

Wyres & Tyres

November/December 2002

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British Sports Car Club, LTD Memphis, Tennessee



MARK YOUR CALENDARS !!

BSCC Events:

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

Program Schedule:

December Christmas Party at Patsy McQuirter's

Other Events:

- March 22-23: - MG Club of St Louis: St Louis, MO.
8th Annual Missouri Endurance Rally and 1st
Missouri Mini-Endurance Rally. Contact Robert
Rushing at mgslime@swbell.net or call (314) 995-
8664.
- June 19-22: - MG Club of St Louis: North American MGB
Register Annual Convention, St Louis, MO

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BSCC Christmas Party at Patsy McQuirter's!!

Get ready for a roaring good time at the annual BSCC Christmas party, hosted by Patsy McQuirter at her house, 3827 Vanderschaff. The action starts on Saturday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 pm.

Bring an appetizer or dessert, and your British Car! Anybody arriving with the top down will get a big, wet kiss from Patsy's boxer, Nigel.

Directions: Exit I-40 at Canada Rd.(exit 20). Go north on Canada Rd, left at McDonald's onto Davies Plantation Rd, then right at the 4-way stop at the church onto Davies Manor Dr, then left on Vanderschaff. Patsy's is the first driveway on the right, 3827 Vanderschaff.

New Officers for 2003

New Officer elections were held at November's General Membership Meeting. In a change from previous years, two people will share the President's responsibilities. Congratulations to all the new office holders, and thanks to those leaving office for their services last year!

Co-Presidents:	Jenny Pangle and Glenn Sipe
Vice President:	Pat Eavenson
Secretary:	Larry Kiehna
Treasurer/Membership:	Thom Perhac
Historian:	Jack Reynolds
Publicity:	Sylvia Rose
Webmaster:	Joe Reed
Newsletter:	Walt and Gloria Fisher
Marque Leaders	
MG:	Kevin Sipe
Triumph:	Jon Brody
Jaguar:	Jim Ostner
Austin Healey:	Robin Balton
Motorcycles:	Leo Goff
Competition:	Buzz Merchlewitz

Club Calendar

There will be no Board Meeting in December. Check the Website for announcement of the date and time for January's Board Meeting

There will be no General Membership Meeting in December. The regular meeting time is the third Monday of the month at 6:30 p.m. at Colletta'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

President:	Jenny Pangle	230-7912
Vice Pres:	Dana Henking	854-5778
Secretary:	Joe Reed	372-2389
Treasurer:	Thom Perhac	754-8615
Publicity:	Sylvia Rose	386-2003
Membership:	Thom Perhac	754-8615
2002 Car Show		
Chairman:	Jim Duke	324-0909
Historian:	Jack Reynolds	754-9889
Newsletter Editors:		
	Walt & Gloria Fisher	761-3428

Marque Leaders

MG:	Charles Coleman	754-3240
Triumph:	Pat Eavenson	382-6440
Jaguar:	Jim Ostner	685-9476
Competition:	Buzz Merchlewitz	465-7566
Empire:		
Austin Healey:	Robin Balton	761-4406
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 Visit to a Restoration Shop

Earlier this month, Jaguar Marque Leader Jim Ostner and Newsletter Editor Walt Fisher paid a visit to Jan Schlabowske's restoration shop in Arkansas. Many of the club members know Jan from the tech sessions he's put on at the last two BSCC Car and Cycle Shows. Jan was also one of the judges at this year's Show.

The purpose of the trip was to check on the progress of Jim's 1938 SS-100 sports car, which Jan is restoring. SS Cars was the pre-war name of Sir William Lyon's automobile manufacturing firm, which would change to Jaguar after the war. The SS-100 is one of the best looking sports cars ever built, with long sweeping cycle fenders, huge headlights in chrome pods, and a rakish folding windshield. The car was powered by a 3.5 liter pushrod six cylinder engine, manufactured for SS by Standard Motors. Around 300 were built, and they are exceedingly rare today.

