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BEHIND THE



WINDSCREEN

Spring is half gone and "Springtime in the Smokies" has finished another successful year. Eleven cars and 21 club members braved the rain to make the nearly 200 mile drive to Townsend. Those 11 cars were all winners although only 5 cars received awards. Congratulations to Doug and Sandy (MGB), Paul and Tricia (TR8), David and Connie (Morris Minor), all received 1st Place. Vaughn and Donna received Second Place with their Alfa, and Hank got 3rd Place with his MGTD. To my knowledge all the cars, drivers and navigators made it home safely.

This is the season to get out and drive you LBC. There are still several club activities to coming up in the next few months to enjoy you car and see your friends:

June 10-11 Scottish Festival and Highland Games, Blairsville, GA

June 12 Meeting

June 16 "Gathering at the Sonic"

June 17 ALFA Fun Rally (SBCO is Invited) must register by May 31

July 8 Tracing the Trail of Tears from Red Clay State Park to the Tennessee River

July 10 Meeting

July 21 "Gathering at the Sonic"

August 14 Meeting

August 18 "Gathering at the Sonic"

There are two British car shows coming up this summer in the general area:

June 3 Morristown

August 26 Rugby

There are several opportunities to take a picture for the SBCO Challenge. It is not too late to get involved, there is a lot of time left to get your smiling face in front of the camera. At the Sonic on Friday the 19th, Scott gave his list to Charles. Scott said he and Vickie had been to Sweetwater that day. I do not know how many points they are claiming but they have thrown their hat into the ring.

The "Gathering at the Sonic" was a great time. With all the May graduations happening, the turn out of eight cars and 12 members was a good number. Our newest members, Will and Jackie Perry made the the long trip from Soddy Daisy. It was a good thing that the night was made for "top down driving."

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As I have said , if you are Scottish or Irish and many of us have a Scot-Irish heritage then you really need to think about going to the Scottish Festival and Highland games in Blairsville, GA on June 10. It is about 80 miles from Cleveland. The event is 2 days but if you want to go for only 1 this would be OK. Some are staying over night but that is not a requirement.

Teresa and I had to be in Chattanooga on the 19th and looked at several locations for parking cars for the October show at the Choo Choo. We walked through Grand Central Station into the Rose Garden and looked at each other making the comment "are you thinking what I am thinking." We quickly determined the orientation of the cars and figured we could get 120 plus cars into the Rose Garden. The larger cars would have to be parked in the lot next to the convention Center. We would have to have drip pans/sheets under the cars. We would have to pay for the removal of any oil spills. Lynn Casey the point of contact with the Choo Choo said other clubs have had car shows in the Rose Garden.

I do hope you can get out and enjoy your car this summer and fall. I hope you do it with other club members, but either way I hope you enjoy what ever little British car you have.

Having SBCC Fun in the Sun

Mike

[Scottish Festival and Highland Games in Blairsville, GA on 10 and 11 June 2017.](#)

- Pipes and Drums
- Weaponry
- Music & song
- Live Demonstrations
- Genealogy
- Dance

Leave at 9AM on Saturday 10 June 2017 want to be there by noon for the opening ceremonies.

2016 ticket prices were \$10 Adult for one day, \$15 for 2 days. Kids 12 and under free.

Leave from the BP station on HWY 64 in Cleveland (corner of Durkee road).

Overnight stay in Murphy, NC at the Holiday Inn Express.

(When I made my reservation I checked in Blairsville, but everything was booked.)

Schedule has not been published.

Return route and times on Sunday to be determined by participants.

British Driving Fun

Mike

1ST 2017 SONIC DRIVE IN MEETING

The Sonic season has begun. It was a beautiful night, but I started to get concerned that only a few people would show up. By 7:30 or so we still had only three cars and 5 members present. We joked about others must have gotten the memo to drive a red car as the 3 cars were red. Finally others cars started to show up with most arriving after 8PM. We ended the evening about 9:30PM with a total of 8 cars and 12 members.

The unofficial color contest ended with 4 reds, 1 blue, 1BRG, and 2 whites.

If we gave a distance award it would have to be given to Will and Jackie Perry. They live in Soddy Daisy, but it took one hour to make the drive to Ooltewah. Those in attendance in order of appearance were:

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|--------------------------|---------------|
| Charles and Perky Long | MGTD |
| Mike Flood | MGB |
| David and Teresa Terhune | MGB |
| Gary Higbee | Austin Healey |
| 3000 | |
| Scott McAllister | MGTF |
| Gil DuPre | MGA |
| Will and Jackie Perry | MG |
| "Spridget" | |
| Mike and Karen Payne | Triumph TR6 |

As always we sat around tell stories,talking about cars, and future trips. The evening was beautiful for top down driving, and I believe a good time was had by all.

