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Upcoming Club Events:

March 25 – April Fool's Bash @ Harrison Bay State Park 11-3pm

April 3, Monday, Cruise-in, Cambridge Square, 4PM

April 10, Monday, Club Meeting, Jim N Nicks, 6PM

April 22, Saturday, Donut Rallye, Cambridge Square 9AM

April 23, Sunday, Main Street Cruise-in, Cleveland, 1PM-6PM

Other Regional Events:

April 14, 15, 16, The Gathering at Shelton Vineyards, Dobson, NC. Open to all British makes.

April 22, 9am-1pm Soddy Daisy Veteran's Park Open Car Show, hosted by River City Corvettes and O'Reilly's. Open to all.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

The spring is the season to crank up your car for FUN IN the SUN. I must admit that the St. Patrick's Day Drive was a bit cool, and no tops were down. But the sun was out, and it promised that FUN IN the SUN was coming soon. I believe the weather for the BASH this coming weekend (March 28) shows AM Rain, but a high temperature of about 70. Regardless of how damp you may get the pavilion will provide you a dry space to eat your picnic lunch.

The next few months is the time for car shows. Just today I looked for the show at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, AL and YES it will be the weekend after Labor Day, September 8 and 9. It has always been a great show with many good friends at that show. The venue, on the lake next to a boat dock with sail boats in the back ground, has made for memorable experiences.

April has the play "Then There Were None" at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville, TN on Saturday, April 29. Teresa and I have already bought tickets for the 2:30PM, Central Time show. It is the only show on the 29th. If you wish to go, you will need to get your own ticket by calling 931-484-5000. You should go to ccplayhouse.org to check available seating.

I would be amiss by not reporting the accomplishments of two members who started their engines for the first time. Bruce Ammons (Triumph TR4), and Mike Paule (MGB). Both of these cars have been a work of love with new paint, interior, engines and hard work.

The upcoming activities (left and additional below) for next few months:

March 25, Saturday, British Fools Bash, Harrison Bay State Park 11AM-3PM

April 29, Saturday, "Then There Were None," Cumberland County Playhouse" 2:30PM CST

May 1, Monday, Cruise-in, Cambridge Square, 4PM

May 7, Sunday, Atlanta British Motor Car Day, Suwanee, GA 9AM-2PM

May 8, Monday, Club Meeting, Jim N Nicks, 6PM

May 12-13 Friday-Saturday, "Spring Time In The Smokies," hosted by Blount British Cars

May 19, Friday Night Sonic, Ooltewah 7PM

May 27, Saturday, Donut Rallye, Cambridge Square 9AM

I hope that everyone can get out and take part in at least one of these British car activities.

On the British Car Roads in Tennessee

MikeF



Southern British Car Club

Stated Monthly Meeting

March 13, 2023

SBCC Meeting Minutes

March 13, 2023



Meeting called to order by President Mike Flood.

Joe Gill was a guest of Bryson Leslie. Joe has a 1957 MGA.

Motion made and seconded to accept minutes of February Meeting as published in Timing Light. Motion passed.



Dave Terhune reported \$4366.52 in checking. There were no expenditures. Motion made and seconded to accept the report. Motion passed.

Newsletter – send any interesting articles or photographs to Bart.

Membership – Renew for 2023!

No report from Membership

Show -

Moving to Collegedale Commons, October 6-7, 2023

Old Business:

Members reminded about the upcoming Fools Bash on March 25 at Harrison Bay. Mickey Hemsley passed around a sign-up sheet for items that members needed to bring in support of the picnic.

The Donut Rallye on 25 February had 8 members. General discussion concerning the March Donut Rallye conflicts with the Bash. Decision was to cancel the Donuts for this March.

Report on the March Cruise-in at Cambridge: If there at 5PM, there was no parking. General discussion to be there by 4:30PM to park on the square.

Mike Hemsley reported on the Savory Museum car show. It is only open to Museum members at this time. Mike will keep us updated.

Report on the play "Then There Were None". You need to purchase your on tickets from the Cumberland County Playhouse. The play is on April 29 at 2:30Pm CST.

New Business:

President reviewed the schedule for the next two months. Schedule will be published in the "Timing Light."

