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July/August 2002

Special Summer Double Issue!

Issue 7/8

British Sports Car Club, LTD Memphis, Tennessee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

BSCC Events:

(Check the Website, www.memphisbritishcars.org, for Detailed information)

Program Schedule:

August Doug Ford: Memphis Chapter SCCA

September Vince Hood - the Dent Doctor

October To Be Announced

November To Be Announced

Other Events:

Sept. 21/22: St. Louis: MG Club of St. Louis All British Car Show

October 4/5: BSCC Car Show

October 12: Franklin TN: Inaugural All British Motorcar/Motorbike Show, sponsored by the Nashville British Car Club

October 12: Fayetteville, AR: Brits in the Ozarks Car and Cycle Show at U of A's Agri Park

December 7: BSCC Christmas Party

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June's Program on Porting and Polishing Heads

Thanks to Tom Bedenbaugh for his informative talk on porting and polishing cylinder heads. Tom went through all the details of how to clean up the rough factory castings to improve gas flow into and out of the cylinders for the best performance.

July's Program on Meguiar's Car Care Products

Tony Delucia with Meguiar's Wax was our guest at the July Meeting. He had most of Meguiar's products and explained how each should be used. Tony suggested you call or go on line and complete a questionnaire about each of your cars. Meguiar's will then send you a sheet explaining which products will accomplish your desires.

Tony provided me with a "Car Care Kit" with about \$35 worth of products the club can buy for \$18 and if we sell them for \$25 the club makes a few needed bucks and the members get great products at a great price.

Everyone interested on ordering please call me at 854-5778.—Dana Henking.

August: Doug Ford of the Memphis Chapter SCCA

Doug Ford, a member of the local Sports Car Club of America Chapter, will speak to the club at the August meeting. SCCA sponsors a number of events, such as rallies and autocrosses, during the year that are open to non-SCCA members. Dana Henking recently participated in an SCCA-sponsored rally, and had a great time.

Club Calendar

Board Meeting is scheduled on Thursday, August 15 @ 6:30 p.m. at the Side Car Café, 2194 Whitten Rd. (next to Bumpus Harley Davidson).

General Membership Meeting is Monday August 19, 2002 @ 6:30 p.m. for dinner with meeting to follow at 7 in Colleta's Italian Restaurant, on Appling Way at Hwy 64.

BSCC and the Variety Club have a casual get-together every Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Come to the Variety Club for just good ole fashioned fun & conversation.

2002 Board Members

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Motorcycle:	Leo Goff	861-4355

Monthly Club Meeting: Don't miss this opportunity to visit with your fellow members !! Any ideas for upcoming membership meeting programs or suggestions for improvements, contact Vice President Dana Henking at 854-5778 or any board member..

A Note from Patsy McQuirter

Dear BSCC Members,

Anyone who knew Lamar, knew of his love for cars-especially those that were unique or special in some way. He was very dedicated to the BSCC.

There have been so many expressions of love and concern. The beautiful flowers with the British flags, the cards, calls and prayers are greatly appreciated. I was especially touched by those of you who drove your British cars to the services-he would have liked that-and your voting to present the Lamar McQuirter Award at the annual car shows-he would have been very honored.

A simple thank-you is not adequate, but just know that all you have done is sincerely appreciated.

I miss you and plan to return to the meetings soon.

Sincerely,

Patsy McQuirter

Wanna Do Lunch?

The monthly BSCC Ladies Luncheon is held on the last Wednesday of each month. Of course, the guys are always welcome, especially if they'll pick up the check. Call Sharon Duke at (901) 324-0909, e-mail her at skduke4@netscape.net, or check the club's website at www.memphisbritishcars.org for times and locations.

