



Wyres & Tyres

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF BRITISH CAR ENTHUSIASTS

MAY, 1988

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - 7 P.M. - MONDAY, MAY 9, 1988
PANCHO'S RESTAURANT - SUMMER AVE. - CLOVERLEAF SHOPPING CENTER

MAY MEETING

If you attended the Austin Healey Car Clean-up and Fish Fry (more about that later) you were fortunate enough to meet the parents of Janet Houghton, one of our authentic British members. (Janet and her husband Peter drive a 1970 XKE) Janet's parents are visiting from England and we were able to persuade her father to speak to us at our May meeting. He has a British Motor Cycle Museum in England and is an authority on British bikes. We'll even get to view slides. Come join us for this very informative program and meet Janet's parents. They will be motoring to Vicksburg with us on Friday, and we are really looking forward to a long visit with them.

We'd like to thank Jerry Warren of Auto Paint & Supply for an extremely interesting and informative meeting in April. There was a lot of interest in his subject, and lots of questions answered. If you're getting ready to buy paint for your car, this company sounds like the place to make your purchase.

8TH ANNUAL AUSTIN HEALEY CAR CLEAN UP & FISH FRY

We all got our stomachs full and our cars clean April 24th. Thanks to Bobby Hadskey for the use of his business warehouse and to Charlie Roberts for furnishing the machines and soap with which we cleaned our cars. They all needed sprucing up for the spring season, and to prepare for the upcoming trip to Vicksburg, Mississippi this weekend for the Empire Trophy Rallye.

The cooks in our club are getting quite a reputation. I heard only rave reviews for the food! Doris Roberts, Jim Hofer and Bobby Hadskey were our very able fish fryers (This year's fish was the best yet, and ohhh, Doris' hush puppies were a delight.) June Haley was our coordinator. She made sure everything was ready at the same time so we didn't have dessert at 1 p.m. and fish at 3:30 p.m. Anna Alexander and Georgeanne Hofer helped June in this endeavor. A special thanks to these workers.

And to all members who brought their favorite dishes to accompany the dinner, or their favorite sweet creation, it was all wonderful. Thanks to all involved. This was a super event. Now we can see why it is the oldest surviving marque event. With an attendance of 50 - 60 people this year, who knows what might happen in 1989?

TELEPHONE COMMITTEE

On the heels of the success of the fish fry, we'd like to commend our new telephone committee. These women faithfully called all their fellow club members for our two last events, the Bar-B-Que and the Fish Fry. They reminded members of the event, issued a special invitation to new members, and coordinated all the side dishes that we enjoyed so much at each event. Because of the efforts of this group, attendance has greatly increased, and more new members or inactive members have become involved.

The bringing of side dishes to all events where "group" food is involved (fish fry, bar-b-que, etc.) has proved so successful we have decided to make this a permanent procedure. From now on, the telephone committee will call everyone on their list before an event with a list of the foods needed. You can choose from this list or bring your own creation.

Because the calling of all club members by a few is a huge undertaking, please be understanding if you miss a call from the committee. When time is limited, the committee may have time to attempt one call only. If you have not heard from us three to four days before an event and plan to attend and need to know what to bring or additional information, please call June Haley at 755-4486 or Janis Anderson at 274-2952. This will really help ease the pressure of last minute calls, especially if you have been out of town or away from home a good bit the week before an event. Keep your newsletter handy or mark all events on your calendar. If you don't get your newsletter, please call Janis Anderson at 274-2952.

With everyone cooperating, the work of our telephone committee will be greatly reduced.

NOTE: If you are on the telephone committee and are unable to make your calls, please contact June Haley at 755-4486 so she can arrange for a back up caller.

CONTRIBUTION

A contribution of \$500.00 was made by our club to the fund to purchase a specially designed van for Memphis police officer Tim Beacham. Officer Beacham was wounded and left partially paralyzed on Christmas Eve in the line of duty. The new van will enable Tim to regain some independence. We wish him our very best.

MEMPHIS IN MAY BAR-B-QUE - MAY 13 & 14

Yes, we are having our own booth this year. We have obtained the professional bar-b-que services of Mr. L.E. Vanderford, who has placed at Memphis in May and participated in many other bar-b-que events. We are serious contenders!

I don't have a map to print at this time, but you will find us in the shoulder section and we will be very very hard to miss. We'll be the booth making all the noise. But if you can't find us for all the other noise, you certainly won't be able to miss (or believe) our booth. Architect member George Callow has designed and single handedly built and painted a castle complete with those round things (turrets), a mote, windows, draw bridge, and princess (not really, we have to supply that). He's hand painted the surface to look like stone. Be sure to bring your camera for this. You really won't believe it. I want to buy it to live in after the bar-b-que!

If you would like, you can contribute a little something towards the costs of the food, etc., but this will strictly be a contribution of the voluntary kind.

We promise you'll have a wonderful time. Come join us for our first effort. If you like, we'll try to do it next year. (Don't ask Lamar how he got us in. It's extremely difficult to get a spot. But, as always, Lamar worked some kind of spell.)

We will be called The Cheeky Swine of the Round Table, and we are rewriting the words of Camelot. From this day forward the song will be HAMELOT.

But don't worry, only the princess will be required to appear in costume.

For more information, call Lamar McQuirter at 346-7923.

WANTS & GOTS

Peter Poole - 683-2909

1976 TR-6 - 35,700 miles, original owner.
Inca Yellow - all records -
show quality

Mr. LeFlore - 452-7515

1979 Triumph Spitfire - 2nd place winner
at our 1987 Mud Island Fest-
33,000 original miles -
terrific shape
\$3,150.00

Dave Seger - (901) 872-2246

1966 Austin Healey 3000 MKII - strong engine
good paint - needs interior
work

Lee Posey - 755-1956

Needs new or rebuilt carbs for a 1965
Austin Healey.

