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The British Sports Car Club, LTD - Memphis, Tennessee

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Membership Meetings

Coletta's Italian Restaurant, 2850 Appling Rd.

3rd Monday of each month
6:00 p.m. if you wish dinner;
7:00 p.m. for our program

Mark your calendar

June 15th, 2020 ??????
July 20th, 2020
August 17th, 2020
September 21st, 2020



Badges? I don't have to show you any stinking badges!



The long awaited BSCC grille badges have arrived. Thirty-three club members placed orders back in March, now the grille badges are in hand. The badges are colorful, heavily chromed, (they weigh nearly 4 ounces each) and come with mounting hardware.

We're slowly distributing the badges as ordered, by having members drop by the Duke family home and grab them up. The plan is to speed up the in-person delivery at the next few club events.

And, the club may have one or two extra grille badges on offer after those who placed orders have theirs in hand.



Tough Jobs

Jim Duke

What was the toughest task/job/repair you've



ever done to your LBC? For me, it probably was removing and reinstalling the heater box in my 1977 MGB

Fortunately, the engine was out of the car, and the bonnet removed. Otherwise, there just would not have been room to access the heater box because I had to stand in the engine compartment to do the job. Compounding the tight fit are the flex pipes and control cables that snake into the car to feed warm air into the cockpit and to the demisters. Once you succeed in getting the assembly started moving

upward out of its opening, you, then have to figure out how to get the heater box to clear the edge of the car's body (scuttle) - the heater has to be lifted straight up, yet still has to tilt forward near the top of the lift - it has to be in two places at the same time.

That was one of those jobs that when it got



done I couldn't tell you what made it happen, it just happened - there must have been some magic involved.

Alternately, putting the damn thing back in may be even harder. That job also relied on a bunch of magic (while colorful magic words were uttered). Getting the control cables fed down through the scuttle and into the cockpit requires at least three loooong, skinny arms - don't get those cables pinched or the heater or the demister can't be turned on/off and controlled.



Oh, yes, that new inch thick foam gasket makes the entire assembly far too fat, tall, and unwieldy to go into it's opening. Maybe it would have been easier if the brake lines weren't already in place.

Bear in mind, this was done with a freshly painted car. No scratches or gouges allowed!

Believe it, or not, I was reduced to spraying the opening and the heater box with cooking oil as a lubricant.



After a long, long struggle, suddenly and without warning, there was a soft floop and the heater box was in place, only needing to be bolted down and the cockpit parts attached.

Never again!

How about you? What jobs have you successfully (or not) done and now swear you'll never undertake again? Send your tale to dukemeteo@gmail.com and we'll publish your tale of successful woe.



If you suck at playing the trumpet,
That's probably why.

A Belated April Fool!

A long tradition of the British Sports Car Club, missing over the past few years is back, only not at the traditional season. The rebirth of the BSCC's April Fool Rallye had been slated for the iconic April 1st date but Corvid-19 intervened. Now that regional restrictions are lifting, time seems right to return that drive to our schedule.



We'll need to forgo some of the customary tomfoolery for sake of social distancing and safety concerns, but the game is once again

afoot.

At 1:30 p.m. on June 7th, 2020, the BSCC will meet at the Shell gas station on Canada Road, on the north side of I-40. Both a driver and a navigator are recommended for each car. This will be a shine or rain event, so no restriction to LBC, just drive what you brung.

At the Shell station we'll be given driving directions and sent out on a 46 mile trek to seek answers to a series of simple questions. Rather than gathering up and setting out en-mass, drivers will be sent forth as they arrive at the Shell station. The necessary personal distancing can be effected that way.

The rallye will end at Hughes-College Hill Park on Chester St., in Arlington, TN. There the plan is to loosely gather under a gazebo pavilion for review of answer sheets and the awarding of prizes.

You might want to bring a lawn chair along to ensure plenty of elbow room. A face mask is strongly encouraged.

Did someone say prizes? Yes, there will be valuable prizes awarded!!!



Picnic refreshment and discreet beverages are encouraged. Did someone say discreet? Yes, they sure did.