Jan started out by disassembling the car and inspecting the components. He sent the engine off to Leo Goff at Memphis Motor Werks for a complete teardown and rebuild; the chassis and aluminum body panels went out for media blasting. After inspection at the blasters, Jan sent the chassis on to be powdercoated, while he took the bare aluminum body panels back to his workshop for minor repairs. One of the fenders was found to be so badly damaged that a new one will have to be fabricated from scratch. Luckily, Jan knows a master sheetmetal fabricator with years of experience who has agreed to tackle that project.

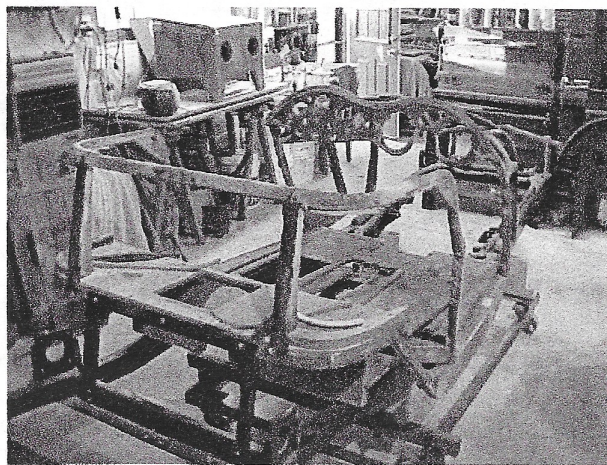
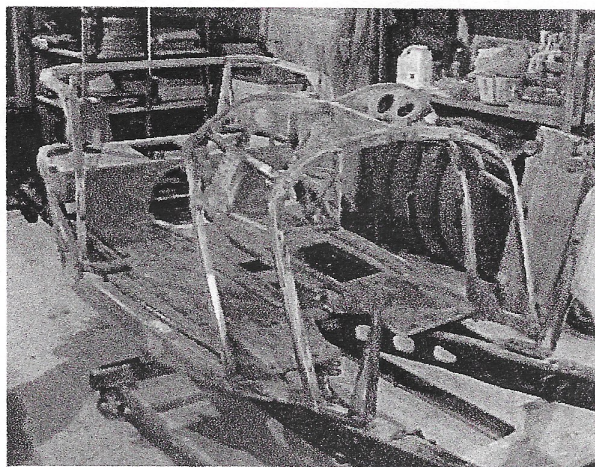
When we visited the shop, we found just the skeleton of the car. Jan had found the original aluminum covered plywood floorboards to be sound, so he remounted them to the newly powdercoated chassis and began the laborious process of reassembling the ash framework for the body. As can be seen in the photos, the framework is made up of a large number of small, intricately fitted pieces. No glue was used in the original assembly, only wood screws, and many of these had loosened up over the years as the body flexed when the car was being driven. At many of the critical junctions, the wood would no longer hold the screws, so new wood parts must be fabricated.

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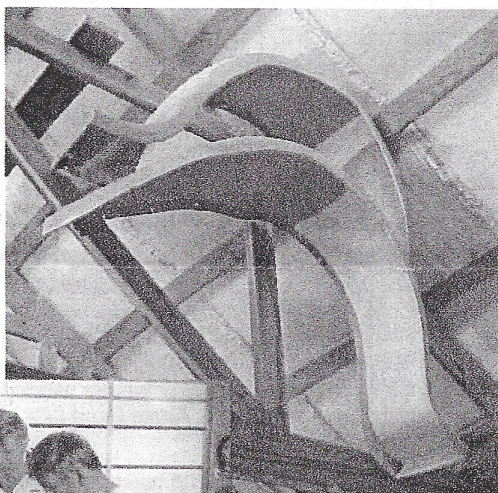
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Top photos show two views of the ash framework assembled to the newly powdercoated chassis.

