

# Wyres & Tyres

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British Sports Car Club, LTD Memphis, Tennessee

## BSCC Officers 2020-2021

President	Terry Roberts
V. President	Jeb Blanchard
Treasurer	Jerry Farrar
Austin Healey Marque Leader	Jim Hofer
Empire Marque Leader	Tom Wilson
Jaguar Marque Leader	Dave White
MG Marque Leader	Paul Burdette
Triumph Marque Leader	Jon Brody
Lotus Marque Leader	Chris Irving
Secretary	Jim Duke

## 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 - Monday Oct 19  
Monday Nov 16



## BSCC Board Meeting

In the past your Wyres & Tyres editor hasn't bored readership by reciting minutes and activities from the monthly BSCC Board of Officers meetings. The club has a specific need that merits full membership attention at the moment, so you'll find a copy of minutes from the September 13 Board meeting below.

Minutes from the August meeting were read and approved.

### New Business

1. Treasurer's report: current bank balance of \$ 3372.26
2. Current membership: 84 members
3. Jeb announced that Bob Watkins will be the September speaker and will talk about Sears, Roebuck mail-order catalog HOUSES.

### Events

With so many car shows held in September and October, we are encouraging BSCC members to attend these events. No club specific events are planned.

- Sept 11 – Somerville Cotton Festival (Larry Fleming was the lone BSCC)
- Sept 18 – Collierville Police Car Show

Sept 18 - St. Louis British Car Show  
Sept 25 - Germantown Church of Christ Car Show & Shine

Oct 2 – Eurofest Car Show, Richland, MS  
Oct 9 – Fall Edge Motorfest  
Oct 9 – Nashville British Car Club annual show  
Oct 16 & 17 – Chattanooga Motor Car Show  
Oct 23rd – Nashville North American MGB Register  
Oct 23 – British Car Show, Fairhope, AL

Taco Tuesday

Tuesday September 28th La Hacienda,  
255 New Byhalia Rd, Collierville 6pm

MGA National Convention – 2022

No news from Hiram Shepard, Tom Wilson may have something regarding lodging, facilities

Other business

We have 3 officers resigning:  
Terry Roberts as President  
Jeb Blanchard as VP  
Joe Reed as webmaster, historian, master Excel file for membership

Paul Burdette has mentioned that he will take on duties of maintaining the excel file, but Terry maintains that the Excel master file should be maintained by treasurer. We need to discuss further.

Two names that were suggested as candidates for President were Chris Irving or Paul Burdette.

Terry will ask at next club meeting for people interested in serving on the board.

It probably hit you right away, but the immediate need that our members should note,

and address, is the roles filled by departing officers. Terry Roberts has served as President for more than two terms, Jeb Blanchard has been VP for equally long, and was previously President. Joe Reed has been our webmaster, etc., since inception of the internet.

Looking over the remaining club officers you'll see names practically etched in granite – Jim Hofer has been an officer, either as A/H or Competition leader since the wheel was invented, and was previously club President.

Jerry Farrar has served multiple terms as Treasurer and was MG Marque Leader before. Dave White has long served as either Jaguar Marque or Empire Marque Leader. Jon Brody has been Triumph Marque Leader for multiple terms and also was President in the past. Tom Wilson has been Empire Marque Leader since his Railton came back from restoration and has filled many other slots in the past.

Your help is needed. Not to denigrate the efforts of serving officers, but it ain't rocket surgery! Service only requires time, and occasionally a small amount of work and ingenuity. Look around and consider – if the mokes that have created the brilliant club we have can do it, you can do it better. Just consider all the glory, honor, and fame in which you'll bask by stepping up!

How about it? Can we rely on you to keep the club's engine ticking over?

Give Terry Roberts a call or text him – his number is in the club Directory.



I saw a poster today - somebody was asking

“Have you seen my cat?”

So I called the number and said that I hadn't. - I like to help where I can.

