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BEHIND THE



WINDSCREEN

Teresa and I have made it back home. This two months of not seeing British car friends is just about over. I plan to be back for the August meeting. This is the first time that I have missed 2 meetings in a row, I believe since I joined the club about 20 years ago. I normally do not miss any meetings during the year.

A short recap of our absence, we drove the MGB 600 miles to MG2016 in June. On July 6th we got into the Ford and drove 3142 miles, played golf 4 times in 3 states, played in 2 Duplicate Bridge tournaments, attended a horse race and played several hands of blackjack.

I need to thank Ian for filling in for me in my absence. I hope not to take two months off again. But, you can not really count one month because it was a show that only comes around every 5 years. NO promises, not sure what 2017 looks like.

Getting back to British cars we need to take a look at the "Gathering at the Sonic" and do we want to continue doing that in the future. I have mentioned it previously but is there any interest in a "Cars and Coffee" or maybe "Cars and a Sack." I am just thinking as I type (thinking out loud), maybe we could meet somewhere on a Saturday morning bring a sack lunch (picnic) and as the group present, decide where we want to go. There are many mountains in our area to climb and we could climb a different one almost month.

I was scanning some car magazines and I noticed where one club had a "Triumph Liaison." What about our club having a liaison for the different Marques owned by our members? That way we might be able to keep abreast of what is going on outside the world of MG.

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"Hobo Weekend" is fast approaching. Be sure to mark your calendar's for October 21, 22, and 23. It is only 90 days, 3 months from now. What car will you bring, what desert will you make. What will be your contributions to the success of the weekend? Cars need to be parked, drinks need to be kept cold, packets need to be stuffed, and donuts need to be picked up. These are only a few of the things that need someone's attention to make sure they happen.

"Return of the British" at Rugby is always a neat little show. Rugby itself is a neat little town of a bygone era. The show is the 27th of August. We have normally meet in Dayton at the Krystal on HWY 27. I would suggest 8:00AM. The show starts at 9AM ending at 2PM. It is a two hour drive to Rugby. That would give us time to see the cars, vote, talk, and eat lunch.

Make plans to attend the meeting on August 8th.

Thinking of SBCC good times.

Mike

SOUTHERN BRITISH CAR CLUB
MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
July 11, 2016

SBCC Vice-President Mr. Ian O'Shea called the meeting to order.

No minutes were taken for the June meeting.

Treasurer's Report presented. Checking balance of \$7504.73. Motion to accept seconded and approved.

Membership – No new members – 34 current members.

Newsletter – please forward any interesting or pertinent information.

Show – Discussed meals, will do a stew, vegetarian soup and corn bread for Friday night, buffet style

Discussed increase in renting banquet room

Discussed possible registration increase, approved motion not to raise 2016 show registration fee

Approved motion to keep the cash bar for Saturday night although there may be a financial liability if we do not meet our minimum

Old Business

Discussed trip to Sweetwater, TN

New Business

Schedule of car shows around the region will be published in the Timing Light

Friday Night Sonic – has not been well attended because of membership travel conflicts. Discussed changing July's date but there was no motion to make the change and we will meet at the regular time on Friday night, 7/15.

Motion to adjourn made, seconded, unanimously approved.

Submitted by R. Michael Payne, SBCC Secretary

Working on the bucket list:

About eighteen months ago I decided to do something that I have wanted to do for a long time however, never had the time, the money, etc. I have always thought that it would be great fun to race an old English Sports Car and to enjoy racing on some of the old famous tracks. I have been following Vintage Racing for some time and figured it was now or never.

The first thing that I did was to attend two racing schools and I obtained a temporary racing license from SVRA (Sportscar Vintage Racing Association) which was later converted to a full license. One was a Jaguar school that lasted 3 days where they provided new F-Type Coupes and had well known race car drivers like Roberto Guerrero work one on one. The second was a 3 day school put on by the Skip Barber Organization. They used Open Wheel cars and the training was very good. Next I started looking for a car and buying all of the stuff that would be necessary. This included Racing Suit, fire retardant long underwear & socks, Gloves, Shoes, Helmet, Neck Brace, Arm Restraints, Fire Extinguisher, Transponder, and on and on ----- . About this time I am thinking that, had I known how much time and money would be required to do some Vintage Racing maybe I would not do this. But I kept going.