Submitted by Mike Flood



The Ongoing Development of Opinion & Other Things.

When I jumped back into the car hobby 4 years ago, I attended every event I could find for a while. I did the same with car clubs. I am in the Southern British Car Club, the Antique Automobile Club of America, the North Georgia Jaguar Club, the Jaguar Club of North America, the North Carolina Jaguar Club, and the Sports Car Club of America. I am also part of the Hagerty Driver's Club, but I think that isn't really a club and is just insurance.

I am also either following or a member of 20 car groups on Facebook. Additionally, I have accounts with both MG Experience and Jaguar Experience.

Now, I tell you all of this not as a boast. I tell you this to give you some background. I have experience with all of these various organizations, and this has given me basis for the following opinions:

1. Very few people can answer technical questions about 90's something Jaguars on Facebook.

If they do answer your questions, be cautious. My experience with this started with a "remove and replace" of an alternator on my XJS. Some person told me, "it is done from the bottom". Wrong. Completely wrong. After taking most of the bottom of the car apart and still unable to remove the alternator, I was able to remove the alternator in about 10 minutes from the top side. Lesson learned. Don't ask for Jag help on Facebook. I have a dozen more examples but will leave it. I continue to ask tech questions now just to see what answers I get – and how wrong they are.

2. MG guys are smarter.

They have John Twist. I really don't have to say anything more. The man still hosts a Zoom once a month on repairing all things MG. And John Twist has put something on YouTube that tells you how to fix anything on an MG.

3. Don't do everything. Pace yourself.

It didn't take long for me to get burned out a bit. I attended everything from Cars & Coffees to cruise-ins to shows to pop-up meets. For those that don't know, a pop-up meet is organized on social media – usually the

day of the event – and it is usually at a shopping center or Hobby Lobby parking lot. I know. Sounds terrible, and it is terrible. It is why the phrase "No hooning" even exists. It is mainly a bunch of people with Asian car makes, Dodge Challengers, and Mustangs with loud mufflers hooning around for two hours. It didn't take but two of those to figure out: I don't do pop-up car meets.

4. 5 hobby cars is too many.

I have 1 MG and 4 Jaguars. None of these are show cars, so there is no need to be impressed. These are cars that can all be purchased for a few thousand dollars. Back to my point: this is not a lot of cars, but it is if you do all the maintenance on them. To be fair, of the Jags, only 2 of them run, but I am working on the 3rd now while still working on the 2nd one while needing to change the oil and do the brakes on 1st one. Whew! That's hard to follow. The MG is the rock-solid performer that has me thinking, "Maybe I need another MG." I am trying to sell the 4th Jaguar as I think it is more restoration than I really want to do.

5. Not all car clubs are the same.

Frankly, many car clubs are a disappointment. They don't do a good job with communication, they don't do a good job with planning or having events, and they don't do a good job promoting the hobby. The Southern British Car Club does a pretty good job with all of these. It is far superior to many other clubs in which I am affiliated. If I was to identify the most disappointing, it would have to be the local presence of the AACA. The national level does a brilliant job with the magazine and etc, but the local group is non-existent. I don't even think they have a webpage or maintain a Facebook page. I will probably renew this one just because I like the national magazine. The JCNA is an absolute disappointment. How can their Facebook group only have 183 members? I will not renew this one. I think the SCCA does a good job with communication locally – very good – but they seem to be struggling with harmony. I did not renew this one just because they are not of interest.

Honestly, no club is perfect, but I can honestly say the **SBCC** does a good job on Facebook, on emails, general communications, and activities to keep members engaged and promote the hobby. A solid group of enthusiasts! I am glad to be a part of it.



Prudence

We first heard of Prudence (as we named her) in 2010 while Bruce was cruising Craigslist. She is a 1965 Triumph TR4A IRS (independent rear suspension) and was red with black trim, the same as a previous TR4A Bruce had owned before – that caught his attention!

The owner had not had her long. He had got it out of basement of a friend who was in Africa doing missionary work. The engine and transmission supposedly had been rebuilt, but he had to do some reassembly. I drove it home but soon realized it had been “slapped” back together and I did not like what I was seeing. She was taken apart by Bruce in a semi-orderly way and the body hung from the garage roof. We could have done a frame on restoration but decided to do a full body off so we would know what we had. After getting her disassembled life, family and money interfered (sound familiar anybody?).