# 39th Annual St. Louis All British Car and Cycle Show

by Al Ross

This year's event, on September 18th, celebrated MGA and Triumph TR3 marques. As in days gone by, the show was held at Creve Coeur Lake Park on the west edge of St. Louis, actually in Maryland Heights, MO.

Like the BSCC tradition, the St. Louis MG Club opens with a Friday evening get together - five p.m. to dusk at the Park's shelter. Event advertising offered BBQ, burgers, brats, and hot dogs. Dale and I arrived at 6ish and all the food was gone I was looking forward to a nice



grilled Brat - all gone - very upsetting. Geeze they gobble food like Memphis Brit

lovers. Still, I made up for this with a nice grilled brat on Saturday.

They had more than 170 British car entries. There were Triumphs, Morgans, MG's of all stripe ( A's, B's, TD's, TF's and several modified), a host of Jaguars, Austin Healys, Land Rovers, and more.



My & Dale's Jaguar XKR was in class F, which contained all Jags manufactured after the XKE. Class F included 4-5 Jaguar XJS, XK8s,

several XKR's, F-Types, XJ6s, and other saloons.



Winners are selected by popular vote by registered entrants. I, personally, wasn't expecting to win - my car was in fast company. And, I prefer our older Memphis system with actual judges. The show was well attended, the weather was near perfect, St



Louis MG Club members grilled food during show, and there were several vendors with older car parts, and memorabilia for sale. The St Louis club doesn't donate proceeds to



charity, they just plan the show to just break even for the club.

An old friend, Robert Rushing, a member of the St. Louis club was there and

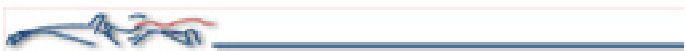
helping with the show. Robert and friends used to come to our Memphis show. He would drive down with his 71 MGB as part of the St. Louis caravan. Robert is the



long-time editor of "The MG Driver" magazine, the quarterly news magazine of the North America MGB Register. Several of our club members are members and our club is affiliated with NAMGBR. It is a great organization with a splendid news magazine and well worth the \$30 annual dues

Dale and I left St. Louis on Monday morning, headed out the 'mother road', Route 66, toward Oklahoma. We kept our eyes open for Tod & Buzz

([https://www.imdb.com/video/vi2634720281?playlistId=tt0053534&ref\\_=tt\\_ov\\_vi](https://www.imdb.com/video/vi2634720281?playlistId=tt0053534&ref_=tt_ov_vi)) in their Corvette, but failed to spot them along the way.



Your editor elects to note that BSCC attendance at the St. Louis jamboree has a long history -



Here we are more than a decade ago!

## Fall Edge Motorfest

Greetings from the Edge Motor Museum where it is once again time for the annual Fall Edge Motorfest!

Thanks to you, last year's event saw close to 130 cars and we are expecting even more this year.

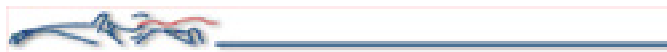
Here are the details for this year's event:

Saturday, October 9th from 9-3:00 at 645 Marshall Ave, Memphis, TN 38103

Registration is \$20 and runs from 9-noon. Registration comes with a goodie bag that has museum tickets, toolbox stickers from Edelbrock, Craft Axe and High Cotton Brewery coupons (and they are within walking distance of the show) and more. There will be awards in over 20 classes as well as door prizes announced throughout the day.

Riko's Food truck, Craft Axe Food truck, Derby & Ales will be running pinewood derby races here at the museum...and much, much more!

Come join us, and thank you for making last year such a success. If you would like to save time at the door, pre-fill out the attached registration form (see last page of W&T) and bring it with you to the museum when you pay the registration fee.



I wonder what used to be on the Canadian flag that they had to cover it up with a big leaf.



George Bernard Shaw once claimed that the Americans and English to be one nation separated by a common language. Maybe so, but confused words might be dangerous at the dinner table.

Can you match these English names to those of familiar foods we Americans see on the dinner table?

