Buildup:** That carbon won't just stick to the spark plugs; it can build up on the tops of the pistons, too. "That can do funky things regarding drivability," Santner notes, adding that hard carbon deposits can soak up wet fuel—picture them behaving like a sponge—and then lean out the air/fuel mixture. Really heavy carbon deposits, he continues, can increase the engine's compression ratio, leading to pre-ignition and higher operating temperatures.
- **Accelerated Engine Wear:** Gasoline is a terrific solvent for motor oil. As Santner explains, likes dissolve likes—meaning that gas will dissolve oil. That extra gasoline in the combustion chamber? What do you think it's

doing to the film of oil that should be protecting the walls of the cylinders? And if the engine runs so rich that gasoline gets down into the bottom end, you can imagine the terrible consequences for your bearings.

- **Clogged Catalytic Converter:** Remember those carbon deposits we mentioned? Catalytic converters are also susceptible to them, and they can clog up the honeycomb substrate. Then bad things happen, from a car running poorly to backfiring to a catalytic converter coming apart.

The obvious solution to the above: Operate a properly tuned engine. An air/fuel gauge—AEM offers several—can tell you exactly how well the engine is burning the gasoline. Running a Top Tier fuel, Santner adds, can also help combat those carbon deposits thanks to its extra detergents.



Spridget Mistakes To Avoid

Paul Dierschow
Sports Car Craftsmen

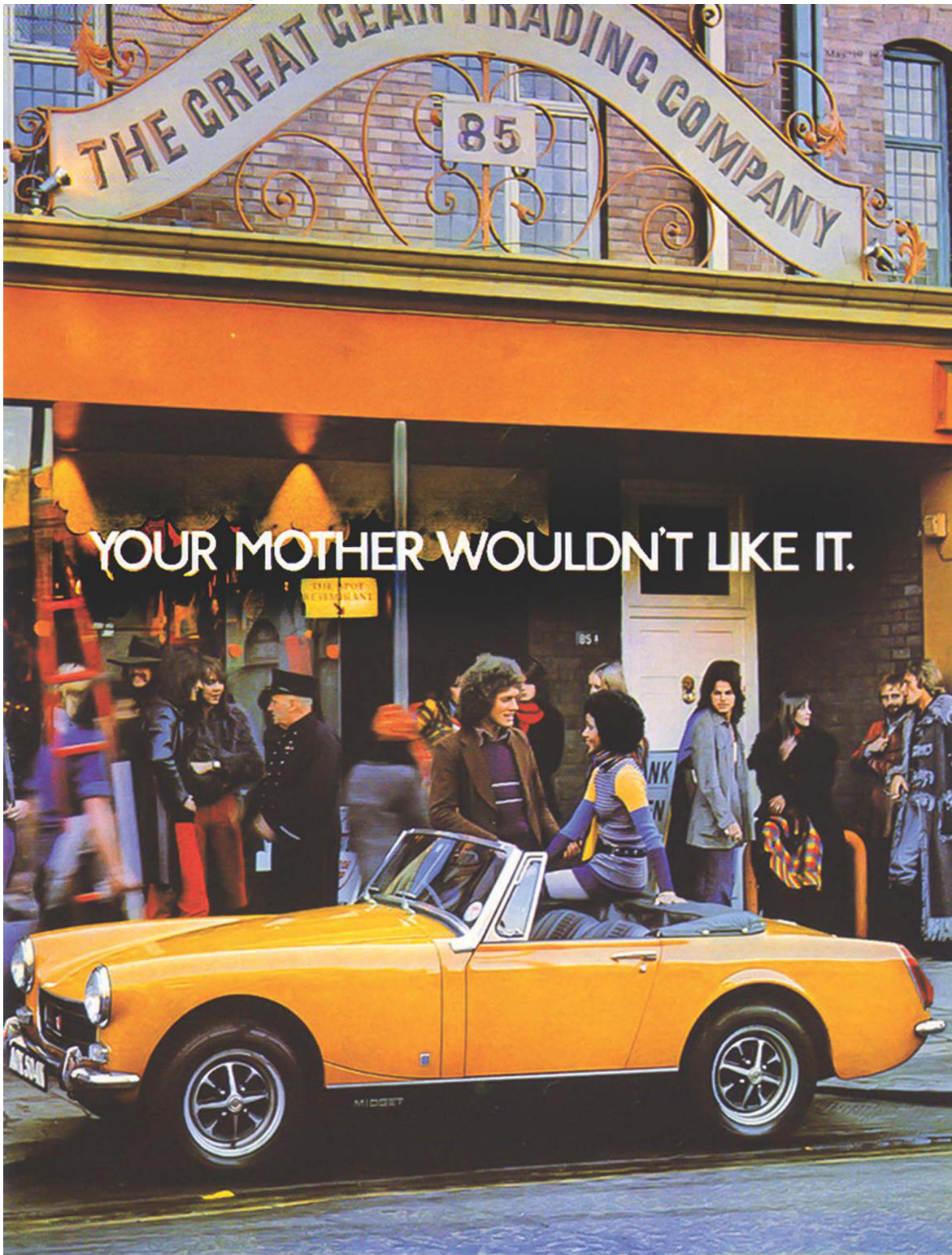
1. Don't change the car from steel to wire wheels without changing the entire rear axle housing. The wire-wheel axles are nearly an inch shorter, and although they will move the car if installed in a steel-wheel axle housing, the amount of axle spline engaging the differential side gear will be next to nothing.
2. Don't use axles from a 948cc-or 1098cc-engined car if you have any performance ambitions whatsoever. They are made from material that is quite inferior to that used for 1275cc- or 1500cc-powered cars. They're guaranteed to let you down when you least need or expect it.
3. Don't spin the rear wheels when driving from an unpaved area onto a hard road. The shock generated by the abrupt change of traction is almost guaranteed to snap the right-

rear axle shaft effortlessly. Again, severe disappointment may ensue.

