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SEPTEMBER 1990

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING MONDAY SEPTEMBER 17th AT 7PM
AT LEONARD'S LEAN RIBS ON FOX PLAZA DRIVE

THE AUGUST MEETING

Was held on the 20th. If you were not there, here's what you missed: Our guest speaker was J. Davant Latham, Jr., a representative of the Craddock Company. Davant gave a very informative talk on automotive insurance in general, and in particular the types of insurance coverage designed for vintage and special interest cars. Very interesting, and put in terms that even I could understand. Thanks for your time, Davant!

CLUB PATCHES READY

That should be evident by the fact that yours is stapled to this newsletter.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

Randy and Kerry Hora 78MGB
6304 Cherokee Dr.
Olive Branch, MS 38654 601 895-4372 h

Robert and Rosalyn Prior 67XKE
5566 Santa Monica
Memphis TN 38116 346-2732 h, 393-2110 ext 288 b
Also, a renewal:

Emmett Askew 60 MGA
765 Sweetbriar Rd
Memphis TN 38120 767-7194

VIRAL INFECTION RUNS RAMPANT!

The virus that plagued the computer during the formation of the club roster is responsible for dropping the last five names in the alphabetical section of the roster. The following names do appear correctly in the appropriate marque section, so I'll just list the names and the proper marque for a cross reference:

Gary Whiting - Jaguar
David Wilcox - Triumph
Randy Williams - MG
Lowell Winston - MG
Robert Zenanko - MG

DOOR PRIZE CAR UPDATE

Well, it's completely finished! It looks great and runs better than it looks. A sincere thanks to all who donated their time, money, labor, parts, or whatever. The proceeds from this project will benefit a deserving charity; the Variety Children's Charities.

HELP STILL NEEDED!

Doorprizes needed; none too large or too small. Call Georgeanne Hofer at 278-1565

Food dishes still URGENTLY needed for the hospitality room. Also none too large or too small. We pride ourselves on our hospitality, so please help. Call June Haley at 755-4486.

AUGUST 17 - 19

The Monterey Historic Races at Laguna Seca and The Pebble Beach Concours are, together, the finest automotive show on earth. If you don't believe it, just ask any of the following 17 club members who made the scene: Thom Anderson, Bobby Hadskey, Lamar McQuirter, Jon Brody, Jim and Georgeanne Hofer, Lynn and Priscilla LeFevre, Jack and Janey Reynolds, Gary and Vickie Whiting, Charles and Doris and Greg Roberts, or Ewing and June Haley.

This event draws cars literally from around the world, as well as the world's best known automotive personalities. And, what makes these events so great is their accessibility; at Laguna the paddock is open to all, and at Pebble you can walk among the world's most expensive and rarest cars while rubbing elbows with the beautiful people. Add to this the Rick Cole auction in Monterey, where you can see the gavel fall on more than one sale in excess of one million bucks, and you've had one of your automotive life's finest weekends.

AUGUST 25

Healey marque leader John Thomas had promised a little gift for each British car that showed up at his house for the annual Healey Pool Splash and Picnic. Well, it cost him 17 small British flags (complete with stand) for the turnout. Weather was hot, but perfect for a dip. All the kids loved it; Gary Whiting was the only adult brave enough to suit up and dive in; everybody else was too busy feeding their faces on burgers and dogs (done up by John personally) and dishes from the well laden community table; a really great feed. The Cornucopia of Corn award goes to Tom Bedenbaugh, though. The dude got up early that morning, picked about an acre of corn from his garden, shucked it all, and brought it for all to enjoy; a veritable vegetal addition to a vast variety of victuals! A great time was had by all. And, ask Linda Palogh about John's talking potty.

SEPTEMBER 8 - 9

Thanks to the GERMANTOWN NEWS, our door prize car was again on display at the Germantown Festival, and we were able to sell over \$900 in tickets. We also averaged 1/4 member cars on display. Thanks to all who took the time to work and participate.

TIME AND PLACE

SEPTEMBER 21 - 22

BRITISH CAR DAY at Jackson MS. Sponsored by the English Motoring Club. We will be well represented; two groups will caravan down on the 21st. Details and discussion at our September meeting.

SEPTEMBER 21 - 30

THE MID-SOUTH FAIR. Our door prize car will be on display the entire time, and we still need ticket sellers! We probably derive our biggest revenue during this period, so if you can devote ANY time to this endeavour call Janey Reynolds at 754-9889. It's fun and remember, you get in the fair free.

OCTOBER 12 - 14

THE SHOW! I gave you enough hype last month about this being your show, but remember, it's YOUR SHOW for YOU and YOUR CAR. The success of the show depends on YOU. Our September meeting next week will be the last time to discuss it, so come to the meeting. October 12-14: Be there...or be square.

MG BLASPHEMY

Bill Strong thought you might be interested in Lord Mountbatten's opinion on English cars in general, and the MG in particular, as excerpted from Ziegler's biography, MOUNTBATTEN.....

... had secured a group of small houses on the other side of the same narrow lane, run them into one and produced a stylish and comfortable home. Whenever she was in Malta she filled the house with friends. Her sister's yacht, the *Lizard*, long, sleek and with a top speed of thirty-two knots, was a constant diversion. There was bathing and hectic outings in the motor-boat, travel, amateur theatricals. Cars gave much pleasure. In 1932 Mountbatten bought a new Chrysler Six which proved a great success. 'The M.G. fell to bits in 6 months and cost twice the money. What is the matter with English cars?'⁶⁰ But it was his work that was the centre of Mountbatten's life.

Before he left the job he organized an elaborate display to exhibit the miracles of modern communications. There were three sessions, one attended

ONE MORE DIRECTORY CORRECTION

Susan Barnett (Mrs. Charles) was omitted from the alphabetical listing as the spouse of Charles Barnett. She was also omitted from the MG marque listing as the owner of a 1979 MGB.

WANTS AND GOTS

WANTS

- 1962-67 MGB or MGB/GT. Randy 349-2205
- Hood for 75MGB. K.G. Peterson 753-9123 h, 369-2767 w
- Electric tach for 65 Midget. Lane Anderson 366-1701
- Exh manifold/carb heat shield for 66 Sprite. Don Wood 683-7880
- Orig oil filter mount for 67 BJ8. John Thomas 683-4564
- Running car (MG, Triumph, etc.) to restore. Richard Danelz 754-6764
- Lamborghini - white. Georgeanne Hofer 278-1565
- I want to hold your hand. Jon Brody

GOTS

- MGB and MGB/GT parts. Randy 349-2205
- 1961 Jaguar MK II. Randy 349-2205
- Late model TR 6 gas gauge. Bill Cravens 683-7195
- "A" engine distributor. Don Wood 683-7880
- MGB overdrive Tranny, \$400. Tom 386-7308
- MGB air dam- roll bar(new)- white rag top(new). all cheap. John 761-1016
- 1958 MG FHC. Best offer. Ronny Downes 757-0049
- 1967 Austin Cooper S MK I. Original/stock. Ewing Haley 755-4486
- I got the rocking pneumonia and the boogie woogie flu. Jon Brody

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