** I almost forgot! There will be a
all British swap meet in St. Louis,
Missouri the 14th of May. For more
information call Randy Balogh at
362-5434.

So you don't have anything to do? Just read this newsletter. I hope I have included all the necessary names and numbers to call if there is something you are interested in. If not, please call me at (hm) 274-2952 or (wk) 576-4820.

Also, if you have an article you would like to mail, please do so to:

Janis Anderson
1398 Agnes Place
Memphis, TN 38104

See you at the meeting on monday, May 9th at 7:00 p.m. at Pancho's Restaurant on Summer.

CAUTION: In an effort to get this newsletter out early, it has not been proof read. Read at your own risk and excuse any errors, omissions or errors. Thanks.

MEMPHIS IN MAY ON PARADE

A group of fourteen (14) of our members got out their cars Saturday, April 31st for a short parade in Midtown. Memphis in May officials and official visitors from Britian were driven in style by a crowd of admirers. We thank the people who got out on such short notice. Details were not confirmed and given to us until Friday night (that's the night before). Those with their cars washed and waxed and at parade ready were, Mel & Mary Gibbs, Nina & Lamar McQuirter, Jimmy Jones, Janet & Peter Houghton with Janey's parents, Janey & Jack Reynolds, Anna & Kerry Alexander, Jon Brody, Max & Vee Mechsner, Linda & Barry Coker, Georgeanne & Jim Hofer, Carol & John Poyner, Shirhan Gir, Bob Brown and Thom Anderson. Also present was Bill Reaves. We appreciate all you johnny-on-the-spots! And thanks to Lamar McQuirter for making and giving British flags to all participants.

SOUTHAVEN CAR SHOW

My, haven't we been a bust group lately? The Southaven car show, held April 23 & 24 was another fun day. Attending were Nina & Lamar McQuirter, Marcia & Jimmy Jones, Jon Brody, Janie & Jack Reynolds, Monty Montieth, Randy Balogh and doris & Charlie Roberts. (I hope I got everyone)

There were door prizes for almost everyone, and club member Mike Ramage treated everyone to his delicious bar-b-que. Thanks, Mike. It was a real treat and we appreciate your hospitality.

We sold over \$400.00 in raffle tickets on our Jaguar XJ12. Not bad for a one day event. Thank you Southaven for a day of fun for everyone. We hope you do it again next year - if you do, we'll be back.

ANNUAL TOURIST TROPHY RALLYE - MAY 7 VICKSBURG, MISSISSIPPI

A group of twelve cars from Memphis are expected to participate in this rallye on Saturday. Previous Tourist Trophy Rallyes have been held in Natchez, Mississippi and have been wonderful. This years change to historic Vicksburg will give us a chance to explore another beautiful Mississippi city at the invitation of our friends the English Motoring Club of Jackson, MS.

Rallye headquarters will be the Best Western Magnolia Inn off I-20 on Washington Avenue. To phone for reservations, call (601) 636-4545. Check with Lamar McQuirter at 346-7923. Some reservations have already been made in our club's name. Rooms are \$40.00 per night.

There will be rallye registration Saturday from 12 till 2 p.m., the rallye from 2 till 5 p.m. and the awards reception and party with a live bank from 5 p.m. until. Breakfast will be served Sunday from 7:30 - 11 a.m. Your \$20.00 registration fee includes all of the above plus a chance at door prizes. There will be a special award for the participants dressed most appropriately for the year and marque of their car. That should be very interesting. (Everyone with a 60's car get out your go-go boots and

little wire rimmed (Byrds) glasses.) If you have any questions concerning the event, please call Pat Cashman (hm)-(601) 638-2340 (wk)-(601) 636-4545 or John Simmers at (601)-638-0968.

If you want to go with a group (safety in numbers) meet at 1:00 p.m. at the Millbranch Shopping Center at Millbranch & Shelby Drive. We'll depart at 1:15 p.m. Eat lunch before you come. We'll stop for picnic snacks (bring your pleasure) along the way. We always stop on the return trip Sunday in Carrollton, MS and have a picnic on the Courthouse lawn. We're favorites there and they'll probably be expecting us.

If you need any more information about the schedule or where to meet, please call Thom Anderson at 274-2952.

ALL CAR CLUB SHOW & PICNIC - MAY 7

If you're unable to leave town May 7th, there's an in town event for you. A lot of planning has gone into this Memphis wide all car club event, probably the first one of its kind. Some of our members will be attending. The place is Edmond Orgill Park in Millington. The time is 12 noon. There will be a live bank and plenty of concessions for beverages. Please provide your own picnic. You might even want to go with a group and take a grill.

There will be a live band and games for all ages. There is a well stocked lake.

For more information call coordinator Tom Prince at 743-6850 or our members Jon Brody, 353-9654 or Randy Balogh, 362-5434.

RAFFLE CAR

For raffle tickets or information about where our Jaguar XJ-12 will be on display, call car chairman Jon Brody at 353-9654. Tickets for this car are so easy to sell! Most people will approach you begging. We have an ample supply, so call now are reserve yours.

CORRECTIONS & AMPLIFICATIONS

As hard as I beg for articles contributed by club members, I omitted the by line from the only one I had last month.

The article about the May 7th All Car Club Picnic & Show was written by Jon Brody. Jon always contributes a nice long article which is really appreciated. Sorry, Jon.

I have heard complaints that some people are not receiving their Wyres & Tyres in time to remind them of the monthly meetings. From now on I will try to get the newsletter mailed earlier to alleviate this problem. This means, however, that the deadline for submitting articles will have to be moved up.

The new deadline for publication is now:
THE LAST MONDAY OF THE MONTH.

Thanks, and bear with me.

