



Wylres & Tyres

OFFICIAL NEWSLETTER OF BRITISH CAR ENTHUSIASTS

OCTOBER, 1988 - OCTOBER GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING -
Monday, October 17th at 7:00 p.m.
Leonard's Lean Ribs on Fox Plaza Dr.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Now, don't get excited!
This is not the official 5th Fest newsletter.
It will come out in November, and will hopefully cover all aspects of our Fest.

But speaking of the Fest, wasn't everything perfect? The weather cooperated thanks to the advance order put in months ago by our National Weather Service members Charles Coleman and Tom Hollis. (Well, how would you explain such a perfect day.)

Everything, the Island, the hotel, the spectators, the registrants, the workers - it all fell together to make our best Fest yet. I really don't know how we are going to top ourselves next year.

Nobody could believe our hospitality suite or that we were raffling off a Jaguar this year. Our trophies were beautiful and the judging fair. The grounds set up went like clock work and the door prize organization worked like a well oiled machine.

Members brought great food, and June's arrangements and Randy's mums added that special touch.

Everyone had the opportunity to get an 8X10 glossy of their car with the skyline of Memphis as a backdrop. (Incidentally, Randy Ragland, the photographer, will be at our meeting Monday night and bring the pictures not purchased. So if you didn't get yours Saturday, you will have another chance.)

Everyone had a good time. You know the saying "It works if you do." Well, we worked, and it showed. Thanks to all of you, we did it again! THANKS

WIND DOWN PICK NIC

We will all have a chance to swap Fest stories on Sunday at our annual Healey marque pick-nic at Bob Brown's home and yard. The event, open to all marques, will begin around 1 p.m. and the club will furnish beverages. Bring your favorite pick-nic food and a quilt or some chairs of the lawn variety. There will be grills available if what you bring is raw.

Bob lives at 495 N. Perkins. If you need directions, call Thom Anderson at 274-2952. There is plenty of room in Bob's yard for kids to play, and we always have a good turn out of cars and people. If you have your pictures from the Fest, be sure to bring them. I forgot my camera that day.

THE WINNERS CIRCLE

This note arrived in the mail from our member Jack Taylor whose Jaguar XKE Coupe won Best of Show:

A work from a Happy British car owner.

Just a note to tell what I could not express at the recent Awards Banquet. I was a little choked-up at the time ... (unlike Lamar, I had nothing prepared).

It was indeed a great honor to have our '63 Jag chosen as "Best of Show" again this year. I must publically thank my lovely wife Gail, and our new son Bob for allowing me this joy. I want to thank all the members of this GREAT club for making such a professional and well run show like ours possible.

But most of all, I want to thank the wonderful and wacky British people for designing and building these machines that we so religiously honor. They deserve all the awards and trophies, not us. They began it all, we are just the flag bearers keeping the spirit alive.

With clubs and events the caliber of ours, the spirit of the british car will roll on into eternity!!

Thank you again.

Jack Taylor

And thank you, Jack. You put very nicely how I think most of us feel about our cars. They are the reason we are a club. The fact that we all enjoy each others company and get together socially as well as at meetings and have a great time together is really icing on the cake. It's nice that we all mesh.

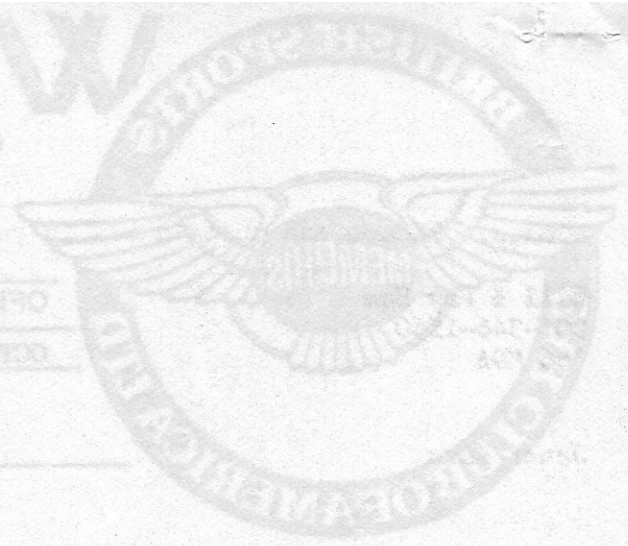
OCTOBER MEETING

Don't forget to mark our October meeting down on your calendar. Monday, October 17 at 7 p.m. at Leonard's Lean Ribs on Fox Plaza Drive.

