



# Wyres & Tyres

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF BRITISH CAR ENTHUSIASTS

APRIL 11, 1988 (THIS MONDAY NIGHT)  
GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7:00 P.M.

PANCHO'S RESTAURANT - SUMMER AVE. - CLOVERLEAF  
SHOPPING CENTER

## APRIL MEETING

Ever fretted over the type of paint best suited for your car? Come to the April 11th meeting Monday night at Pancho's. We'll have the man who can tell you everything you ever wanted to know about paint but were afraid to ask. Mr. Jerry Warren of Auto Paint and Supply on American Way will be our guest speaker. He'll tell us a little of the history of paint and how to select a new paint. Mr. Warren is also bringing some door prizes. You must, however, drive your British car to be eligible. We'll draw for the lucky winner using British car tag numbers.

This will be a very interesting and informative program. The weather has turned off warm, so put your top down and motor over to join us Monday at 7:00 p.m. We'll see you there.

## RALEIGH SPRINGS MALL CAR SHOW

On March 14th we met our quota of seven cars at Raleigh Springs Mall for this joint club car show. Jon Brody coordinated the event. Those bringing their cars were Jon Brody/1970 Jag XKE, Charles Coleman/1935 MGPA, June & Ewing Haley/1955 Austin Healey 100-M, Jim & Georgeanne Hofer/1966 Austin Healey 3000, Gail & Jack Taylor/1963 Jag XKE Coupe, Jack Reynolds/Janey's MGTD, and of course, the company raffle car.

Everyone who brought their car stayed and answered questions and sold raffle tickets. Doris & Charlie Roberts also came to lend support to the effort. If this outing was any indication of future raffle ticket sales, we won't have any problem meeting our goal. These hard working, dedicated members sold \$843.00 worth of tickets over the weekend.

Thanks to everyone who came and brought their car and/or worked for this annual event. We also got a list of people who are interested in joining or getting more information on our club. Good work!

## JAGUAR MARQUE BAR-B-QUE

March 27th was a georgous day for a Bar-B-Que. And bar-b-que we did. George and Hatti were kind (brave) enough to invite us to their beautiful new home and George (who has been awarded a Master's degree from the University of Bar-B-Que, known as the U of BBQ, or BBQU) did his thing with tender, succulent ribs and chicken. As the delicate aroma filled the air surrounding the Petech estate, members and cars begin to arrive in great numbers bearing cole slaw, potato salad,  
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baked beans and (my favorite) many many desserts (from which I was assured all calories had been removed). We really have some wonderful cooks and everything was great! I must say something here about Jaunita & Jerry Duncan's potato salad. Januita boiled double yoke eggs, halved them lenthwise, used pimento pieces for eyes and sprigs of something for ears to make egg Easter bunnies to go atop her salad. Pretty slick, huh? (Can you tell a woman is doing this article?)

Charlie Roberts trailered his in restoration class E-Type Jaguar and there was a tech session. The men spent a lot of time around the car watching Jon Brody cut something off with an implement that shot out fire. (Once again, a women's view.) Anyway, Charlie seemed very pleased with the results so the operation must have been a success.

We did have a wonderful turn-out. This was the direct result of a last minute telephone committee who diligently called all our club members (if you didn't get a call, either you weren't home, or we knew you'd be there). Because of the success of this effort, we'd like to form a permanent phone committee. If you're interested, call June Haley (755-4486) or Nina McQuirter (346-7923). We have several volunteers already. This really helps remind members of our events and is a person getter-outer.

Again, many thanks to George & Hatti Petech and their family for providing a beautiful place and wonderful bar-b-que. And thanks to everyone who attended and to everyone who contributed to the delicious food. This was a really successful event.

And now for some future events:

## 8TH ANNUAL AUSTIN HEALEY CAR CLEAN-UP AND FISH FRY

This annual event will take place on Sunday, April 24th at 1:00 p.m. We'll be at a new location, so pay attention. Bobby Hadskey's business - Short Line Sales - located on Compress Dr. at the extreme (dead end) south end of Lauderdale is the place. Cleaning of cars begins at 1:00 p.m. and fish will be served at 2:00 p.m. Cleaning machines and soap will be furnished by Charlie Roberts. Fish will be provided by the club. Any additional details can be obtained by calling June or Ewing Haley at 755-4486.

