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FLEXIBLE LINES

by J. Jones (Morris Gazette)

Flexible hydraulic lines deteriorate inside. The outside of the line may look good, but inside they may be breaking and peeling. The flexible lines on many of our British Cars have had lots of use and age on them. If they are cracked on the outside, you can just bet that they are breaking up on the inside. I have cut open old lines laterally and have been surprised at how badly deteriorated they were on the inside. The loose pieces can act as a one way valve, allowing fluid to pass only in one direction. This will cause a brake assembly on one wheel to not release after braking. Check those lines for safety's sake.



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MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

Following is a list of Club Events that have been arranged so far:

March 21st - Poker Run - Charles Coleman

April April Fools Rally - Knox Everson

May 23rd - Spring Cleanup - Buzz Merchlewitz

June - Tour to Dyersburg - Ken Gregory

Sunday, March 21st @ 2:00 pm will be our best Poker Run!!! Remember, the folks that plan these events work very hard and the more British sports car fans that turn out, the better time we have. Please try to attend.

Other Events

March 14 - Local BMW car club (River City Bimmers) hosting a corner worker training course - learn how to work corners at the race track. Everyone is welcome - Call Pat Eavenson at 382-6440 or Melinda Calabrese at 759-9084.

April 10-11 Local BMW Car Club (River City Bimmers) hosting a driving school at Memphis Motor Sports with lapping day for advanced drivers on Friday April 9.

Everyone (no convertibles) is welcome to participate. Call Pat Eavenson at 382-6440 or Melinda Calabrese at 759-9084 for details.

March 20-21 - 9th Annual British Car Day in New Orleans

April 16-17 - 7th Pensacola Beach Bash & British Car Show, Pensacola, FL. Tom Schmitz 334-961-7171.

May 1 - 12th British Car Gathering. Townsend, TN Carolyn Henriksen, 423-984-8711.

May 24-30 - Drive your British Car Week

June 5 - Annual British Car and Bike Bash, Franfort, KY 502-499-7491 or LucasElec@aol.com

June 18-20 - NABMS Fathers Day Car Show, Colonial Mall, Decatur, AL

It's time for Membership dues to be paid!!

Ah, for the love of British Cars !!!!

Club Calendar

Board Meeting scheduled on March 11, 1999 @ 6:30 pm. at Germantown Library

General Membership Meeting is March 15, 1999 @ 6:30 for dinner with meeting to follow at 7:00 pm at Pig N Whistle Restaurant on Winchester.

BSCC and the Variety Club will have a casual get-together every Thursday at 6:30-7:00 pm of each month. Come to the Variety Club for just good ole fashion fun & conversation.

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March Club Meeting

Agenda includes discussion of upcoming Marque events. Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your fellow members !! Any ideas for upcoming membership meeting programs, contact Vice President - Robin Balton.

February Club Meeting

Buzz Merchlewitz showed a video of Spriget racing at Road Atlanta Track which was very exciting. Jim Duke showed a video of the Category 4 tornado which occurred in December in Arkansas.

WOMEN'S NIGHT OUT

The Women of the British Sports Car club met at Seize the Clay on February 19, 1999.

We enjoyed the wine, cheese, bread and music while we explored our creative sides.

Lisa Balton's projects were successful while Jenny Pangle's dinosaur became more & more exotic as the night went on and the wine bottle became more empty.

Next event is planned for Saturday, March 20. We plan on meeting at Buntyns Restaurant on Park near Mendehall for lunch at 1:00 pm, then over to Dixon Art Gallery.

We hope to see all you Ladies then for a great time!! Let us hear from you if you have ideas or find events that would be interesting for Women's night out.

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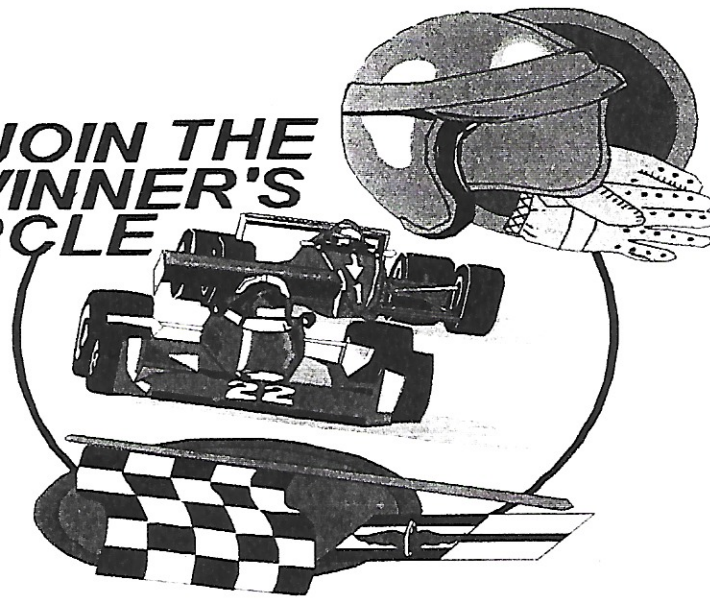
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The Newsletter editor apologizes to Robin and Lisa Balton for misspelling their last name and for any newsletter errors. Experience makes the editor a better speller.