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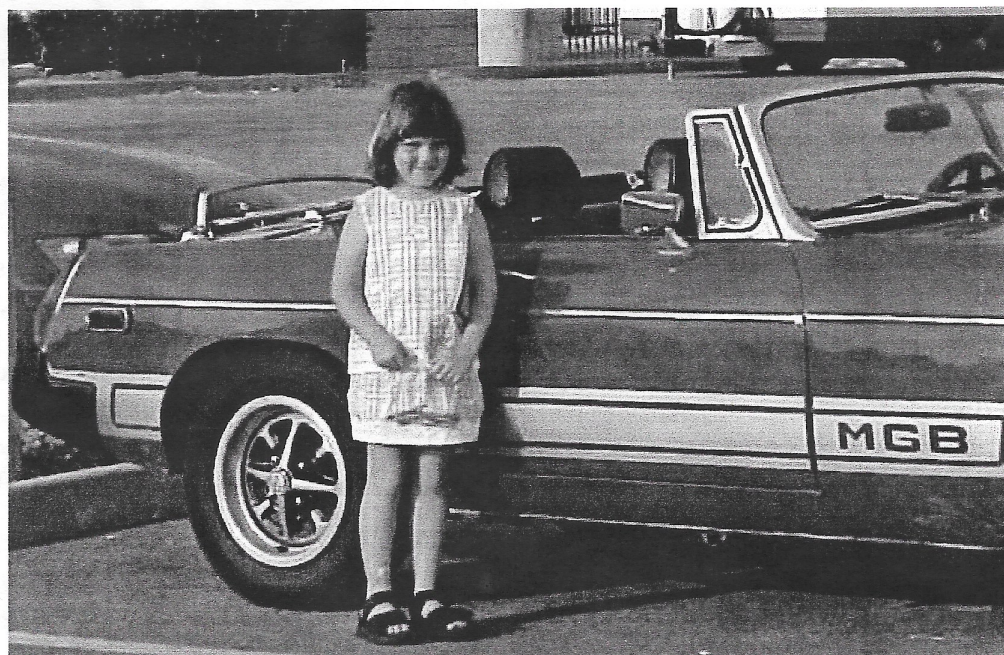
Street Rods at the Sonic: June's Competition Marque Event

The Competition Marque Event occurred on Thursday, June 20, when we gathered at the Sonic in Cordova at 5:30 PM to hang out and look at the street rods. They have an informal gathering every third Thursday of the month at the Sonic on Germantown Parkway. The various cars that show up and park, or just pass through, are some of the best looking in the local area. Our club was well represented with about 10 to 12 LBC's. Knox and Bonnie Everson drove up early with their fine looking MG-TC and scoped out a corner for all the British cars. Karen Hudson, our Pres Jenny Pangle, our web guy Joe Reed, and John Long had their MG's polished up for the outing. I noticed Karen was closely guarding her MGB so Robin and Lisa Balton wouldn't be stealing any parts for their MGB that's under construction. Thom and Peggy Perhac had their future XKE racecar there with its nice new interior. Actually, it's not really a racecar....yet. Charles Coleman drove his '57 T-bird and fit right in with the other American iron that was present. The Sonic parking lot was full by 6 PM with cars there covered every decade back to the 1920's. There were street rods, 60's muscle cars, pickups, and even a guy that had a Bugeye stuffed with a Buick V-6 motor! There wasn't enough time to look at all the fine cars.

Our plan for this outing included a visit to the Roadshow BMW dealer to look at the new Mini Coopers, and then stop for dinner at the Fox and Hound Pub. Jenny gathered us all up around 7 PM and we caravanned down the street to the BMW dealer. We all had fun looking at the Minis, but no test drives were to be had this night. The new Mini is a really neat little car. It's much larger than the original Mini, but it sure does capture the spirit of the original. As the sun was setting we headed back up the street to the Fox and Hound Pub for some fine food and adult beverages.