I bought a "race car" sight unseen thinking that it would serve my interest with a little attention and money. The car was a 1962 Austin Healey Sprite that had previously been used for racing. The car had fiberglass fenders, hood and trunk lid which had to be replaced since you must set the car up as they were raced in the day. I found an MG Midget with a blown engine but really nice metal so I had a body shop replace all the fiberglass with metal from the MG and give the car a new paint job. We quickly determined that the 1275 cc engine needed rebuilding and the transmission needed upgrading to work properly in a racing environment. More money.

Now finally last March I was scheduled to race at Sebring. On the third practice session, the engine went bust. This was a big disappointment since I had gotten so close. My mechanic and I packed the car up and enjoyed watching the other cars race. It was determined that by using 93 octane non ethanol gasoline instead of 100 octane race fuel, the engine blew.

I decided to keep going since I was already so much invested. It was May before another engine could be obtained and made race ready. I was able to register for the Vintage Grand Prix of Mid Ohio at the beautiful race track in Lexington, Ohio. I got to run two Practice Sessions, One Qualifying Session and two Races. And it was great fun. I know that I am not ever going to be some great Sports Car Racer but it is great fun just to drive on these wondrous racetracks. I did not finish anywhere near the top but I was not last.

I appreciate my dear wife putting up with me and I have plans on racing a couple of more times this year and hopefully another year or two. There are still lots of old race tracks to visit. Here are a few pictures of the before and after of the race car and one with me and Roberto Guerrero.

Gary Higbee

(photos next page)

BUCKET LIST PHOTOS



SBCC with Cherokee Valley Antique CC TRIP JULY 25

It was a hot Saturday driving our LBC's north to Charleston and Sweetwater. The temperature was in the 90's and as we got out of the cars our shirts and pants were damp from the sweat. Only four brave little cars took to the road in the heat of June 26th. David and Connie drove their 1980 MGB LE, Paul and Trish in their Triumph TR8, Mike and Teresa in their MGB, and Tom and Judy Rowland in their 1967 Austin Healey 3000. It was Tom and Judy's first outing with SBCC and I hope they enjoyed their trip. Their 3000 looks like Guy and Judy's.

Connie Wright had joined SBCC with Cherokee Valley Antique CC for a history lesson and cheese tasting event. We met at 10AM at the Hiwassee Historical Center in Charleston, learning about Fort Cass, General Winfield Scott, General William T. Sherman, and the removal of the Cherokee Indians. We left Charleston driving the back roads to Sunshine Hollow for lunch. We learned about the old woolen mill located in Sanford, TN on the Eastanalla River. After lunch it was more back roads to the Sweetwater Valley Dairy to taste cheese and buy things such as Corn Cob Jelly.

The total trip for me was about 120 miles. I am sure that Tom and Judy drove closer to 175 miles since they live in Chattanooga. But that is why we own LBCs, to drive them.

Hot SBCC Fun in the Sun

Mike

(photos next page)

PHOTOS BY CONNIE WRIGHT



My MG2016 Experience

As a newer member of the club, I will make a quick intro... I moved from Michigan to Cleveland in the winter of 2015. I have worked for Whirlpool for 38 years, TN is the 5th state we have lived in, I am originally from Danville, KY.

I have three MGs, a 57 MGA Coupe, 70 BGT, and a 74 MGB. The MG2016 event is the 6th NAMGBR event I have attended since 2003, and the 2nd all register event. Prior to Louisville I had driven to these events from SW Michigan. I am one of the minorities it seems whose wife does not really participate in all of the car club events, although she did attend the French Lick event in 2014. In turn, I do not attend the craft shows and other similar events that she attends.. so my perspective and experiences are probably different.

In preparation for the trip.. I did all the normal routine maintenance plus inspected, bled and adjusted the brakes. I also performed an inventory of tools and spares for the trip. Since I had an alternator issue just a week prior I also carried a spare in the extra battery compartment. While the tires were off I noticed that the build date of the tires was 12 years ago.. and the recommended time is not older than 6 years ! I had lost track of this during moving etc. Since I really wanted to take this car I bought a new set of Coker Classic white walls. The trip up to Louisville was uneventful except for the tire issues the Floods had.. and I lost a beauty ring from my left front wheel on some rough road .. the ring was smashed by Gary Higbee who was behind me at the time.. sorry for the startle Gary! I had intended to remove them for the trip and did remove the rest at the next fuel stop. I have an MGB overdrive in my MGA and I averaged 31.8 mpg on the trip north.