**JOIN THE
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CIRCLE**



BSCC POKER RUN

Sunday, March 21 @ 2:00

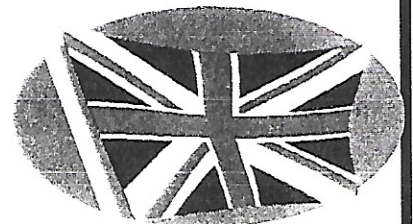
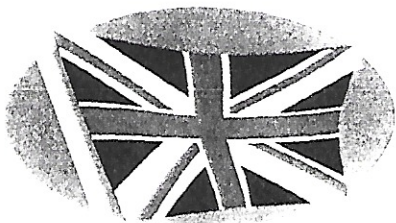
Mark your calendar now for the premier driving event of the season! We will gather at Shelby Farms Parking lot across the street in front of Chesterfields Restaurant which borders Germantown Parkway on **Sunday, March 21 @ 2:00 pm**. We will embark on a 30-40 mile tour through the highways and byways of the Midsouth (all roads are surfaced).

Appropriate stops will be made to draw cards for your poker hand. Cards will be \$1.00 each. We will end the run at 4:00 pm at the critically acclaimed Chapultepec Mexican Restaurant in the Village Shops of Germantown at Poplar and Forest Hill. The food is super. Get your British cars ready. If it won't run, come in your rice burner, Detroit iron or whatever.

Even Hugos are welcome.

Rain date will be Sunday March 28. If more info is needed call

Charles Coleman, Jaguar Marque Leader at 754-3240.