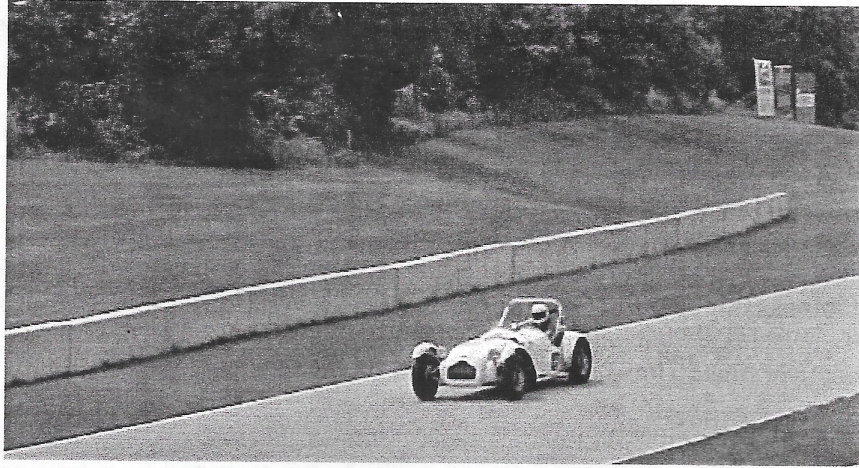
This informal driving event/gathering was a lot of fun and easy to set up. It wasn't a lot of driving, but we got the cars out, and we got to spend the evening with good friends. The Sonic parking lot was probably the best "car show" I have been to this year. — Buzz Merchlewitz

Doesn't your British Sports Car bring out the kid in you? Club President Jenny Pangle, spotted in the parking lot at a recent BSCC meeting.



BSCC Club Members at Road America

Memphian Jimmy Dobbs campaigned his Allard J2 in the Brian Redman International Challenge (BRIC) race at Elkhart Lake, Wisconsin's Road America July 18-21. It was great to see the sporty old British hot rod storming around the twisty and hilly track along with many other historic racers from vintage years. The throaty roar made by the Allard's big US V-8 contrasted brightly with the comparatively high-pitched whine of later, and smaller bore engines. While the Allard was fairly slow into and through the corners, leaped powerfully out and onto Road America's long straights. Remember, you'd be slow into and through corners if you were using the old suspension technology and drum brakes of the early 1950s! The Allard is pictured here coming out of turn 3



headed into the long downhill that leads to turn 5 and the Toyota bridge we've all seen on ESPN. Jack Reynolds remembers it from a more personal experience.

Dobbs was also seen flogging a vintage Alfa-Romeo coupe in races with some very fast MGBs, Sprites (both Bugeye and box), Midgets, Spitfires, a couple of Saabs (coupe and roadster), along with a host of 356 and early 911 Porsches. The British iron acquitted themselves very well. One of the MGBs was a strong contender in one of the lead spots until it suddenly failed to come around again. It appeared sputtering along in company with an aid van long after the checkered flag after race completion.

BSCC members Charles Coleman and Jim Duke were in attendance at the BRIC again this year. Buzz Merchlitz had planned to enter his Sprite race car until he broke it up in Virginia at an earlier vintage race.

Sir Jack Brabham and Bobby Rahal were there (substituting for Buzz?). Brabham was the honorary track Marshall and drove the pace car for the historic F1 cars in attendance (more than 30 in competition!). Rahal was racing a vintage Indy car.

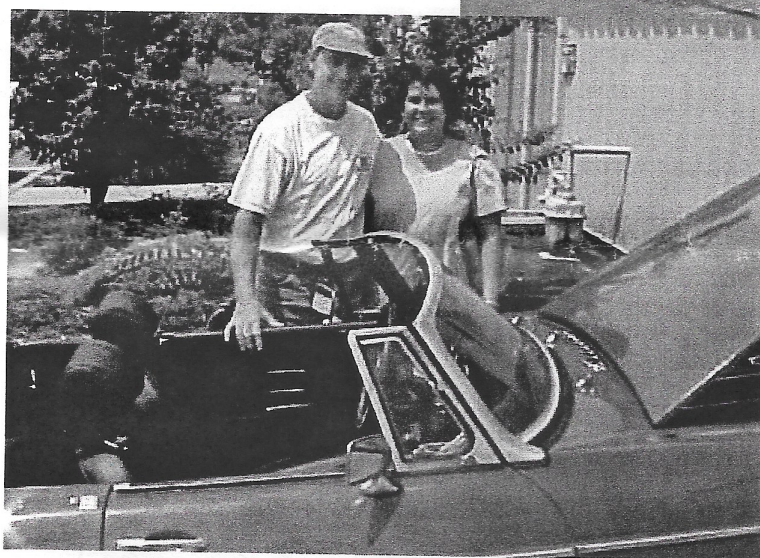
You owe yourself a trip to vintage racing at Road America sometime. Every kind of historic racer imaginable is there - hosts of Cobras, big Trans Am muscle cars (Mustangs, Camaros, AMXs, etc.), Jaguars from C-Types to E-Types and purpose built racers, the big ground pounding Can Am racers from the 1960s, tons of Porsches of all stripes and vintage, Formula Ford, Formula Atlantic, sports racers like the T series Lolas, everything you can think of. We've even seen old Grand Prix Alfas and Bugattis.