So, April Fool; 1:30 p.m., Sunday April (whoops, make that June) 7th, at the Shell gas station on Canada Road, on the north side of I-40.

Helvetica and Times New Roman walk into a bar.

"We don't serve your type in here!" shouted the bar tender.

Living With The Virus

Terry Roberts

Nowadays life can be a little boring during our Coronavirus self quarantine. There are no car shows to attend, no BSCC meetings or socializing events, and not a lot of anything to do (that's fun).

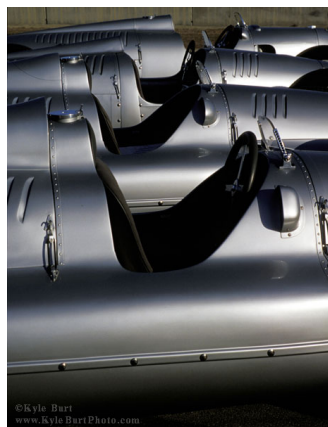
I still have my "honey-do list" of home improvement projects but that's getting old! Recently I received this notice from the Psychiatric Association:

Dear Citizens:

During the QUARANTINE time it is considered normal to talk to your plants and pots.

Kindly contact us only if they reply.

Since I am cooped up at home with lots of free time on my hands, I've been trying to catch up on my serious reading. Earlier this year I read "the Fifties" by David Halberstam which I found interesting since I grew up in that era. Recently I just finished "Faster" by Neal Bascomb, about Gran Prix racing in the 1930's. That was the time when Germany's Silver Arrows dominated Gran Prix racing and this book was a David vs. Goliath story, really interesting if you like history like I do.



Until life gets back to normal, we must all make the best of things. To avoid cabin fever, it's good to get outside. I live close to Shelby Farms

Park and the Greenway bike trail so I bike there often.

Being outside helps ease the anxiety that we all feel about Covid-19. On a positive note, things are getting better – the infection rate is tapering down, lots of different vaccines are under development, and the future looks brighter. Just remember that "This too shall pass" and before long, we'll be back driving our British cars and attending BSCC events.

My granddad had the heart of a lion and a lifetime ban from the Birmingham Zoo.

Picture This Photo Contest

The assignment this issue was to capture your LBC with a notable building or structure in the image. There were fourteen photos entered. Many were very nice shots, including Jerry Chandler's MGB in Collierville, Joe Reed's MGB in front of the faded Coca Cola sign at the old Cordova grocery, John Morrison's MGB-GT in the paint shop, David Vondenberger's TR3 in front of a Triumph sign, and Dave White's Bentley in front of a classic rural Mississippi church.



After counting your votes, Bob Mednikow photo

of him and a TR3 in front of the Eiffel Tower will take home the massive award prize.

The prize last time (won by Joe Reed) was a nice pair of fuzzy dice. This time, Bob Mednikow will take home something resonant of BSCC history – a sort of rubber chicken in the form of a wine stopper, a Coq au Vin.



There ought to be runner-up awards too because your images were so good.

Our photo invitation in the last Wyres & Tyres issue got no entries, so the photo contest will take a

holiday for the time being – let's get our cars on the road and build up a strong photo catalog, then the contest can come roaring back.



Wants N Gots

Things ya got & Things ya gotta get shut of -

Kim Shepard is still offering handmade masks for this time of the dreaded Corona Virus. When purchasing a mask, you can pick your fabric and choose between ties or elastic. They cost \$8, have a metal nose wire, and a pocket for a filter.

Text Kim at 901 283-6762.

Free To A good Home –

Our own John Morrison offers an MGB 4-speed gearbox. Only 67k Miles and in excellent condition. Replaced by a T-9 5-speed conversion.

Contact John Morrison, (901) 489-9828; N8856R@bellsouth.net”

Did I say it was FREE?

Al Ross is reluctantly parting with his 1997 Jaguar xk8 convertible. It shows only 67 k miles, and has a clean car fax. Recent improvements include new ball joints, water pump, a fresh battery (with a battery tender), and a new ABS module.

Beautiful black color. The Jag runs well and always turns heads.

Call Al at (901) 386-6402 for a special price consideration.



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