4. Don't change a drum-brake car to disc brakes without changing over to the rear brakes and master cylinder from a disc-brake car as well. The front-to-rear brake bias will be changed to be far less than ideal if only the front brakes are changed. Do the whole job.

5. Don't plan to put a 1098cc engine onto a smooth-case transmission that was behind a 948. The 1098 clutch won't fit inside the bell housing without very extensive modifications.

6. Don't try to solve a clutch-release problem by lengthening the slave cylinder pushrod. The release bearing fork will hit the back of the bell



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housing's opening and bend it easily due to the force generated by the hydraulic pressure within the system. Instead of making the problem worse, fix the original problem, which is usually a worn-out release bearing or master cylinder pushrod.

7. Don't use the wrong radiator cap on a vertical flow radiator. They take a 1-inch-deep cap that is hard to distinguish from the common 3/4-inch-deep one found in most other cars. This will cause the car to boil over easily, as it will not seal the cooling system and thus prevent the coolant's boiling temperature from rising properly.

8. Don't fill the radiator in a cross-flow car through the pressure cap on the surge tank. That will only partially fill the coolant system, and hot running will quickly result.

9. Don't upgrade to the wrong alloy wheel. Too much positive offset will cause the tire to foul the rear wheel arch; too much negative will foul the leaf springs. Your choices are limited.

10. Don't buy a generic fuel pump just because it's cheap. Most will produce far too much fuel pressure, which will overwhelm the carb float needles and then initiate serious driveability problems. Attempting to resolve this with a pressure regulator frequently produces further problems, including leaking or inaccurate settings. Just ante up for the real SU pump and be done with it.



Irony

The doctor hopes you fall ill.

The police hopes you become a criminal.

The lawyer hopes you get into trouble.

The priest wants you to get married.

The coffin maker wants you dead.

Only a thief wishes you prosperity in life!

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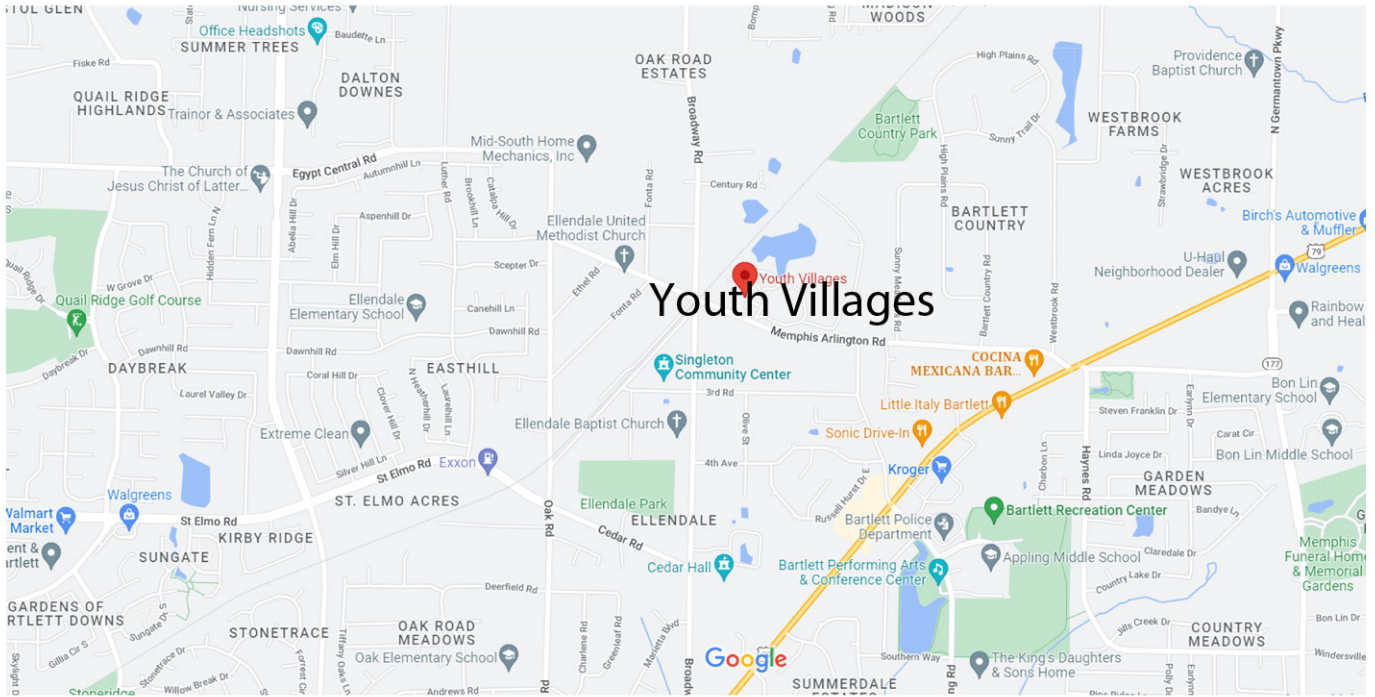
After spending several hours wandering through the woods, Bob and Jim were thoroughly lost.

Disorientated, they sat down to discuss what to do next.

"Hey, I have an idea," said Bob. "If we each fire three shots into the air, someone will hear them and come to help us."

Jim agreed, so each of them fired their shots. An hour later, nobody has come to help, so they decide to fire three more shots. Another hour passes - still no one.

"Okay lets try this one more time" said Bob. "Dude, this had better work," replied Jim. "These are our last arrows".



September 24, 2022 Memphis EuroFest