There are two concours car shows. One for race cars. One for show cars. A car auction (this year they had a 50 year anniversary Corvette - 2003 - for sale, along with a Ford Anglia).

There's nothing like Bratwurst on a Sheboygan hard roll, made with Johnsonville Brats (about 5 miles down the road), brown mustard, onions, and sauerkraut. And, it tastes even better with the sweet roar of racing for mood music. - Jim Duke

The Garage Crawl: July's Motorcycle Marque Event

Thanks go out to Motorcycle Marque Leader Leo Goff and the rest of the bunch at Memphis Motor Werks for hosting what has become an annual event; the Garage Crawl. Insurance regulations normally require that the garage be closed to visitors, but this Sunday the doors were open and the place was full of BSCC club members, admiring the well equipped machine shop, Leo's super-sanitary engine assembly room, and the huge service bay. The place was filled with interesting cars and engines; a BMW sedan race car, several Porsches (are you listening Dana?-Ed.), a D-Type Jaguar engine, and a just-completed race motor for an antique Alfa Romeo. In all, a great outing!!

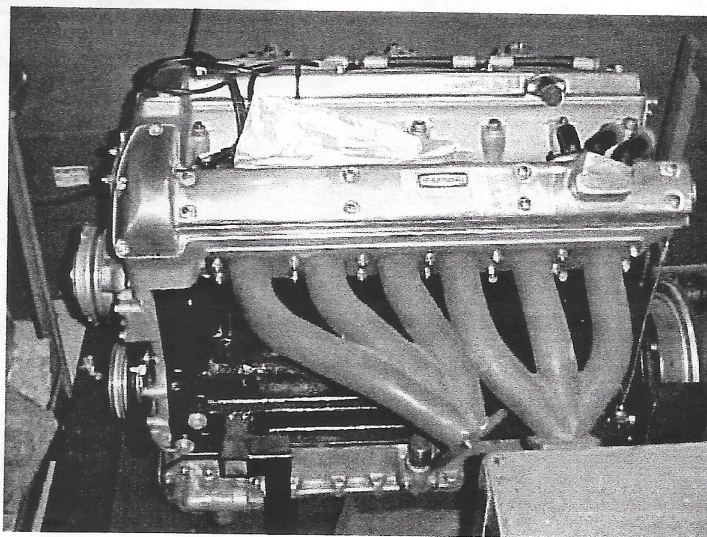


The parking lot at Memphis Motor Werks. A couple of MGB's can be seen in the left background. Jim Hofer's pristine '64 RHD Austin Healey 3000 is in the foreground. In the right background, a pair of scrutineers can be seen carefully inspecting the Balton's 'B

Robin and Lisa Balton proudly show off their newly-completed, bright red '74 chrome bumper MGB.