Fast forward 9 years – we retired and moved to Waldens Ridge (Bledsoe Cty) and Prudence in all her disassembled glory with us. A perfect retirement project we started the reassembly thinking we would soon be on our country roads driving and having fun. Bruce with help from manuals, internet forums, google and anyone that would talk to us started the project of a full restoration without the benefit of having done it before. Despite supposedly having been rebuilt the engine and transmission(s) were rebuilt again, because not everything you are told is accurate. First engine and transmission(s) that Bruce ever built! We got an extra transmission, and we built it for practice. Then after doing that, we decided on a HVDA 5-speed transmission conversion, so the trans rebuilds were unnecessary. Then 9 months at a father/son shop for an inside/outside paint.

Since then, work has continued at a slow pace (because the car hates Bruce and refused to cooperate with her makeover). Bruce cried “Uncle” when he burned up a main wire in the new wiring harness and realized we were looking at missing another season for driving. She was close but we needed help. Bruce turned the car over to a British car professional to sort the electric system, tweak some of Bruce’s work, get the engine running and install the top and interior. In mid-March Bruce got to hear her run for the first time since Prudence was driven home in 2010 (She purred and likes him now). She will not be ready for Harrison Bay, but you will meet her soon.

Sheryl Ammons



On The Lighter Side...

IT'S OFFICIAL – THE SEXIEST MEN DRIVE JAGUARS!

A new survey has revealed that UK women find Jaguar drivers the sexiest. A whopping 37% put the British-built car maker in pole position in the study, conducted among 2,300 female members of UK extramarital dating website illicitEncounters.com (yes, IllicitEncounters.com), while its nearest rivals – Audi and Mercedes – could only call on the support of 22% and 17% respectively.

Finishing just outside the podium positions were fellow German brands Porsche and BMW, on 9% and 4%. The least sexy car brand was, by some margin, Nissan – which picked up 44% of the least sexy vote.

The study concluded, “Quintessentially British, smooth, suave and sophisticated, it’s no surprise that Jaguar is still at the forefront of popularity; a jewel in the crown of British engineering, each of their models boasts the most beautiful designer curves with world class mechanics to match.”



The Road Less Traveled

St. Patrick's Day Drive

Saturday the 18th was cool, windy, and just a beautiful day if you were out of the wind. Ten SBCC club members started off from the Circle K on the corner of Durkee Road and Hwy 64. After a stop in Ducktown, we had only nine. NO, this is not a preview of "10 Little Indians." We know what happened to Bart. He had to go home and push a Jaguar. (True story.) The remainder continued on our way to Murphy and a fantastic meal at Valley River Brewing Company.

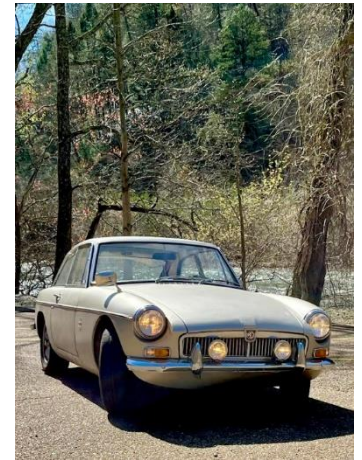
As we reached where Parksville Lake and Ocoee River connect, Connie and Teresa commented that they had NEVER seen the lake as low as it was. Bart agreed with them.

Teresa had called ahead to reserve the nine members a table. After a quick survey of how their meals were, the consensus of opinion was: "the food was really great." Graham had the "gator," Teresa and Connie shared the trout that was on special. Mark also had the trout, while Mike H had chili. David had Philly Cheesesteak, Gil and Marge split a hamburger, and I had the fish and chips. We had thought about this restaurant because of its pizza, but no one ordered a pizza. I told Teresa we needed to go back and split the fish and chips. The fish was not greasy, and light. If you are out on a drive, we can recommend this restaurant for a good meal.