SBCC Fun in the Evening

Mike

34th Atlanta British Motorcar Day

Sunday, April 30, 2017

Observations by J. Michael Hemsley

Five days after returning from a 4800 mile trip to New Mexico, Oklahoma, and Colorado chasing cars, I chased some more cars. This time they were all British at the 34th Atlanta British Motorcar Day in Roswell, Georgia. The day was quite overcast, and it even sprinkled a bit, but four of us SBCC members made it to Roswell. I was there to take pics for *Vintage Roadcar* magazine, Gil was there on his cool scooter-thingie, and Rick and Phil Rader had their 1930 Aston Martin International, which drew almost as much attention as their Austin A40 pedal car.

There were well over 100 cars in the show, representing numerous Atlanta area British car clubs. MGs, Jags, Land Rovers, TRs, Lotus, Aston Martins, Healeys, Sunbeams (four and eight cylinder), Jensens, Morgans, Minis (real and German/British), even a Turner. It was quite interesting to see new and old sitting in close proximity. The most dramatic difference was between the Raders' Aston and the line of recent DBs sitting near to the race car. There was a 1932 J.A.P.-powered 3-wheeler (first of the 3-speed cars) next to a 2016 version. A 1960 Lotus 7 sat beside a much later Caterham (who knew the Caterham could look so big in comparison to the real 7). When you see a Bugeye next to a 3000, all you can think is, yup, we drove some little cars when we were young. An Alpine with aftermarket wheels looks just as sexy as a Tiger... from a distance. And what a change from an Elan to an Evora. No comment about the groundbreaking design of the original Mini compared to that new one – well, I guess that was a comment.

The bravest arrived well before the “gates” opened to the public at 10:00, but cars continued to arrive almost until the 2:00 closing. The event was free and there were only some people's choice categories for awards, but the event seemed quite successful both from the standpoint of entrants and spectators. Most successful were the Raders' pedal car rides. Anyone small enough to get in and large enough to reach the pedals could take the Austin for a spin. Those who couldn't reach the pedals seemed to enjoy just propelling it Flintstone-style. Most popular entrants? Definitely Rick and Phil. Coolest car? A tie between the Raders' Aston and their Austin. Austin A40 pedal cars, by the way, were built in Wales by disabled coal miners, and they draw impressive bidding when they show up at auction.

Overall opinion of the show – nice, and worth entering. I'll have the Doeset there next year if I'm not driving an Elan +2 by then. Either way, I intend to attend.



30TH ANNUAL SPRINGTIME IN THE SMOKEY'S

A very wet Friday saw many members of the Club on the road to Townsend. Some left on Thursday and others left early on Friday morning to avoid the rain. Those that waited until the afternoon to leave Cleveland/Chattanooga got to drive in the heavy rain and find all the leaks in their car. But, everyone arrived in Townsend safely and eventually dried out.

Saturday saw the threat of rain and maybe a few sprinkles, driving up on Saturday still got the car wet. The day turned off really nice and the car show went on as planned. Several members were able to walk up and receive plaques for their cars. Congratulations to the follow members:

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|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| 1st Place Doug and Sandy Forquer | MGB |
| 1st Place Paul and Tricia Batovsky | Triumph TR8 |
| 1st Place David and Connie Wright | Morris Minor |
| 2nd Place Vaughn and Donna Robinson | Alfa Romeo |
| 3rd Place Hank Rippert | MGTD |

Several other club members made the drive to Townsend, they were:

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|----------------------------|-------------|
| David and Carolyn Douglass | MGB |
| Gil and Marge DuPre | MGBGT |
| Mike and Teresa Flood | Triumph GT6 |
| Tom and Diane Hunter | MGB |
| Charles and Perky Long | MGB |
| Ian and Michelle O'Shea | MGB |

A long time member Bryson Leslie also made the trip in his MGBGT but did not put it on the show field. It was great to see Bryson and speak to him. Whether you were on the show field or not, or whether you received an award, the fact that these twelve British Cars saw the light of day, got wet and made the 200 mile plus trip to Townsend and back home were the real WINNER.

SBCC WET and DRY Fun
Mike



ITS TIME TO RENEW DO IT TODAY

ITS TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2017 MEMBERSHIP

Please Complete This Form

**2017
MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION**

SOUTHERN BRITISH CAR CLUB of GREATER CHATTANOOGA

MEMBER STATUS: (circle one) New Member Member Renewal

Name: _____

Spouse: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: Home () _____ Work () _____ Cell () _____

E-Mail Address: _____

How do you prefer to receive **The Timing Light** newsletter? (circle one)

By E-Mail to above address / Get from SBCC website / US Mail

British Cars you own:

Make/Year: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Make/Year: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Make/Year: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

Special Information or Comments about You or Your British Car(s):

Please Mail Your Completed Membership Application & Dues Payment to:

**SOUTHERN BRITISH CAR CLUB
2343 FREEDOM BAY DRIVE
SODDY DAISY TN 37379-9502**

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DUES \$20. PER YEAR

OR:

Bring to Next Meeting



The *East Tennessee MG Driver's Club* invites you to
Morristown's Third Annual European Car Show
 on Saturday: June 3, 2017

at **Fred Miller Park** from 9am -2pm,
 441 W Morris Blvd, Morristown, TN 37813
 at the intersection of Jackson Street.