See the Website for more photos and information!
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XK engine for a D-Type Jaguar

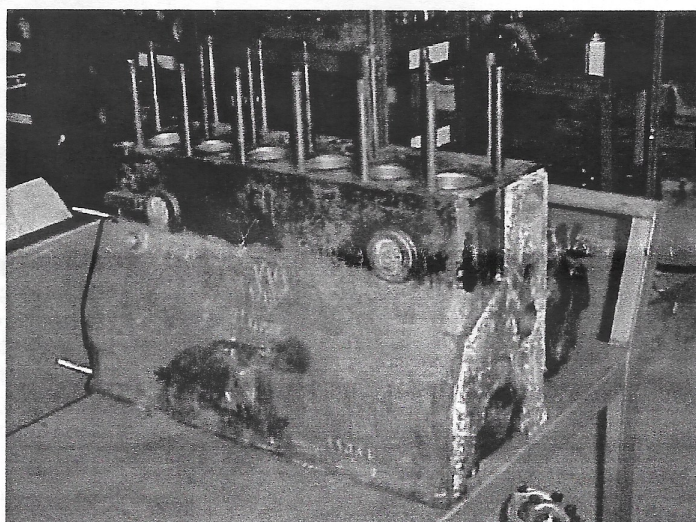


More Garage Crawl Photos!



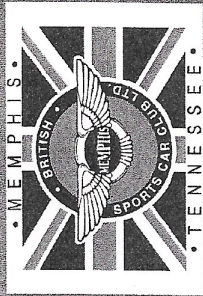
Leo Goff chats with Crawlers at the Memphis Motor Werks Open House: (l. to r., Club Webmaster Joe Reed, Lisa and Robin Balton)

Engine Block from a rare, late 1930's Jaguar SS-100, in the shop for a total rebuild. The cylinder head can just be seen peeking out from behind the block.



Lisa Balton listens approvingly as gear-head Bunny Hofer expounds upon the merits of the shop's Armstrong-Siddeley Automated Gudgeon Pin Extractor to incomprehending hubby Jim Hofer and confused Club VP Dana Henking (in hat).





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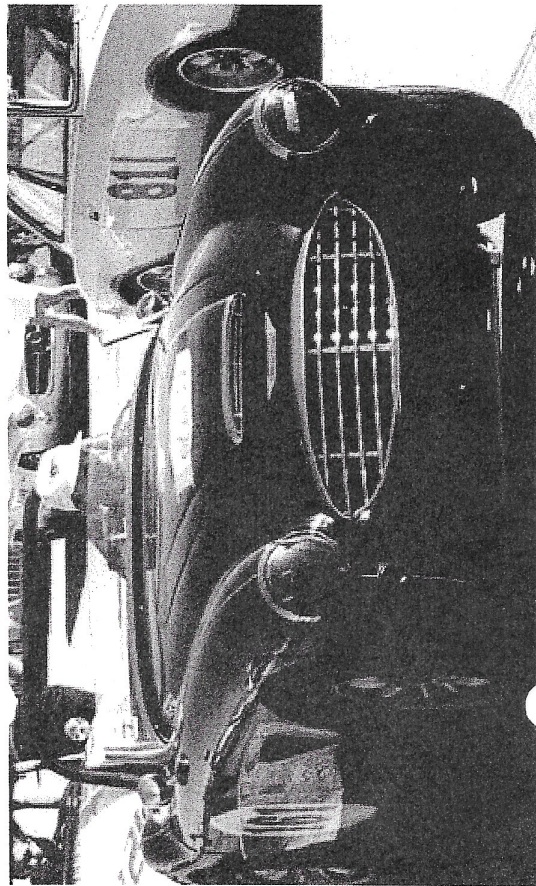
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BSCC Car Fest October 4&5!

Get ready; the Annual BSCC Car Fest will be here before you know it! Car Show Chairman Jim Duke and his team have been working hard planning activities and lining up judges for the event. Check out the Website for the most up-to-date information and for registration forms.

