

Wyres & Tyres

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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:

Check the Website for the latest updates

- February: The Kiehnas will present a slide show on MG2003.
- Tentative: Calvin Burnett, local Harley-Davidson motorcycle restorer, will discuss his commemorative ride on a 1915 H-D for H-D's 100th Anniversary.

Other Events:

- February 22: Vice President's Rally
- March 20/21: Competition Marque SCCA Race
- March 27: Jaguar Marque Event TBA
- April 25: April Fool's Rally
- May 25: Austin Healey Cleanup/BBQ
- June 28: Triumph Event TBA
- July: Motorcycle Marque Garage Crawl
- August: TBA
- Sept. 4/5: Shine and Show at the Germantown Fest
- Oct. 8/9: Annual British Car and Motorcycle Fest
- Nov: TBA
- Dec. 4: Annual BSCC Christmas Party

Don't forget your dues!
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Lincoln Collector Presents Slide Show on Body Types

Dennis Keifer, past vice president of the Lincoln Owners Club, presented his fascinating slide show on automobile body types at the January BSCC meeting. The slide show is the result of meticulous research by Dennis on the origins of coachwork terms, beginning with a biblical reference to Solomon's chariot (special ordered and made of silver and gold; the first custom coachwork on record), and tracing the development of body types to the present time. Some of his research involved checking definitions of coach terms in nineteenth century dictionaries printed well before the automobile was developed. The slide show contains illustrations of both horse-drawn and automotive variants of roadsters, phaetons, convertibles, coupes, landaus, landaulettes, berlines, and many others. Dennis' humorous but matter-of-fact delivery kept the audience's full attention during the presentation, and the club extends its most gracious thanks to Dennis and his wife Patsy for taking the time to visit us.

Kiehnas to Present Slide Show of MG 2003 at Feb. Meeting

Father/Son MG guys Larry and David Kiehna will show photos of their trip to MG2003 in St. Louis. Always thrill seekers, the pair made the trip to St. Louis in their '74 'B with just 250 miles on a newly rebuilt engine!

Vice President's Rally Feb 22

Club VP Dana Henking has something up his sleeve for Sunday, Feb 22. Be at the Butcher Block Restaurant's parking lot by the Agricenter at 1:30 PM. We'll end up somewhere fun for a late lunch.

Club Calendar

The General Membership Meeting is held on the third Monday of the Month at Colletta's Italian Restaurant, on Appling Way at Hwy 64. The meeting starts at 6:30 p.m. February's meeting will be on Monday, February 15, 2004.

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 and conversation.

2003 Board Members

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Ladies' Luncheon: The ladies meet for lunch the last Wednesday of every month. Contact Sharon Duke at (901) 324-0909 or at skduke4@netscape.net for particulars. Of course, the guys are always welcome, too!

January Ladies' Luncheon at Firebirds



Superbowl at the Balton's

Quite a few BSCC members attended Robin and Lisa Balton's annual Superbowl Party. Two big screen TV's were going in two separate locations in the house, and a few football fans gathered around and watched the game intently. Others clustered around the buffet table and in the kitchen, raving about the food and making less favorable remarks about their favorite subject, British cars.

Guest Nancy Lubiani took the pot for the first half score and Thom Perhac won for the second half (Note to Tom: Lisa's still got your money, but if you don't get over there soon to pick it up, she'll spend it). Jim and Bunny Hofer won the drawing for the two folding lawn chairs, and Peggy Perhac, Angie Reed and Patsy McQuirter each won a purse embroidered with a British flag.

As always, special thanks to the Baltons for being such wonderful hosts.

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A Few Words From the President

What a great turnout for the January Meeting! Forty seven people signed the attendance log, then, add our guests plus a few late arrivals and we had well over 50. This was a grand start for the BSCC this year. Keep up the good work.

And, what a great program by Dennis Keifer! His presentation on Carriage and Automobile Body Types was simply super despite a couple of technical glitches with the projector. After-meeting buzz was all positive about the origins and definitions of the many well known but poorly understood auto body styles and types. More than a few members (mainly ladies) commented on how they enjoyed this presentation as compared to some of the more technical programs of the past.

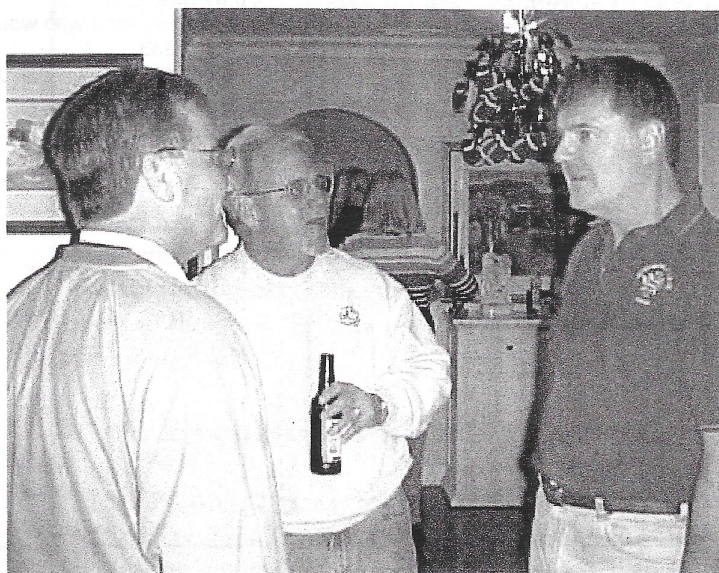
Our thanks to Mr. and Mrs. Keifer for the fine presentation and to Walt Fisher for making the arrangements.

Your board of officers have planned several exciting activities for the year. However most are not cast in stone. We want input from all the membership on what you want for the club. So..I want everyone to give some thought to this subject. NOW! We will be passing out a simple questionnaire at the February meeting with the hope that you will make known your ideas and pass along comments you think worthwhile. All members are encouraged to participate...let us know how you view the club, what will make it better?, what are we doing right or wrong?, what kind of programs do you want?, what kind of club activities do you enjoy?, etc, etc, the list is long and varied. Give it some thought.

Newer members are especially encouraged to participate. Fresh ideas can be contagious.

See you at the February meeting.

Charles Coleman



Superbowl Shots

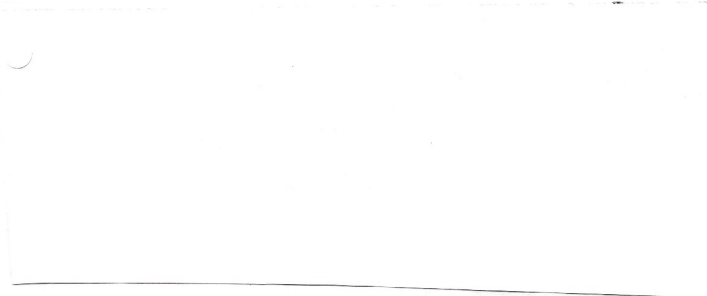
Above: Hosts Lisa and Robin Balton with their infamous Jello shooters.

Above Right: Larry Kienha, Jim Hofer, and Tom Bedenbaugh discussing either football, beer, or British cars.

Right: New Member Gordon Gold, webmaster Joe Reed and Newsletter Editor Walt Fisher trying to figure out how to get a gig on Janet Jackson's next halftime show.



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WANTS AND GOTS

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GOT:

1974 MGB parts car. Harry Fitzgerald 662 871-0057
Cosworth Vega cyl. head. Ewing Haley 755-4486

WANT:

I have a friend who would like to purchase a nice TR-6. Leo Goff
487-9833
63 Midget Differential. Jon Graham 682-6532. .