And don't forget that we will have election of officers at our November meeting. A list of each officer's duties is elsewhere in this newsletter.

We will not have a December meeting, buy our annual Christmas party in its place. Be on the lookout for further announcements.

Let's send our present officers out with a bang. Show up for these last two meetings of the year to show your appreciation and support.



THE WINNING CIRCLE

HISTORIAN'S NOTE

DUTIES OF OFFICERS

President - Shall be the Executive Officer of the Club and have general supervision and direction of the affairs. He shall preside over all meetings and be an ex-officio member of all committees.

Vice

President - In the absence of the President, shall perform all Presidential duties, and shall schedule programs for meetings.

Treasurer - Shall be custodian of funds of the Club for safe keeping and proper disbursements, perform his duties under the direction of the board of Directors, sign all checks disbursing the money of the Club, with a counter signature by the President, render a report at all meetings of the Club, and submit his accounts for audit yearly.

Secretary - Recording - Shall attend all meetings and record all minutes and votes in a book kept for that purpose. He shall keep a register showing the names & addresses of the membership.

Corresponding - Shall give or cause to be given notice of all meetings as required by the Bylaws and shall perform other duties as prescribed by the Board of Directors or Bylaws.

Marque

Leaders - Have deligated to them the duty of membership procurement and to assist in executing rallyes, special events, or any projects assigned by the Vice President.

Historian - Shall make picture boards.

ADDITIONS TO CLUB ROSTER

We would like to welcome these new members and urge them to become involved in our club events. Please add these names to your club roster:

Bill & Fay Ham
901-346-1550
'56 MGA

Lyman & Carol Ann Harris
501-968-2206
'53 MGTD

Janet Kirk
901-386-1476
'79 MGB Roadster L.E.

Ray & Ilace Mears
901-366-6875
'76 Triumph TR6

Paul Pennebaker
901-682-2431
'67 Jaguar XKE
David & Jacky Spear
901-756-1662
'71 MGBGT

Fletcher & Cindy Powell
901-754-4185
'74 Jaguar XKE Roadster

New members who signed up at the Fest will be included in the November newsletter. Again, welcome to all of you. We hope you enjoy the club!

NEW INFORMATION BROUGHT TO LIGHT

How is this for research? I received a letter from member Don Rogers concerning a question that came up at a meeting about a year ago. "Why does the "Mille Miglio" race in Italy use miles instead of kilometers?" Well, no one knew the answer at the time. But thanks to Don, the next time this subject comes up in conversation, we can all come off sounding like geniuses.

Don clipped this from Autoweek Magazine. And as is our practice, it is reprinted without their permission. Thanks to Don for enlightening us.

And in the beginning ...

A rich, doting father and the count beget a race

Forget everything you think you know about Italian wines.

No, they're not disgustingly sweet, and yes, there is good Italian champagne, and none better than Franciacorta. Which is where the Contessa's grapes go.

The Contessa Camilla Maggi, that is.

The Contessa is the *Grand Dame* of the Mille Miglia, as well as of the 15th century *palazzo Maggi*, because her late husband was one of the four men who started the whole thing.

It seems that once upon a time there was a banker in Brescia who had a son who wanted to get into some prominent sport,

and back in 1927 motor racing was becoming a big deal, and wouldn't the Conte like to organize a motor race if the banker would put up the prizes?

In no time the idea of running down to Rome and back was proposed. One fellow who had recently been to America suggested using "miles" instead of "kilometers" to give it a kind of exotic, international flavor, and since it was about a thousand miles down and back, the Mille Miglia was born.

"Besides," sniffs the Contessa, "the One-Point-Four Thousand Kilometers isn't a very romantic name, now, is it?" ■

Dissolving the class barriers

Getting down and dirty with the chairman



See Victor Gauntlett.

See the Aston Martin V8 Lagonda. See the chairman of Aston Martin washing his own car!

"Simple, really, once I got pawst the language barrier. I had a devil of a time, though, buying a *leathah*."

A leathah?

"Yes. I was reduced at one point to saying, 'Mooooo.'"

Good thing you wasn't in the colonies, mate; we call the darn thing a *chamois*.

And, yes, Victor Gauntlett really does say "jolly good." ■