



Wyres & Tyres

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GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, AUGUST 10, 1987

7:00 P.M.

PANCHO'S RESTAURANT - SUMMER AVENUE - CLOVERLEAF SHOPPING CENTER

4TH ANNUAL BRITISH CAR FEST -

We'll have only one more Wyres & Tyres before our car fest, which will be held October 9, 10 and 11 on Mud Island. Our hotel headquarters will once again be the Sheraton downtown. We have had a preliminary meeting with the management and have begun to work out the numerous details.

Our raffle car is nearly complete, and we need to begin thinking about ticket sales. If each club member would set a goal and sell 100 tickets each, we could really be ahead of the game by the time the fair comes around. Tickets are so easy to sell at \$1.00 each, and the money goes to such a worthwhile cause. Our talented members have worked long hard hours to make this year's car the best one we have had. Now it's everyone else's turn to make sure we sell as many tickets as we possibly can. This is our one fund raiser of the year. Let's make it count. Be prepared to work at the fair when called upon. There will be a sign-up sheet at the next meeting. If you are unable to attend, but want to work, please call George Callow, Fair Coordinator, at (hm)274-4412 or (wk) 725-6400. Remember, we will be required to have someone (several someones) manning the fair booth at all times. This means 10:00 A.M. till 10:00 P.M. all seven (7) days of the fair. Get a group of friends or family to help and come have fun.

There are several other events at which we traditionally sell tickets that will be mentioned later in this publication.

The car fest committee meets every Thursday night at 7:00 P.M. at the Variety Club in the Coach House Motel on Union Avenue. If you'd like to join in on the sessions there, please do. We need a lot of help to put on the kind of show we do, and there is a spot for you. Remember, you have more fun if you are involved.

LOGO ENTRY -

Did you notice the neat logo? This is the first entry in our "new logo competition". We'll use any others sent in on a newsletter so everyone can see all entries. This one is especially good because it mentions Memphis. Looks good, huh? And why not go national?

UPCOMING EVENTS

- August 13 - 16 Annual Austin Healey Conclave held this year in Harrisburg, PA. For more information, call Thom Anderson at 274-2952.
- August 21 - 23 Pebble Beach, CA. Concours d'Elegance and Monterey Historic Races held at Laguna Seca. A group went last year and had a memorable time looking at some memorable cars. For more information, call Lamar McQuirter at (hm) 346-7923 or (wk) 369-4429.
- August 29 - 30 Victorian Village Festival
We need as many of our cars to display as possible. If you can't stay with your car all day both days, just bring it out and someone will be there to watch it till you pick it up at the end of the day. If you can't come both days, we'll take either day you can give us.
**We'll also have the raffle car on display and will need lots of help selling tickets. Please call Lamar McQuirter or Thom Anderson, their number are listed under the two events above.
- September 5-6 Kansas City MO. Car Show
At least a small group plans to attend this show and possibly take the raffle car to generate interest in our show and sell tickets. If interested in attending, call Thom Anderson.
- September 12-13 St. Louis, MO. Car Show
We hope to have a sizable group to attend this show. We again hope to take the raffle car and sell tickets and pass out our car show flyers. If you can go, call Lamar McQuirter.

OCTOBER 9,10
& 11

ANNUAL (4th) BRITISH CAR FEST
HELD IN MEMPHIS, TN. ON MUD ISLAND. YOU HAD BETTER COME TO THIS ONE!!!

Other interesting car events:

- August 7 - 9 The Nifty 50's Crusin Club Cruise-In IV, Sycamore Square off I-240. Admission \$2.00 . For more information, call 872-1697.
- August 15 Southeastern Zone Meet, Studebaker Driver's Club, Wilson World Hotel next to Mall of Memphis. Studebaker fanatics from 7 states congregate in Memphis.

Insurance agent facing charges after complaints

Dunlap has his license suspended

By Richard Locker
Nashville Bureau

NASHVILLE — The state has charged that a Memphis independent insurance agent collected hundreds of dollars in premiums from at least 22 persons and a church but never provided them coverage through various insurance companies.

The Department of Commerce and Insurance suspended the license of John T. Dunlap of the John T. Dunlap Insurance Agency, 5100 Poplar, pending a hearing Aug. 11.

Dunlap, reached at home last night, said "99 percent" of the charges are unfounded and said he will contest the suspension.

The suspension prior to a hearing is an unusual step for the department but was taken because the activities cited "are a danger to society" and because Dunlap was cited in 1985 for different violations of the law, Sharon K. Roberson, a department staff attorney, said yesterday.