I had already made plans to meet up with old friends from previous clubs at the show, and was splitting the hotel room with another friend from Michigan who was also traveling alone. I enjoyed attending all of the tech sessions I attended, and spent some time watching John Twist work his rolling tech sessions which have become such a huge hit at these events. In Dillard (2012) John was able to diagnose a vacuum leak as the reason for the poor idle on my MGB. John has donated so much time and expertise to our MG cars it is amazing, I have attended several of his Summer Parties in the past and visited his shop a few times. John also provides an amazing collection of You Tube videos of repairs and technical advice...

free....you can also call him from 12:00 - 1:00 daily and you can ask him questions directly!

The show field (800+) at MG2016 was amazing and there is no way to properly check out all the cars. The weather was very hot and humid by the river, and just past 1:00 people started heading back the hotels. This was too bad as it cut down on the opportunity to see all the cars.

I was lucky enough to place 2nd in my class (MGA Coupe) and was thrilled to say the least. Someone said they counted 110 MGAs of which 9 were Coupes which makes sense as coupes were approx 9-10 pct of total MGA production. Gil Dupre also grabbed a 2nd in class in the 74.5 BGTs.

The trip home was uneventful for me as I traveled a different route than the club so I could work in a visit with my father in central Kentucky. I arrived home in Cleveland at 5:30 Friday afternoon, tired but refreshed with a lot of good MG vibe and new memories of a great show.

Dave Terhune

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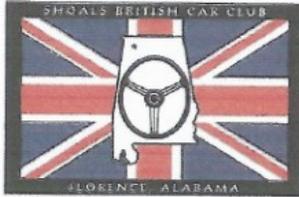
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Sat: 8:00am – 11:00 am Registration

8:00am – 3:00pm **Car Show**

11:00 – 11:30am **Place Ballots in Cars**

11:00am – 1:30pm **Participant Voting**

3:00pm **Awards**

5:00pm **Dinner with Car Show Friends, Dutch treat in lodge restaurant**

TOTAL FEES ENCLOSED: \$ _____

*****If you are NOT staying for the Awards and you win a trophy, how do you wish the club to deliver the trophy to you?

() Give to (name): _____

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In consideration of the right and privilege to enter and participate in this event, I agree to release and hold harmless the Shoals British Car Club, its officers, members, Joe Wheeler State Park, and the City of Rogersville from any and all liabilities for injuries, damages or loss arising from my entry, attendance or participation, and traveling to and from this event. I also certify that the entry (ies) offered for registration is covered by liability insurance at least equal to the minimum requirement of the state in which the vehicle(s) are licensed and/or registered.

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2015

AUGUST

August 8 SBCC MONTHLY MEETING AT SHONEYS

AUGUST 19 MEETING AT SONIC OOLTEWAH

August 26, 27 & 28, 2016 – Rugby British Car Show, Rugby Tennessee. More information to follow – stay tuned

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 12 SBCC MONTHLY MEETING

SEPTEMBER 16 MEETING AT SONIC OOLTEWAH

SEPTEMBER 15- 28 PEACHTREE MG CLUB
SHOW DILLARD GA

OCTOBER

October 21-23 Annual Southern British Car Show will be held at the Chattanooga Choo-Choo .If you have any questions give me a call
Perky (423) 614-8897.

"Oct. 1, 2016 **Myrtle Beach Britfest 2016**" Car show The Market Commons, Myrtle Beach, SC. Come and enjoy a British car extravaganza and celebrate Octoberfest in the balmy warmth of autumn at the beach! More information and a registration flyer will become available at
www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com

NOVEMBER

DECEMBER

SBCC ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

AUTO JUMBLE

I STARTED OVER FOR 2016

FOR SALE

1958 MG Magnette (titled as a 1959). The car is located in Canton, Illinois. He is asking \$5500.00. The owner is Douglas Freeman, phone (309) 647-2196.

1974 Jensen Healey for sale

I'd describe the car as above average for its vintage. New tires, battery. He has spent approx. \$3000 on misc. part and/or repairs. Red with black interior. Divorce forces sale. Asking \$5250 or B.O. Car in self storage in Maryville.

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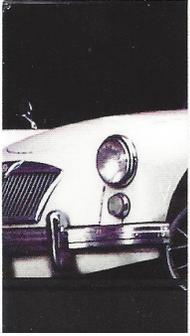
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