- A Corgette \_\_\_\_\_
- B Auburgine \_\_\_\_\_
- C Yorkshire Pudding \_\_\_\_\_
- D Black Treacle \_\_\_\_\_
- E Spag Bol \_\_\_\_\_
- F Prawns \_\_\_\_\_
- G Minced Beef \_\_\_\_\_
- H Dona Kebab \_\_\_\_\_
- I Jelly \_\_\_\_\_
- J Fairy Cakes \_\_\_\_\_
- K Corn Flour \_\_\_\_\_
- L Coriander \_\_\_\_\_
- M Candy Floss \_\_\_\_\_

Here's the list of American terms – Spaghetti, Egg Plant, Cilantro, Cupcakes, Ground Beef, Zuchinni, Corn Starch, Cotton Candy, Shrimp, Jello, Popover, Molasses, Gyro



## Wants N Gots

Blair Graber's father in law once owned a 1985 Jaguar XJ6 Vanen Plas and would like another one.

Viz. – Wanted, a 1985 Jaguar XJ6 Van Plas in restorable condition or better?

### **Ben Whitten**

901-567-5263 Office  
901-288-6145 Cell

**Terry Brown** (901-859-3256 Cell ) has Jaguars on offer –

A 1999 Jaguar XJR In almost show room condition; \$12,500.

A 1983 Jaguar XKS. It has been in family since 88. The engine has 115K miles. It has been sitting for many years. There's rust on body and floor boards. Interior seats are in excellent condition. It will make a good project Offered at \$2500.

A1986 Jaguar XJS V12. It has been dry stored last 8 years with all fluids drained. Low mile car with new tires. Needs to be serviced. Solid car, no rust. Offered at \$4500.

Contact Terry Brown at 901-859-3256

**Paige Ford** is offering the 1977 MGB formerly owned by her Dad, Larry Evanson. She says, "My dad bought this in 1978. It was his baby.

The color is the same as when he bought it, however I don't know if the paint is original. The car has been kept in a garage covered since he purchased it. Chrome wire wheels, full tonneau cover, and I believe new bushings on the rear springs. Engine has a GM alternator conversion. Emissions are deleted. Has a Weber carburetor.

**Josie Howser** offers her one owner Jaguar XJS V-12, purchased new in 1991, beautiful looking, all original. Approximately 72,000+ miles. Contact Josie Howser 901-581-8543. We're told she is open to all bids.

**Charles Rye's** cousin is looking for an Austin Healey 3000 to buy for her husband.

Contact Charles via 901-849-4926 / franklinflyer@yahoo.com



I didn't know there was a 'British Sports Car Hall of Fame', did you? Following is an extract of their recent press release announcing the ten newest persons elected to the Hall of Fame. Looking across previous selectees, my heart was warmed to see John Twist, Ken Smith, Peter Egan, Kas Kastner, and Donald

Healey had made the initial list of honorees.

The 10 newest members of the BSCHoF run the gamut from entrepreneurs to designers and engineers to drivers extraordinaire. They are:

**J.S. Inskip** – AN American body supplier to Rolls Royce, Aston Martin Packard, his company became one of the premier purveyors of British Sports Cars in North America

**Ken Miles** – English by birth, Miles not only became an American champion racer and engineer in Porsches and MGs but became a key member of Carrol Shelby's Ford Cobra development team and a crucial contributor to the development of Le Mans winner Ford GT effort. (see 'Ford vs Ferrari!')

**John Cooper** – Co-founder, with his father Charles Cooper, of the Cooper Car Company. He became an auto racing legend with his mid-engine chassis design that would eventually change the face of the motorsport at its highest levels, from Formula One to the Indianapolis 500 to racing Sports Cars. He also designed and built the quintessential British Sport Sedan, the Mini-Cooper and Mini-Cooper S

**Joseph Lucas** – In 1860 he established a business selling buckets, shovels, and other miscellaneous domestic materials. In 1872 his son, Harry came into the business and within three years they opened the Lucas Lamp Works in Birmingham, England, the future home of the British automobile industry. The business became the foundation of Lucas Industries, which went on to supply virtually the entire British Motor industry with electric system components