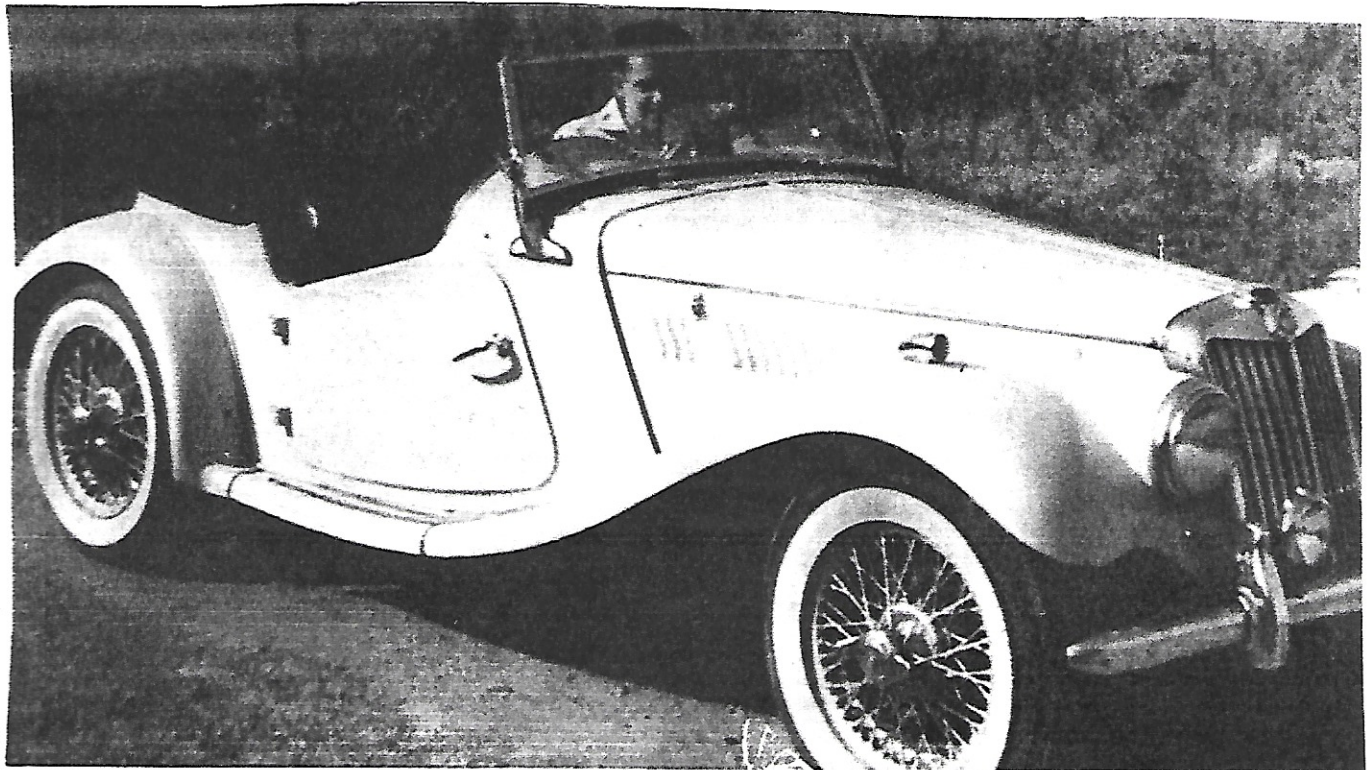


Memories by Burt Gunter

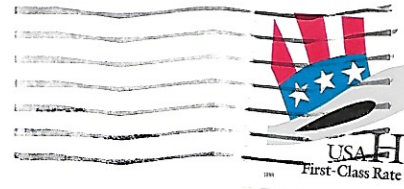
This isn't really about one of Andrew Lloyd Webber's fine musicals, but about some of our club origins and traditions. The first sports car club in Memphis was the County Shelby Sports Car Club, formed in 1953 or 1954. The reason for the name was that it sounded very British, or European.

We held monthly meetings at Robilios

Cafeteria. Our Grille badge was round, with a blue background, red steering wheel, with the letters CSSCC across the top. Susie Anderson and I designed the badge. Bonnie and Knox Everson should guard their badge very carefully, since very few of these are known to exist and I would really like to have one. If anyone has a spare or knows of one, by all means let me know. Some of the members, whose names you may know were Don Horn, Hap Anderson, Cordra York, all owning Jaguar XK 140s, Haines Barnwell, Marshall Robilio had Austin Healy 100s, Earl Sullivan, Burke Cranford had MGs, Bob Mednikow the lone Sunbeam Alpine, Nathan Goff, a Porsche Speedster, and Louis Preato, the mighty Mercedes 300 SL Gullwing. Our events included timed speed events at the Grenada MS and Courtland AL airfields, Rallies in and around Shelby County, and some even ventured to Sebring, FL for the races there. In about 1956 or 1957, we held the Five State Rally. This involved lapsed time, average speeds, checkpoints and even fuel mileage. Our tour began on the bluffs of the Mississippi, through Arkansas, Missouri, Illinois, then south through Kentucky and western Tennessee. In both Arkansas and Missouri we traveled across levees and along mud roads. I remember the floodwaters on Highway 51 South, near Reelfoot Lake, being 8" to 10" deep as it flowed through the floorboards of the Jaguars, MGs and TR3s. Nathan Goffs Porsche Speedster floated off the road more than once. The rally required 12 to 15 hours to complete, if you could endure the mud, water and cold night air. Several of the members had great influence on me, Don Horn, Burke Cranford gave me my love for flying which I learned at the Memphis Flying Service. Nathan Goff taught me to water-ski on McKellar Lake. Most of all the members of CSSCC gave me an appreciation for the kind of sports cars, which I've owned and enjoyed for over 40 years. Our present club was formed in the mid 1970's and continued tradition of Rallies, cookouts and the Best British Car Show I've attended in all my years. Also of interest: the last British car dealer was Small Car Motors, and the German dealer was Dewey Motorcars. Of all the autos I've owned, I love my little British car the best and drive it weekly, and even drive it to Memphis from Atlanta for the annual British Car Show. This past year, I was unable to attend, but was there in spirit. The above photo is my MGB during the Mud Island event several years ago. Thanks to all for the memories !!!



Burt Gunter's first MG in 1956.



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WANTS AND GOTS

Wants:

- *Military souvenirs; medals; uniforms, daggers, etc.; from WWII era.
- Particular interest in German items. Ewing Haley (901) 755-4486
- *19" wheels for MGTC. Knox Everson (901) 754-1510.
- *O/D transmission for late model (1977) MGB. Jim Duke (901) 795-0688.
- *Newsletter editor wants articles and tidbits to be placed in the newsletter !!!
- *Jaguar Marque (Charles Coleman) wants everyone to show up for the Poker Run on March 21 at 2:00 pm !!!!

***Gots**

- *1969 MG Midget - 9 time trophy winner - gorgeous \$5500. Lane Anderson 854-5466
- *1974 MGB, excellent condition, hard top. Completely restored., but not for show. New paint, exterior & interior. Asking \$6200. John LaForge 327-2811.