

WYRES AND TYRES



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BY BILL CRAVENS
EDITOR

OVERSTEER/UNDERSTEER

I hope everyone likes the new format of Wyres and Tyres. ■ When you mix a graphic designer, John Henry and a crazy printer (me) together, this is what you get. For better or worse. ■ Seriously thanks John for designing a very sharp looking piece. John also has offered to typeset the newsletter each month so it will look great. As a printer I know this is a lot of work. ■ I want all club members to feel free to call me (at 683-7195) if they have anything to contribute to the newsletter. Especially you Ewing, we can use all your experienced cleverness. Right Jon Brody? Another big change this year is the addition of photographs in Wyres and Tyres. So Please take plenty of pictures at all of our events and send the good ones to me. ■ I want to thank the club for electing me editor of the newsletter. There is no way I can match the wit of Ewing Haley but maybe with the clubs help I can make up for it in other ways. Thank you Ewing for two years of entertaining newsletters, I'll probably be calling you on a regular basis for help. ■

1990 ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY
BY BILL CRAVENS

GOOD CHEER AT THE CHRISTMAS PARTY.

Three cheers for Kitty Hadsky and Janice Anderson for organizing an extremely enjoyable Christmas party. ■ The music was out of sight, the food was tubular, and the drinks were radical and talk about fun. If you missed this blowout, you missed the likes of Leo "Jimi Hendrix" Goff jamming with the bass, drums, guitar, etc., etc. ■ Glen Sipe displayed a style of dance unknown to modern man. Last but not least, "More Hose" Hadsky

blew down the house with his quick wit. ■ Thanks again to



Kitty and Janice for all of their hard work in putting together a great party to start off the Holiday season. ■

BY EWING HALEY

CODA

I should have bid farewell in last month's newsletter, but it didn't occur to me at the time that it was also my last issue as editor. New editor Bill Cravens says it's OK though, to use up some of his space. ■ Bill, assisted by John Henry, is revising the newsletter to a more professional format that it deserves and which is

long overdue. These guys are good, and I wish them the best of luck. ■ So, in closing let me take this opportunity to express regret that I can't kid Jon Brody in print anymore, and pass on one bit of advice that's always worked for me: "never take a full swing on a golf ball in an all tile bathroom". ■

AND THE RETURNS ARE IN.

A hearty congratulations to the new officers of the Memphis British Sports Car Club.

President

Jim Hofer

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John Henry

Motorcycle Marque Leader

Leo Goff

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Glenn Sipe

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Ewing Haley

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Thom Anderson

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George Callow

Congratulations and may we have a great year.

CAR SHOW PICTURES LAST CHANCE!

Thom Anderson has acquired all the pictures left over from the car show. If you didn't get one of these beautiful prints of you and your prized possession and have \$20 you don't know what to do with, give Thom a call at 274-2952.

THE JAGUAR SPONSORED EVENT/POYNER FARM PICNIC

BY BILL CRAVENS

HOW YA GONNA KEEP 'EM DOWN ON THE FARM? EASY, LET THEM SEE THE POYNER'S GARAGE.

The sky was blue, the road winding, the exhausts purring, the beer cold, the food hot, and the company couldn't have been better. ■ On November 18th, the Jaguar Marque sponsored a drive and picnic on John and Carol Poyner's farm. Talk about beautiful days, it was perfect.

■ The day began at Audubon Park with an enjoyable drive out to the Poyner's farm. Gary (after this day better known as Stirling Moss) Whiting led the way in his Lotus. Talk about hard to keep up with! But I knew I was doing pretty good when my boy Luke, screamed, "Cool Dude", when I went around a 20 mph curve at 40 mph. My daughter Liz remarked, "Dad, you could have had a wreck". She knows my driving skills.

■ On arrival, I walked into John and Carol's fantastic garage. I thought I had walked into a Road and Track article or else had died and gone to heaven. To be honest it was hard to go back to my own two car garage. ■ We had about twenty-four British cars, countless brand X models and to our surprise a bunch of motorcycles. It's good to see the Motorcycle Marque participating, hopefully it won't be the last time we'll be seeing such a

showing of bikes. ■ As I sat there once again, enjoying one of our club's fantastic outings, eating great food, I started thinking, boy is this the best twenty bucks I have every spent or what (referring to our low, low bargain dues of \$20 of course). Many thanks to our cooks and ladies for all the delectable grub. ■ The kids had a great time. From running endlessly around the farm to the hayride John Poyner so graciously took them on. The only disappointment they had all day was when they heard, "OK get your stuff together we have to go home". I knew exactly how they felt. ■ As the sun started to set, everyone had to hit the road for home. If you are not out of there by dark you could be driving around in circles till the cows come home. Thanks again to John and Carol, and all the other folks who made this such a great outing. ■

! NEWS FLASH !