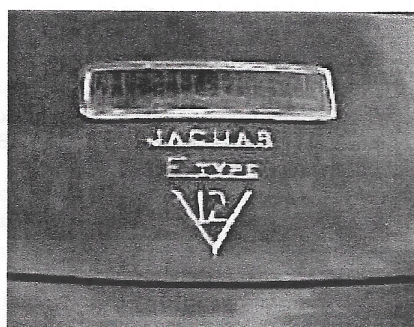
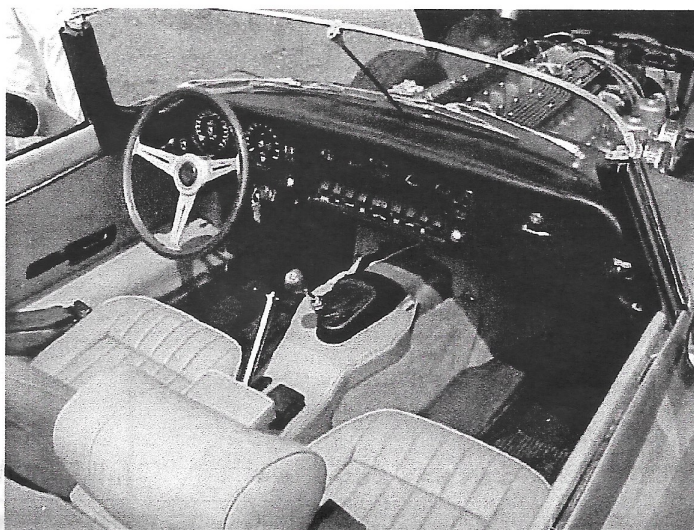
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Please register early!

New Interior!

BSCC Club Treasurer Thom Perhac has just about completed reinstalling the interior in his 1970 Jaguar E-Type roadster. The pale gray upholstery on the inside is a beautiful complement to the distinctive and alliterative Periwinkle Pearlescent Paint on the outside!



New Acquisition!



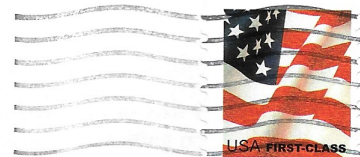
Jaguar Marque Leader Jim Ostner and Newsletter Editor Walt Fisher recently made a road trip to Nashville to pick up this beautiful 1973 E-Type V-12 2+2 that belongs to Jim. The car's blue paint and saddle tan interior are original and in very good condition. After replacing a dead battery and adding a little gas to the tank, the 4-carb V-12 started right up, idling smoothly as it was driven onto the trailer. Walt's daughter Ellie, kindergarten student and Jaguar aficionado, expresses her approval at the clean lines and spiffy wire wheels of this thoroughbred.



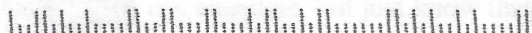
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WANTS AND GOTS

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Wants:

Any Mini Cooper Jon Brody 373-8954
Complete rear end assembly for early XKE Jag or
Front and rear hubs, knock offs, etc. Glenn Sipe 755-1977 or 754-5589
Straight, rust free body shell for rubber bumper Midget wanted. (or more
complete car, no motor or interior needed). Paul Svoboda 618-588-3041 (IL)
No more smart remarks about my Mini (Ewing Haley)

Gots:

Four MGB and A. \$6100 takes all 4 - complete 2 good cars. 2 part cars. David
Royce 662-393-0045 (h) or 901-299-3161 (cell)
3 MGB wire wheels Joe Reed 372-2389
Interior TR-7 Hurricane 266-1094
1975 TR6, original, no rust, runs great. \$6000. Dana Henking 854-5778 h,
682-0400 w
Morris Minor Convertible (off frame resto) re-engined with Alum Buick V8. This
car is neat and fast — MGB engines, trans, Jag knock off, C Jag cam
covers—Glenn Sipe 755-1977 or 754-5589
1969 Triumph Spitfire, green, high back seats—Cary Smith 662-393-5869
1960 MGA, 1600cc, 76K miles. Owner since 1973. Stored
inside since 1974. Black with chrome wire wheels. No top. \$6000.
Larry Allen 901-861-0049 after 5 PM.
Two MG headrests, black, excellent cond. Anita Ward 383-8054
1977 MGB, one owner, 89k mi. original paint, never wrecked \$6500 (901) 484-
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