The British cars making the trip were: 2 MGBs, 1 MGBGT, 1 MGA, 1 Lotus, and 1 Aston



Martin. Members making the trip were: Bart Boyd, Gil and Marge DuPre, Mike and Teresa Flood, Mike Hemsley, Graham Messer, Mark Myers, and David and Connie Wright. While others left for the drive home, Teresa and I headed to the Valley River Casino in support of the Indians by playing the slots. Unfortunately, we were able to keep our money. The parking lots were filled so we assumed that the gaming hall would also be filled. We just drove through the parking lot then head home.



We missed those who could not make the trip.

On the SBCC Roads

- Mike F



The Road Less Traveled



February 25th was the fourth Saturday and the **Donut Rallye** at Cambridge Square. At 9AM, the weather was chilly but not cold. There were seven very enthusiastic and dedicated members eating donuts at Cambridge Square. The entertainment was the very busy employees making donuts while we dined and fellowshiped. The back of the kitchen is visible from the tables, and I believe we all agreed after watching them, that donut making looked like hard work.

Mark Myers gave us all updates on his TR7, and Graham gave us some details around the beautiful Bentley he recently acquired. I shared the updates on my XJ40. And we all enjoyed the grandchildren updates from the Paynes.

Mark, Graham and I did have eggs at Neighbors of Wine Down, so we went pretty light on the donuts. If you had not tried breakfast at Neighbors, you should. It is very good – but make a reservations well ahead of time. Be prepared, as it is not cheap. As Gil noted, Waffle House is just as good and far less expensive.

The Donut Rallye is a brief monthly event that has become one of my favorites.

– Editor



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The Road Less Traveled

Monday, 6 March, everyone in the greater Ooltewah area who owned a car that they thought others need to see came to Cambridge. The weather was beautiful, feeling like early summer. From a beautiful 1956 Buick Special to pickups, Corvettes, and handful of British cars. Several members of SBCC went to Cambridge Square to look and have dinner. There were so many cars that every parking space was occupied. When I arrived and drove around the square, Dave Terhune told me that Jeff Warner was lucky to

get his space just then and that they had parked around back. So, I went and parked by Dave and Scott's cars.

Making appearances were:
Bart Boyd
Gil DuPre
Mike Flood
Justin Hawley
Scott McAllister
Mark Myers
Bill and Wanda Privratsky
Tom and Jonni Tomisek
Dave Terhune
Jeff and Rebekah Warner



If you did not make the cruise-in, then you were missed. I hope you will attend one in the future.

Submitted by MikeF



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“British Invasion” At The Savoy

The **Savoy Automobile Museum** in Cartersville, GA, will have a special feature coming in March. They will be hosting some of the significant British sports cars of the 1950's and 1960's. Check their website for details.

This is the list of cars that have committed to the exhibition along with a short note on each: **1962 AC Ace-Bristol**, **1956 Austin Healey 100/4 M**, **J2 Allard**, **1950 Alvis TB 14**, **1952 Arnolt MG**, **1954 Arnolt Bristol Bolide**, **1948 Jaguar XK 120 (Al Alloy)**, **1963 Jaguar E-Type FHC**, **1962 Lotus Elite**, **1959 MGA**, and other cars that are in process.

There will be three more exhibits going on concurrently with the “British Invasion”. Other features are “Fabulous Fins” and “Built for a Crisis.”



Other exhibition themes in the works...

- *British Invasion*
- *75 Years of Porsche*
- *Georgia Tech Engineering Motorsports*
- *Haul of Fame*
- *Factory Drag Cars*
- *Forged by Fuller*
- *Streamlined Elegance – The Tatra Tale*
- *Evolution of BIGFOOT*
- *GM Designer Art/Cars*
- *European Art Deco*



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**Time to renew your membership in the
Southern British Car Club.**



Save the Date

The Southern British Car Club

&

The Peachtree MG Registry

Would like to invite you for a southern get together for all British Cars and Motorcycles in Collegedale, TN on October 7th, 2023. We'll begin the weekend on the 6th with a social get together at the Collegedale Commons about 6PM. Get re-acquainted with old friends and make some new ones. Earlier Friday there will be self-driving tours and possibly a visit to the Coker Car Museum. We are also recognizing the 100th Anniversary of the MG motor vehicle. We'll have more details & registration information late this spring. Stay tuned and mark your calendars now for October 6th and 7th, 2023. See you there.