The state began an investigation after receiving several complaints from customers, Ms. Roberson said. The complaints are still being received and not all of them are cited in the suspension order, she said.

The charges, if they are proved during the hearing, constitute improperly withholding, misappropriating or converting policyholders' money and incompetent or irresponsible conduct in violation of state law, according to the order.

The order cites problems between the agent and 22 people, plus the Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church. It cites premiums totaling \$1,298 paid to the agent, most of which was not forwarded to insurance companies for coverage.

In some cases, however, the amount of the premiums was not cited.

Asked where the money paid by consumers ended up, Ms. Roberson said: "The checks cleared through his account. It will come out at the hearing."

Many of the cases were for coverage of antique cars, according to the order.

In several of the cited cases, the state claims the agent would issue "binders" — or temporary coverage until an actual policy is issued — at the time he received the premiums but did not forward the customers' applications or the premiums to insurance companies for coverage.

In some cases, he is charged

with issuing binders on behalf of insurance companies with which he had no business relationship and thus the binders were unauthorized, according to the order.

The suspension of his license means Dunlap is prohibited from selling or soliciting insurance pending the outcome of the hearing, department spokesman Luanne Grandinetti said. He is permitted to service claims against policies already in force, however.

Dunlap said none of the premiums collected from the customers was diverted to his personal use.

"We've got documents to back this up. I'm sure we'll get it (the license) back," he said.

Dunlap speculated that many of the complaints originated with would-be policyholders who were rejected for coverage by insurance companies.

"We had to refund in some instances. That could be a motivating factor," he said.

Mississippi Boulevard Christian Church's \$3,156 in premiums paid to the agent was the largest loss cited in the order. According to the order, the church issued a check for \$2,000 as a down payment for property and casualty coverage for the church building through General Accident Insurance Co.

On July 17, 1986 Dunlap issued a binder through Preferred Risk Mutual insurance company on two church-owned vans and a bus. More binders were issued on Oct. 9, Nov. 26 and Dec. 16, 1986. The policy on the vans finally arrived but the policy on the church was never received and General Accident received no application or premiums from the agent for the coverage, according to the order.

The church was issued a binder for workers compensation showing coverage with General Accident in October 1986. The agent was paid two premiums for the coverage, one for \$8.55 and another for \$281, but the church discovered that the insurance company had no record of the coverage, according to the order.

Beatrice Holliday, a bookkeeper with the church, said yesterday the church has received no refund or policies.

Dunlap said the order's charge regarding the church is "totally wrong." That was resolved months and months ago, and they know that," he said.

In 1985, the Department of Commerce and Insurance charged Dunlap with failing to send policy cancellation requests to an insurance company and failure to properly process policy refunds. In a settlement with state, he agreed to pay a \$200 civil penalty in return for the state dropping its case.

The article to the left appeared in the Commerical Appeal. Check with your company to see if you are covered. IF YOU DON'T HAVE A POLICY, YOU DON'T HAVE INSURANCE!

DON'T FORGET THE MEETING!

FAIR WARNING - THE DATES FOR THE MID SOUTH FAIR THIS YEAR ARE SEPTEMBER 25 - OCTOBER 4. This is the week before the car show, and we will all be extremely busy with last minute details for the show. However, the purpose of the show is to help our charity (while having fun and getting together with other British car enthusiasts) and the fair is our best opportunity to reach a large number of people at one time. Please, we need your help. Remember that George Callow is once again taking on the huge responsibility of coordinating workers. He works himself almost every night and some days. Call him and tell him when you can work! We have a lot of time slots to fill.

WANTS

Barry D. Coker (hm) 382-4486 (wk) 795-2070 wants an MGA wiper motor and is also looking for 4 wire wheels with hubs for MGA 1600 disc front brakes.

Ray Woods 382-4308 needs a transmission or whole parts car for Triumph GT6.

Ramona J. Miller 853-3963 wants an MGA. Will trade 2 fine quarter horses for one in mint condition, or 1 fine quarter horse for one in average condition.

Tim Jones 855-2261 wants a motor for a 1968 Porsche 912. He also wants a Jaguar or MGB and will entertain trading a 1961 Austin Healey 3000 (in boxes) for it.

GOTS

Tim Jones 855-2261 has a 1961 Austin Healey in boxes he will sell or trade for a Jaguar or MGB (see wants above)

Billy Hatcher 274-6562 has many parts for a 1974 TR6 - complete dash with gauges and body panels to name a few. He also has a 1970 TR6, complete, with many parts. There is some rust in the body panels.

Bobby Hadskey 754-7458 has got to sell an MGA body and engine parts - Handy Man's Delight.

