



# Wyres & Tyres

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF BRITISH CAR ENTHUSIASTS

MARCH, 1988

## GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

MONDAY, MARCH 14, 1988 - 7:00 P.M.

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

### MARCH MEETING

George Callow is doing a great job as Vice President and Program Chairman. For our Monday night meeting the speaker will be Greg Smith, Vice President of Memphis Motor Sports Park. Mr. Smith will have a video presentation and will be glad to answer all your questions. Come out and learn about the SVRA vintage racing in May and all the other scheduled events for the year.

As well as the door prize given by Pancho's Restaurant each month, there will be a gift certificate for a complimentary dinner at one of Memphis' many great eateries. You must be present to win either of the above, so come join us for the meeting.

### BRODY'S PARAGRAPHS by Jon Brody

Last week Memphis was visited by a major auto collector and buyer. Joe Alphabet of Alpha Motor Sports in Huntington Beach, California spent a quick two days in Memphis looking for bargains in collectable cars. Several club members were contacted and asked to exhibit their treasures and at least three cars were purchased. Mr. Alphabet works about 14 hours a day and travels all over the United States and Europe and has a personal collection of 50 cars. With a complete restoration shop and three warehouses, he buys cars by the truckload. Some are for immediate resale, others undergo museum quality restoration.

At the last Monterey car show and auction, Mr. Alphabet sold a 275/365 Ferrari Daytona prototype for \$450,000.00. He is now trying to buy a D-type Jaguar for \$250,000.00. He wished he could have stayed longer in Memphis and is interested in other cars which may be available. He usually likes detailed photos and can be reached at (714) 842-8589. Mr. Alphabet expressed an interest in returning to Memphis for our Fest in October. We hope to see him then. (Mr. A. owns an older model Cadillac which once belonged to Richard Nixon. This is a favorite of his, and of almost everyone's wherever he goes.)

Our raffle car is on the roll and tickets are available and can be obtained at the meeting Monday night. The price is still only \$1.00 each. If you haven't seen our 1979 XJ-12 yet you should. It is absolutely beautiful. You won't have any trouble at all selling tickets. Jimmy Jones did a gorgeous job on the interior, and Fact-O-Bake is responsible for the new paint job. Many many thanks to them.

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The month of March will host several events. On March 27th, George and Hatti Petech will have us all for a club cook-out and tech session. We'll be treated by George's wonderful bar-b-que and all the trimmings. This is a club sponsored event - but you may contribute a dessert if you like. Soft drinks and beer will be provided. The Petech's new home is located at 8970 Hillman Way. There is a map elsewhere in the newsletter. The time is 1:00 p.m.

Come to the Monday night meeting for details of the Raleigh Springs Mall Car Show or call Thom Anderson at 274-2952. We have participated in this show for years. Cars are brought to the Mall after closing on the Friday before the show and left on display until the Mall closes Sunday night. All details will be available by Monday, March 14th.

Now, back to the newsletter editor who will give you the wants and gots and remind you of the upcoming events. See you Monday - Jon.

### WANTS & GOTS

For Sale - 1974½ MGB

1960 Austin Healey 3000

Contact Thom Anderson at 274-2952.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

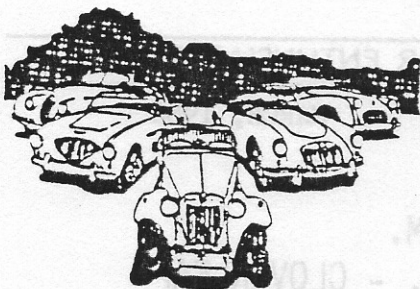
May 7, 1988-1st Annual All Car Club Pic-nic. Edmond Orgill Park. Other smaller clubs are really showing an interest in this event. Bring your own lunch and come early to get a spot. There will be some nationally shown cars (not necessarily British) at this event. Get together with your club and attend.

March 27, 1988 - 1:00 p.m. - Bar-B-Que and cars at George and Hatti Petech's. Bring your car and your appetite.

April 23, 1988 - Southaven Car Show. All the details in detail will appear in the April newsletter. Mark your calendar. This is a fun event for the whole family.