**Peter Morgan** – In 1904 His Father founded a motor sales and servicing garage in Malvern Link, England, producing their first car in 1909. Famous for their Three-wheelers, Morgan's first four-wheeler came in 1935. Peter Morgan, ran the company upon the founder's death, expanding the sales of Morgan while maintaining the traditions of his family's company. He was Director of Morgan until his death in 2003

**Malcolm Sayer** – Visionary Jaguar Cars designer who through a mathematical calculation technique learned while working as a wartime aircraft engineer, laid down the basis for the Jaguar C-Type, the D-Type, the stillborn XJ13, the E-Type, and the Jaguar XJS.

Protesting that he was a designer, not a stylist, he claimed to have never owned a French Curve

**John Haynes** – Created the Haynes Manuals brand by publishing the first manual actually entitled “Haynes Owners Workshop Manual“, for the Austin-Healey Sprite in 1965. His manuals would become a ubiquitous fixture in all Do-It-Yourself mechanics libraries. His manuals now cover over 300 cars and 130 motorcycles and such diverse other topics such as the Star Trek Enterprise and Thomas the Tank Engine

**Sir Jackie Stewart** – “The Flying Scot”. He competed in Formula One from 1965 to 1973 driving for such British Marques as BRM, Tyrrell, and Lola in Indy cars, winning the World Drivers Championship three times. He also competed in a “Lightweight” Jaguar E-Type, the North American-based Can-Am series in the American Chaparral 2J, and the unique Lola T-260. He appeared at Le Mans in the breakthrough BRM-Rover powered Turbine car. Is considered a founder of the safety movement in Motorsports

**Jim Clark** – A two-time winner of the coveted World Drivers Championship. A versatile driver who competed in Sports Cars, Sedan Racing, and captured a breakthrough win at the 1965 Indianapolis 500, signaling the end of the “Roadster Era” at that race. While primarily associated with the Lotus Marque, Clark raced Sunbeam-Talbots, DKWs, Jaguars (D-Type), Lister Jaguars, Aston-Martin DBR-1, and even a NASCAR Ford at Rockingham, NC

**Graham Hill** – Also a two-time World Driving Champion, winning in 1962 and 1968 and runner up on three occasions (1963, 1964, and 1965). Despite not passing his driving test until 1953 at the age of 24 he entered motorsports a year later, Hill would go on to become one of the greatest “all-around” drivers of his generation. Hill is most celebrated for being the only driver ever to win the Triple Crown of

Motorsport, an achievement which is defined as winning the Indianapolis 500 (Lola), the 24 Hours of Le Mans (Matra), and the Formula One World Drivers’ Championship (BRM and Lotus)

The 2021 inductees will be installed in the Hall of Fame at a date to be announced shortly, at the BSCHoF facility at Moss Motors in Petersburg, Virginia.

A date for the induction ceremony, which would normally take place in Petersburg, VA, shortly after the announcement of the inductees, has not been announced due to the Covid pandemic, out of an abundance of caution. A date will be announced as the situation allows.

The British Sports Car Hall of Fame (BSCHoF) was established as an independent entity in 2016 to preserve and perpetuate the legacy and impact of these legendary vehicles and to honor the men and women responsible for their success. Induction into the Hall of Fame is reserved for those who have made a significant and lasting impact on the British sports car industry and hobby, making it a singular honor for a lifetime of achievement. By celebrating the memory of the dedicated individuals that played key roles, the Hall can serve as a touchstone for British sports car enthusiasts of all ages and interests, furthered by its various preservation and education initiatives.

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A drunk walked into a drugstore and asked for a bottle of mouthwash.

"I'm not selling you that," said the druggist.  
"You'll drink it for the alcohol and get sick outside my door!"

"Not true!" insisted the drunk. "I have my first date in over a year, and I want to make a good impression."

"Oh, I'm sorry. Here." The druggist taking a bottle of mouthwash off the shelf to put on the counter.

The drunk stared at it, and asked, "Got one that's chilled?"