This is the oldest surviving marque event!

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# Technical advice . . .

[Editor's note: I received the following article from a gentleman in England. He wrote and said he saw the Austin-Healey Club of America entry in HEMMINGS and thought our members might find his solution for getting more life from a battery useful. As a way of introduction, he wrote, " . . . I am a graduate chemist and' also a vintage and classic car enthusiast. For something like twenty years now I have been "reviving" batteries of friends and colleagues (and a few of my own) with tetrasodium EDTA. The attached technical article explains how, and I would be very happy for you to publish this if you wished.

My prime interest isn't in running a commercial venture, I have included full instructions in the article on how to treat a battery so that any of your members who can obtain tetrasodium EDTA locally can do so. I can provide some if they are unable to obtain it locally - the inclusive price of \$5.00 just covers my costs with a little to spare, my main interest is in passing on a piece of "specialized" knowledge to fellow car enthusiasts. I circularized some British car clubs with a similar article last year and it met with great popularity.

If you would like any further information, more technical details, or to discuss the article in any way, please feel free to contact me.

## Prolonging the useful life of a car battery . . . by K. L. Martin, London, England

Very few car batteries are replaced because they stop working, in almost every case the battery is replaced because it doesn't work well enough any more. What is not generally realized is that something can be done at this stage which may well prolong the useful life of the battery - quite often by many years, and that the same treatment carried out earlier in the battery's life may well have stopped the symptoms from occurring in the first place.

The reason for a battery failing to work properly any more is due to the chemical processes which take place within each cell when the battery is not fully charged. Even the slightest of discharged conditions allows both plates to react slowly with the sulfuric acid electrolyte to form lead ions. It is these lead ions which cause problems, they combine with sulfate ions in sulfuric acid to form highly insoluble lead sulfate. When this coats the plates of the battery, it fails to deliver enough power to be of use. The battery may well be thoroughly serviceable in every other way - only the "sulfating" stops the battery delivering enough power to start the car.

The sulfating can effectively be removed,

or prevented, by adding to each cell a chemical called tetrasodium ethylenediaminetetraacetate (often abbreviated to tetrasodium EDTA). This chemical forms co-ordination compounds with many metal ions, including the lead ions formed in the discharge cycle of a battery. The compound formed by lead ions and the EDTA ion is not particularly stable in the acid medium of a battery, but when it breaks down again any lead sulfate regenerated tends to drop to the bottom of the cell where it lays harmlessly since it doesn't conduct electricity. Any regenerated EDTA ions are free to continue their work.

As can be seen from above, treating a battery with tetrasodium EDTA is likely to be most effective when the battery, for one reason or another, spends periods when it is not fully charged, and so contains too many lead ions. This is likely to occur if the car is used for just short trips, is infrequently used, or has at any time suffered from an inefficient generator/alternator. Treating with the chemical can also help keep an original battery in use, and can help in bringing back into use a stored battery.

To treat a battery with tetrasodium

EDTA you simply take a fully heaped tablespoon full of the powder, divide it up and add to each cell. This assumes an average size of battery but the exact amount is in no way critical. What you should then do is to use the car normally for a few days, or agitate the battery frequently for a few days, and then give it a thorough charge to build up on the cleaned plate areas. On the assumption that sulfating has been affecting the performance of your battery, an increased performance will be noted from here on.

Over the past few years, many thousands of European car enthusiasts have used tetrasodium EDTA with great success on their batteries. You may wish to do the same by purchasing some of the chemical and giving it a try. If you have problems and cannot find any tetrasodium EDTA in your locality, I can provide you with enough to treat a battery for \$5.00, inclusive of air mail postage and packing. I can readily accept a personal cheque made out in U.S. dollars. My address is: K. L. Martin, 19 Brookmead, Meppershall, Shefford, Bedfordshire, SG17 5SA, Great Britain.

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Don't miss them!

## EMERALD EXTRA

\*Our member Lee Albrecht is a frequent traveler and spotted this interesting promotional offer in the November, 1987 issue of the EMERALD EXTRA, National Car Rental, Inc.'s monthly publication. Interesting!