(grass field, clean restrooms, big trees and food vender on site)

Open to cars and motorcycles from the United Kingdom & Europe.

\$10.00 per car if registered by June 1; \$15.00 per car day of show

All proceeds go to the Daily Bread Charity

Registration forms are available on our website: www.etmgdc.org

For Additional Information, contact one of the following:

- Jim Stepp: (423) 231-5524 or jstepp3@charter.net
- Alan & Jane Birdsall: (816) 560-9628 or alansbirds@yahoo.com
- Jim Watson: (865) 599-4305 or spridget@charter.net
- Jolean Ballard: (423) 231-1776 or blueskies539@gmail.com
- Larry Peck: (865) 932-4388 or lesp@att.net

East Tennessee MG Driver's Club

Registration Form for June 3, 2017

European Car Show @ FRED MILLER PARK

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone Number: _____ E-mail: _____

CAR INFORMATION

Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____

Club Affiliation: _____

I understand that my participation in this activity is purely voluntary and I and my heirs agree to hold the East Tennessee MG Drivers Club and their members harmless for any and all liability to any injuries, Including death, or damage, which I or others might sustain at my hand while participating. My car(s) and/or bike(s) is/are covered by suitable liability insurance.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Mail check and registration form to:
 Jim Stepp - 2640 White Oak Grove Rd. - Morristown, TN 37813

CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2017

**THOSE IN GREEN BEING CONSIDERED BY GIL
THOSE IN RED WE ARE DEFINITE BU GIL**

JUNE 2017

June 3 **Morristown's Third Annual European Car Show**

See enclosed flyer

June 2-3-4 2017 Gainesville, GA. Champions and Heroes. Time trials, concurs for race car through 1974, and a "high jinks rally." Go to rma-championsandheroes.com for more information. Gary Higbee is planning to enter his Midget in this race.

June 10 SBCC trip to Blarisville, Ga for Highland Games Event. Make your own reservations if you are planning to stay over.

June 19-23, 2017 NAMGAR GT42 Slovang, CA. <http://www.gt42.namgar.com/>

+JUNE 10

June 25- 28 San Diego CA. MG2017 Hosted by the North American MG Cat Club
<http://mg2017.namgbr.org>

JULY 2017

July 8 Tentative Fun Rally around and Chattanooga and Ooltewah Tennessee set up by Gil DuPre

AUGUST 2017

August 26th Rugby British Car Show Plateau British Car Club <http://www.pbcctn.org/>

SEPTEMBER 2017

Septtmeber 8-9 British car show Joe Wheeler State Park Rogersville, Al Shoals British Car Club
http://shoalsbritishcars.org/default_files/Page329.htm

SEPT 14-17 2017 Fall Festival The Ridges Resort at Lake Chatuge Hiawassee, Georgia . <http://semgr.org/>
Make your reservations early its open.

OCTOBER 2017

October 12- 15 Lake Guntersville AL **Austin Healey Southeastern Classic 27** The Atlanta Healey Club proudly announces a return to Lake Guntersville in northern Alabama for SE Classic XXXI. ! <http://alapark.com/lake-guntersville-state-park> Contact: Charlie Moshell. Phone: 770-831-8669. Email: charliemoshell@aol.com. Website: atlantahealeys.org

October 26-29 Chattanooga TN Annual Southern British Car Club Car Show. Mark you calendars www.southernbritishcarclub.net.

NOVEMBER 2017

DECEMBER 2017

AUTO JUMBLE

I STARTED OVER FOR 2017

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.

Call Paul at 303-949-2632. If unable to reach call me (father) at 233-2991 and I'll deliver message.

Thanks again
Joel Brown

1978 MGB -

Brooklands Green - new paint
New Tan leather interior, Carpet and black canvas top
Roadstyle wheels Overdrive
Converted to twin H54 carburetors
\$8,500.00 or best offer
For pictures and more details call or email Jim Watson,
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1952 MG TD

Red exterior
New red interior
Top & side curtains in good condition
New tires
Very good/clean condition
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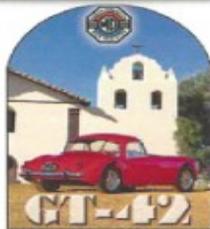
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North American MGB Register



June 19-23

2017

June 25-28



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California*

http://www.namgar.com/events/calendar_details/gt-42/

San Diego
California

<https://namgbr.org/events/namgbr-mg2017/>

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NEXT MEETING

June 12 2017

SHONEY'S RESTURANT

318 Shallowford Village Dr, Chattanooga, TN 37421

6:30 PM EAT - MEETING AT 7:00PM