Jack Reynolds has reported he is NOT the assistant Austin Healey Marque Leader under any conditions.

Janey Reynolds reports Jack can be reached in the dog house for the rest of the year. ■

REPORT ON THE 1990 BRITISH CAR FEST

BY LAMAR MCQUIRTER

MEMPHIS BRITISH CAR FEST STILL A GREAT MEMORY.

Well, 1990 has come and almost gone but the October British Car Fest is still a great memory. Those of you that attended and participated don't need to hear glowing words from one of your rank - you were there and enjoyed the show. The workers have been named elsewhere but thanks again. The hospitality suite just gets better and better - I don't know how - it never seemed to need any improvement that I could think of. ■ Well there is one thing - more room. This problem is being addressed right now. We have new club officers and plans are well under way for a new, bigger and better location for future shows. ■ Here again, for those members that weren't there, is a list of the states that were represented: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Georgia, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas and finally the long distance award winner in a Healey from Canada (driven not trailered). ■ The great majority of these visitors are regulars. They show up, sometimes weary, sometimes greasy, always tired - but they show up. Why then can't we get more local members to get off

their duffs, wipe off their British iron and participate. Could these people who drive 500 miles or more be that much smarter than we are? What is it that we do at the Memphis Fest that makes it worth their time and effort? ■ Quite simply we have one hell of a time. We have the opportunity to see fresh cars each year - to check on one another's progress - to swap parts (and stories) and attend what is widely acclaimed to be one of the best car shows in the country. We had over 325 paid admissions at the banquet this year. Next year we will have more room. Winter is finally

NEW MEMBERS

Fred and Lisa Tanner

1962 Sunbeam Alpine
4146 Old Forrest Road
Memphis, Tennessee 38125
Home Phone: 753-5551
Work Phone: 320-8437

Jim and Ann Griffith

1984 Morgan 4+4
1119 Highway 45 Bypass
Jackson, Tennessee 38301
Home Phone: (901) 668-2722
Business Phone: (800) 372-8392

Can you believe they own something other than an MG? ■ Welcome aboard folks we look forward to seeing you and your cars at our upcoming functions. ■

here. Get out in that garage and start doing those little things to you favorite toy that might have prevented you from participating this year. You're burning daylight brother!! ■

TRIUMPH MARQUE

BY JOHN HENRY

TRIUMPH MARQUE ON AN UP SWING.

The Triumph Marque is presently experiencing a renaissance within the club. With the new blood acquired over the last year, a new interest in the marque has grown and is being nurtured. Triumph people are now extremely active, two which are responsible for the literature you are now reading. ■ If you are a Triumph enthusiasts and

haven't been an active club member now is the time to jump in. ■ We are planning to have several Triumph events, including tech sessions, a trip to the VTR convention and maybe even a trip to the Roadster Factory, a Triumph haven. ■ So fire that beast up and head out on the road, because we're back in business. ■



Dr. Jon Brody - thinking of far away places. Hey Jon, we would like to know what San Francisco has that Memphis doesn't? We got a bridge. We even have earthquakes. We're on the water. But, they don't have a Pyramid. Or do they?

WANTS AND GOT'S

WANTS

Gas Gauge and Front Bumper for 1965 MG Midget - Call Lane Anderson 366-1701

Rubber Bumper MGB parts car - Call Joey Knecht (601) 895-4834

Front Grill with emblem & Steering Wheel for 1968 MGC - Call Mark Bordwell 767-2529

lighted - \$50 per car per month with other storage options available - Call Randy Balogh 521-1620

1961 Jaguar MKII /Automatic/Steel Wheels - \$2000 or Best Offer - Call Randy Balogh at 521-1620

1970 MGB/Rust free car with wire wheels - \$2500 - Call Randy Balogh at 521-1620

1979 MGB/Red & White/Mildly modified for autocross - \$7000 - Call Gary Miller at: Landspeed Classics, (601) 746-7341, Route 2 Box 198-AA, Yazoo City, Mississippi 39194

MGB Overdrive Transmission \$400 - Call Tom Bederbaugh 386-7308

Space for Rent - Inside secured and

CLUB CALENDAR

THERE WILL BE NO GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING THE MONTH OF DECEMBER BECAUSE OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON AND EVERYONE VOTED NOT TO.

December 13, 1990

Executive Board meeting at the Variety Club

April 20, 1991

Louisiana Centre
MG Car Club British Car Day
New Orleans, Louisiana
Contact Roger Gibson for more information (504) 887-2725

July 19-21, 1991

NAMGAR GT 16
Huntsville, Alabama
Contact Joyce Hart for more information (205) 566-1467



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