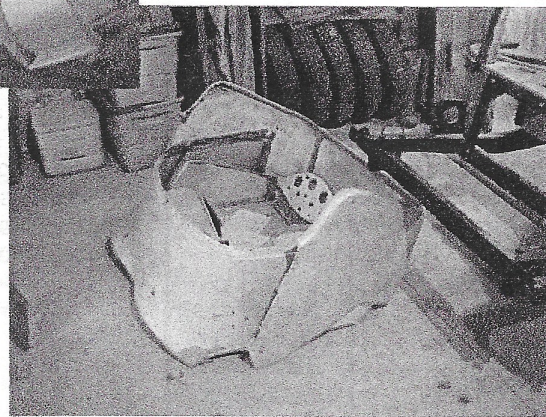
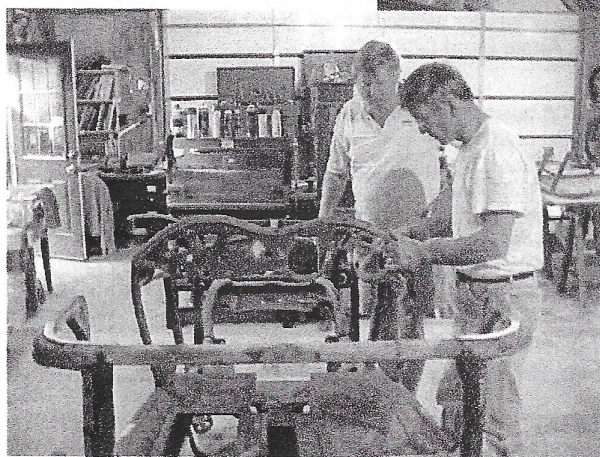
SS-100 Restoration

Below: Jim (left) and Jan discuss the finer points of fitting a new piece to the framework. Cowl framework and new plywood firewall bulkhead can be seen on workbench at extreme right in background.



Center photo shows aluminum rear fenders, stripped to bare metal, hanging from the rafters. Media used to blast clean aluminum is soft plastic pellets; they remove paint and corrosion without distorting base metal. Space is obviously at a premium in Jan's shop!

Below: Aluminum body panels nestle together on shop floor next to chassis. Note instrument panel with round holes. Tires mounted on 18" wire wheels can be seen in background.



The woodwork shows the fine cabinetmaking skills of the original bodymen who built this car. Many of the curved parts are cut with the grain of the wood, and most have at least two, and sometimes three, mitered edges. To preserve the original shape of the framework, Jan takes off one piece at a time, carefully inspects it, and, if it requires replacement, makes a new one using the old piece as a template. He then carefully fits the piece back into place before proceeding to the next one. Once the framework is completed, Jan will refit the aluminum body panels, making sure that the door gaps are even all the way around.

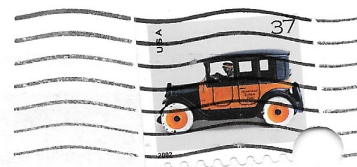
We'll be visiting Jan a few times in the upcoming year to report on the progress of this fabulous car.—Ed.



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WANTS AND GOTS

November 2002

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)
Hard top for '78 MGB, Angie Reed 372-2389

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
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.
1977 MGB, one owner, 89k mi. original paint, never wrecked \$6500 (901) 484-
9190
TR-4 Grille, Robin Balton, 761-4406
'71 MGBGT right front fender, left quarter panel, rocker panels. Glen Sipe 755-
1977, 485-3048
Pair black headrests for MGB. Excellent cond. Anita Ward 383-8054
New Minis for sale at Roadshow Mini John Lloyd 365-2584
Cylinder Head for Cosworth Vega, Ewing Haley 755-4486
4 RO style wheels for MGB, 850-0324
'69 MGC in restoration, engine and bodywork done, \$4000, Leo Goff is
handling sale for a friend; 487-9833, 861-4355
'85 Jaguar XJ6, 90% restored, Don Mader, 491-1908
'77 MGB new top, rear brakes, rebuilt motor (731) 645-3099
'71 Triumph Bonneville Motorcycle, red/white \$4000, Miller Hadskey

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