Regular Calendar of Events:

First Monday of the Month:

Cambridge Square Cruise-In. Arrive early (4:30pm) for a parking spot around the square. Plan to stay for dinner somewhere. If you want to eat at 1885, make a reservation prior.

Second Monday of the Month:

SBCC Business Meeting. February it will be a Jim N Nicks restaurant. It is close to Hamilton Place Mall. Arrive at 6pm for dinner. The meeting will start after we order etc.

Fourth Saturday of the Month:

Donut Rallye at Cambridge Square. Arrive around 8:45am. If you want a sit-down breakfast at Neighbors, you will need a reservation; otherwise, it is Tasty Donuts. When weather permits, we usually sit outside.

May-Oct the third Friday of the Month:

Sonic in Ooltewah. 7pm for milkshakes, or ice cream or hamburger or hotdog.

WATCH FOR UPDATES ON FACEBOOK OR THE WEB

APRIL FOOL'S BASH March 25, 2023.

11am – 3pm Rain or Shine

Join us for the April Fool's Bash on Saturday, March 25th. It will be held at the Harrison Bay State Park in beautiful Harrison, Tennessee. This is a wonderful – and short – drive for east Tennessee, western North Carolina, and North Georgia. Located just east of Chattanooga on the Tennessee River.



Harrison Bay State Park is just off Tennessee Highway 58. Coming from the north you will turn right onto Harrison Bay Road just before reaching the bridge over Wolfever Creek. Coming from the south you will turn left just after the bridge. Follow Harrison Bay Road for approximately 3.3 miles and take a left into the park on Campground Road. Stay on Campground Road around to the Recreation Center (i.e., do not take the first left that leads to the Marina). Look for our Union Jack Feather Flags at the entrance to the Rec Center.

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MAINSTREET CRUISE IN

APRIL 23 @ 1:00 PM - 6:00 PM



MAINSTREET CRUISE IN, Cleveland, Tennessee, April 23rd. 1pm – 6pm

Head downtown Cleveland Saturday, April 23 for the first MainStreet Cruise In of the season! See hundreds of classic cars and specialty vehicles lining the streets of downtown Cleveland, TN for this FREE family event. Free to enter a vehicle, free to spectators. Delicious food, music, and shopping make it a great family afternoon – don't miss it!

Join them during the 2023 Cruise-In season. The very popular car show attracts an average of more than 500 classic cars and special interest vehicles to our downtown. Fourth Saturday of Each Month, April – October from 1 to 6 p.m. There is no entry fee to show a vehicle or attend the cruise-in and it is open to all vehicles – antique, classic, muscle, street rods, and special interest.

Contact Randy Howard (423-421-6356) or visit for more information.

This event is always well attended, so plan to arrive a little early to get a good parking spot. They do close off the downtown streets to traffic.

SBCC members have attended ad hoc for several years – but maybe this year we plan a group and stage a British Invasion.



39th ANNUAL BRITISH MOTORCAR DAY

Free to the Public!

Sunday May 7, 2023

In Front of City Hall

330 Town Center Avenue, Suwanee, GA 30024

Registration 9AM - 11AM, Show 11AM - 2PM

Please visit: <https://www.atlantabritishmotorcarday.org> for registration and show details.

Atlanta British Motorcar Day is Sponsored by the sixteen Atlanta Area British car and motorcycle clubs. This charity event has been held annually since its inception in 1984. We are an all-volunteer event, so please help us out by registering early and arriving on-time.

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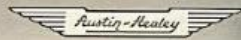


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April 14-16, 2023 Dobson, NC

This year celebrating the
65th anniversary of the
Austin-Healey Sprite
and the 70th of the
Austin-Healey 100-4



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1976 Jaguar XJ6C. This car is a project that I purchased from a guy that had already pulled the engine and transmission. He planned to install a small block Chevy in it – and it sat for over 20 years. It is ready for body work and restoration. There is some rust in the driver's side footwell, and there is some surface rust here and there to be expected. All the parts are there including a 1985 XJ6 4.2 engine and transmission. Many new parts the previous owner purchased go with the car. Make me an offer. The sales manager at my house says, "Sell it!" \$4500 OBO. Bart Boyd 423-584-9370



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