### NATIONAL BRINGS GREAT BRITAIN TO SAN FRANCISCO

Effective December 1, 1987, National Car Rental takes to the high roads with the announcement of yet another new specialty car program for Emerald Club members.

Now you can tool around the streets of San Francisco in the likes of an English Roadster, compliments of National Car Rental.

In the tradition of its California Classic Car program which

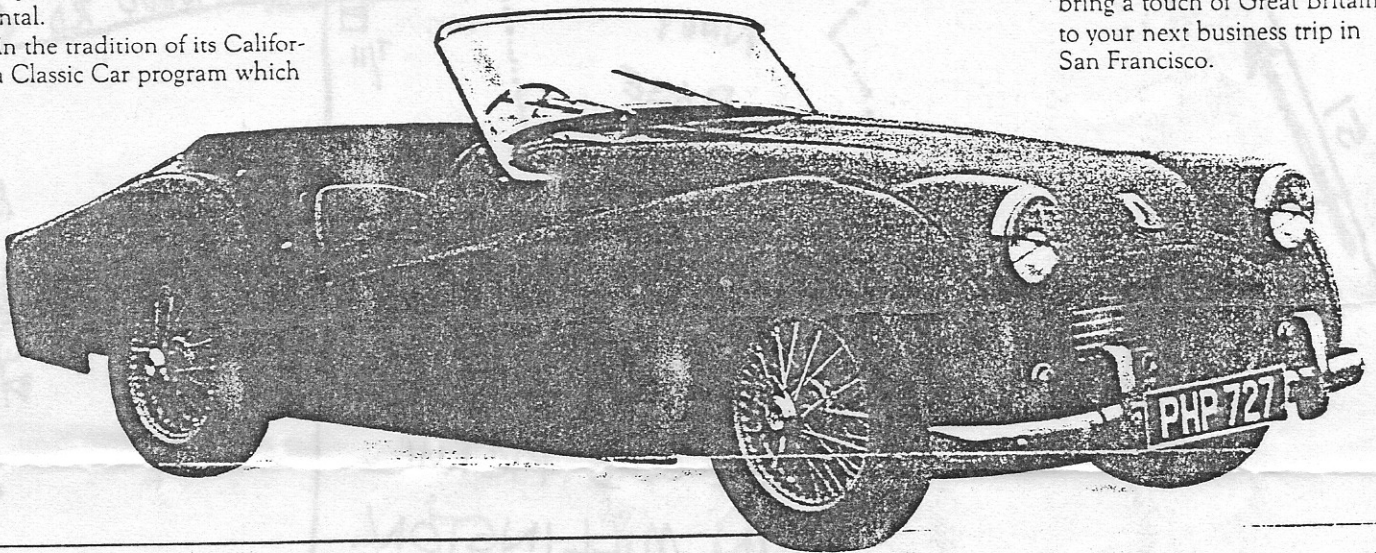
features cars from the 1950's and 60's as well as 1988 Corvette convertibles, National in San Francisco will offer Classics with a slightly different twist. Now you can mix business with pleasure by renting from a fleet of European sports cars from the 50's and 60's. San Francisco's

Classic car fleet will consist of MGs, Morgans and Triumphs, and there are plans to include Porsches, Jaguars and Healys from the same period.

And these beauties are originals. Some of the vehicles are even right hand drive, so the air of prestige lingers, and the fun never ends.

But there's more. National invites Emerald Club members to look rich without paying Porsche prices. This exclusive offer comes to members for only \$59.95 per day, \$.30 per mile. That's a small price to pay for a bit of Buckingham and a dash of Big Ben.

Let National Car Rental bring a touch of Great Britain to your next business trip in San Francisco.