March 14, 1988 - General membership meeting at 7:00 p.m. at Pancho's Restaurant located in the Cloverleaf Shopping Center on Summer avenue. Door prizes. Speaker - Greg Smith, Vice President of Memphis Motor Sports Park. Come join us.





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TOM ANDERSON/  
LAMAR MCQUISTER

Enclosed is a flier of our First Annual British Car Gathering in Maryville, Tennessee. Maryville is located about eighteen miles south of Knoxville, Tennessee, home of the University of Tennessee.

The Gathering will be held on the campus of Maryville College in conjunction with the Dogwood Arts Festival. Other activities planned for this day at Maryville College along with our British Car Gathering include the following:

- Maryville College Baseball Game
- Jr. Service League Follies
- Taste and Tell
- Quilt Exhibit
- Sheep to Shawl
- Craft Show and Sale
- Historic Walking Tour of Maryville College Grounds
- Volleyball Tournament
- Cricket Match and Croquet Match

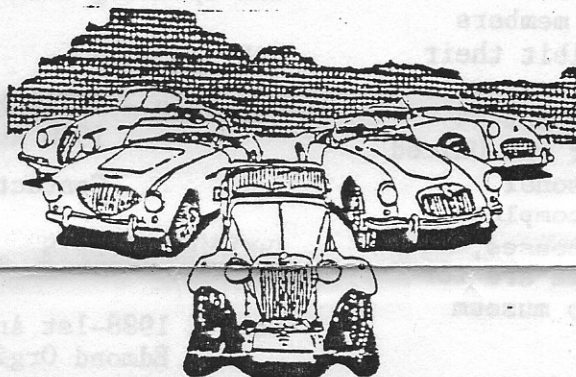
Also, maps of Dogwood Trail drives should be available for those who would like to tour the Dogwood Trails of Blount County.

Please make available this information to your club members or post it on bulletin boards. Please call if you have any questions.

Thank you for your cooperation and help.

*Jim Watson*

Jim Watson, President  
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## BRITISH CAR GATHERING

1988

IN CONJUNCTION WITH MARYVILLE COLLEGE  
DOGWOOD DAY AND DOGWOOD ARTS FESTIVAL  
GATHERING AT THE MARYVILLE COLLEGE CAMPUS  
MARYVILLE, TENNESSEE SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 1988

9:00AM - 4:00PM

REGISTRATION FROM 9:00AM - 11:00AM

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:

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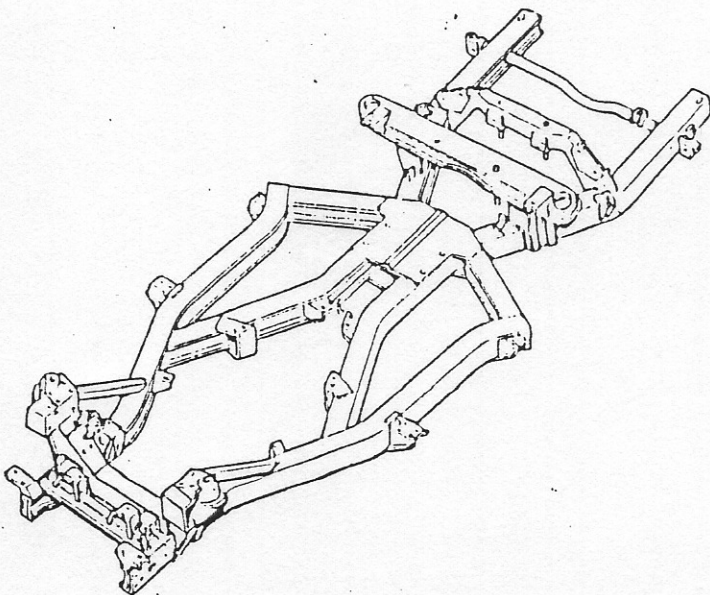
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## REMEMBER!!!

It's George and Hatti's for great  
Memphis Bar-B-Que on Sunday,  
March 27th at 1:00 p.m.

Bar-B-Que, beer and soft drinks  
will be provided by the club.  
You may bring a dessert if you  
want to. There will also be a  
tech session.

Get out your shorts and sun tan  
lotion. If the weather isn't  
hot, the bar-b-que will be.

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TO  
GEORGE &  
HATTI'S