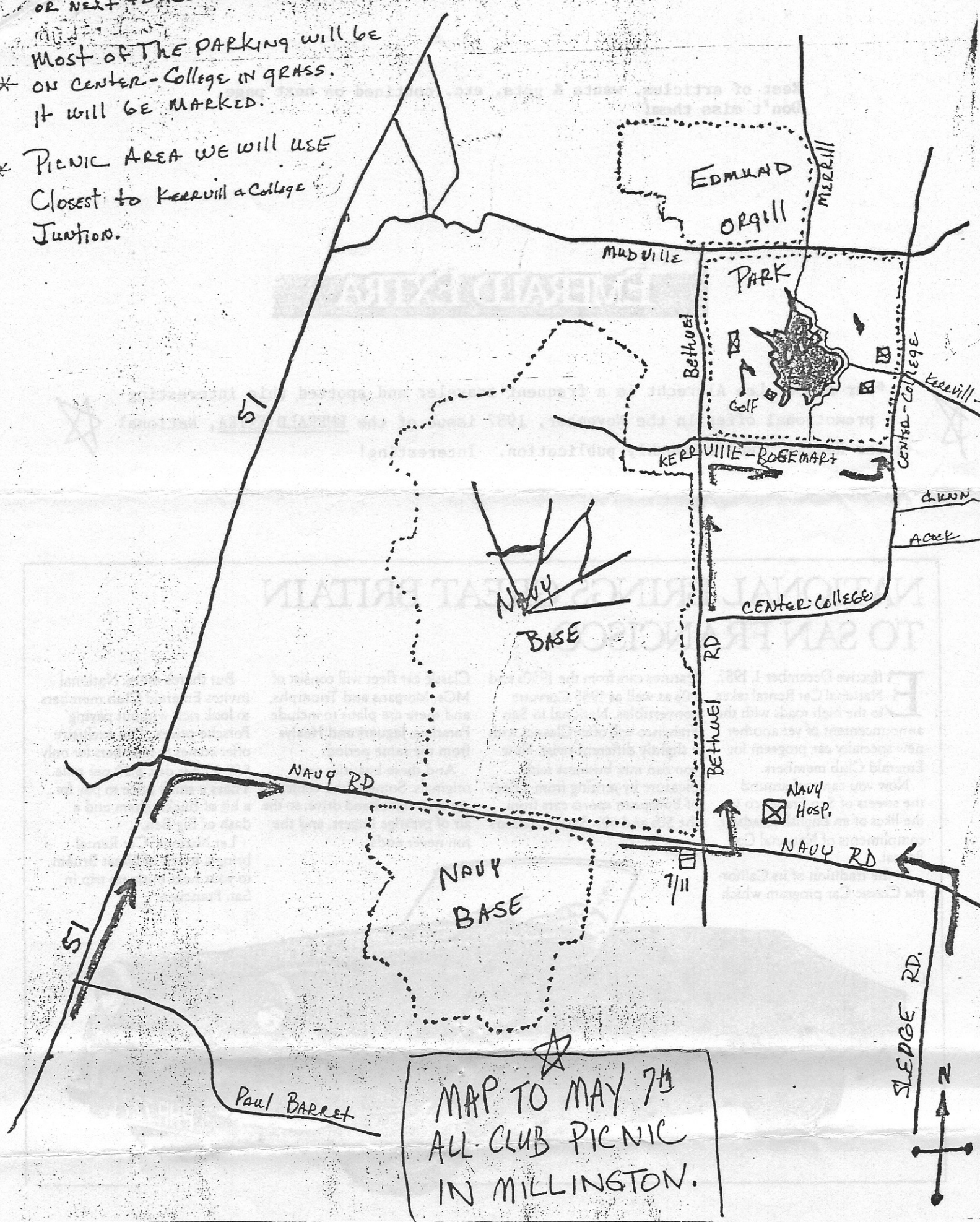
\*SEE OVER FOR MAP TO ALL-CAR CLUBS PICNIC IN MILLINGTON ON MAY 7th.

Remember upcoming events listed in newsletter.

Remember April meeting Monday night at 7:00 p.m. at Pancho's on Summer Ave. We're going to have a good program complete with door prizes. If possible, drive your British car!



- \* Picnic will be on east side of Big Lake or next to Center-College Rd. Entrance.
- \* Most of the parking will be on Center-College in grass. It will be marked.
- \* Picnic Area we will use closest to Kerrville & College Junction.





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It's lasted so long because it is so much fun! If you haven't been before, come see what you've missed. If you're a new member, this is a great event to attend to meet everyone in a relaxed atmosphere. If you've been before, I don't have to talk you into anything, I can depend on you to be there. SEE YOU THE 24th. Bring chairs.

#### SOUTHAVEN CAR SHOW - APRIL 23 & 24

I apologize for not having a copy of the flyer/registration form for this show. It's at home and my deadline is approaching.

This would be a wonderful event for the whole family. The Memphis Street Rod Association is sponsoring this rod run/ car show, and any type car is welcome. Awards will be given for the top 20 cars voted on by people (would that be peoples choice?) So every car has a chance to win. You can register your car for the show when you get to the event, but you needn't have a car to come and enjoy all the other activities.

There is an amusement park for the kids, and there will be a bar-b-que cook-off. Club member Mike Ramage and his team are entered, and Mike might be persuaded to give samples of his cooking after the judging takes place. There will be plenty of concession stands for food, arts & crafts, a goodie man and much more.

Pre registration on April 23rd is \$8.00. Same day resistration on April 24th from 8:00 a.m. till noon is \$10.00. There will be a rod run also. Festivities will continue till dark. Come and make a day of it with the family.

If you need any additional information, call Buddy Bonner at 377-1405. All proceeds go to the Badour Center. Our member Jimmy Jones can also give more details. Lets hope for great weather and meet there (location) at the Industrial Park at the intersection of 51 Highway and State Line Road.

#### ALL CAR CLUB SHOW & PIC-NIC MAY 7TH

For the first time ever the Memphis Car Club Association is sponsoring a picnic for all car enthusiasts in the Memphis area. This newly formed association is represented by club officers from the various clubs in town and was originated for the purpose of improving car club interaction and organizing several social events. Also this organization is actively working towards improving relations with government offices in our state to help change license plate and inspection regulations and possibly authorize a special license plate for the various car enthusiasts in TN.

Now, back to the picnic. It is scheduled for May 7th at Edmond Orgill Park in Millington starting at 12 noon. Though some members are needed earlier, the Shelby County Park Commission has authorized our sole usage of the park and has provided us with beverage and entertainment permits. There will a live bank playing 50's, 60's and 70's music. There is also a lake stocked for fishing at no charge - live bait only. There will be games for children & adults. Bring your own food and drinks. You may want to go in with others and bring a grill if you'd like. For more info, call Tom Prince at 743-6850. A map to the event is in this newsletter.

#### ANNUAL TOURIST TROPHY RALLYE - MAY 7th

This annual event, sponsored by the English Motoring Club of Jackson Mississippi is always a great road trip. Some of us have been attending since it began. Natchez, Mississippi has been the site in the past, however, VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI is the new location. It will be a special treat to go to Vicksburg, a city filled with history. A group will be leaving on Friday, May 6th. We'll stay in Vicksburg Friday night, the Jackson club always has something good cooked up for early arrivals. Saturday, there is a rallye with the awards reception that night. We motor home on Sunday, usually taking a few side trips to see the sights. We usually picnic on the lawn of the Carrollton, MS. courthouse on Sunday, and last year the local newspaper came and took pictures and did a story on our trip and our cars.

If you have any questions, or need to know where and when to meet for departure, please call Thom Anderson at 274-2952.

#### MEMPHIS IN MAY

As we all know, Memphis In May is honoring Great Britian this year. We may be called on as a club to participate along with our cars in some of the events. You might want to keep your car polished and on the ready during the month of May just in case.

George Callow, architect club member has been feverishly working on a castle for the Bar-B-Que booth at the contest May 13th and May 14th. We have entered the Bar-B-Que contest as a club project and are looking forward to this world famous event. George has designed an english castle and has it almost ready for the painting on of stones to give it the authentic look. The plans look great. The castle, when completed, will too.

We'll have more details on this May event in the next newsletter, a map of the location, etc. This is one you won't want to miss. If you can help, please call Lamar McQuirter at 346-7923. We'll need bodies, among other things.

#### WANTS & GOTS

For Sale - 1962 Austin Healey 3000 BT-7.  
White with red interior,  
Overall condition - good.

Dick Kingsafer - (601) 446-6628 (wk)  
(601) 442-2017 (hm)

#### RAFFLE CAR

If you don't have your raffle tickets yet, or need more, please call Jon Brody at 353-9654.

#### NEWLETTER

If you have something to put in the Wyres & Tyres, please have it in by the 1st Monday of the month to Janis Anderson, 1398 Agnes Pl, Memphis, TN 38104, 274-2952.

*See you Monday.*