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BEHIND THE



WINDSCREEN

I would like to wish everyone a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

It is time to start thinking about NEW YEAR resolutions. I hope one of yours is to drive your British car more often and mingle with other club members at our monthly meetings, drives, Sonic, or now "Cars and Coffee." There is ample opportunity for enjoy the friendship of other club members. You have to get involved to have fun!

Since our last newsletter we have had a lot of club activity. There was the bitter cold day of the car show held at Finley stadium. A drive from London to Brighton, led by the Wrights, "Cars and Coffee," and of course the Christmas party hosted by the Donderos were also time to socialize with your friends. I know we all have busy lives, but I would hope you had a good reason to be absent from each of the events.

The more you pay attention to your little British car the better it will perform and the better you will feel. Case in point. I realized I was not driving my Alpine very much. I was neglecting the car. The reason was not being able to engage the hand brake. On the Alpine the hand brake is located next to the drivers door. You have to operate it with your left hand. I could not depress the plunger to release the brake. I believe the metal plate in my left wrist had something to do with the strength in that arm. I figured out how many clicks I could pull up the handle so it would hold and I could depress the plunger to release the hand brake.

Drive your car, find the problem and get it fixed. I have set a mileage amount that I want to drive each car each month around town. this does not count going to shows or monthly drives, just getting in your car and going to lunch, the bank, church or the doctor. It makes sure the cars are exercised and enjoyed by you and other people that see your car.

The information about the SBCC Challenge for 2018 will be sent in a few days, before the New Year. It will reward those who drive their cars. You can be competitive without going overnight. I hope several will participate in this club activity. 2017 was a lot of fun, you might say it was a blast. Going place together and driving the British Cars will always be a special thing to do. For those participating in the 2017 SBCC Challenge remember the deadline is December 31st to have your information to Charles. He is going to announce the winners at the January meeting.

Our NEW YEAR day drive will be to Murphy, NC. No trying to climb big mountains this year. We will be eating BBQ for lunch. Watch for email next week. I hope a lot of members can go, make a good start for the new year.

We need to remember to say congratulations to Tom Tomisek and Joni Williams who plan to marry in May. Several members are having or have had surgery to replace hips. Mike Hemsley had his surgery on Tuesday December 5th. Vickie McAllister will have her surgery during January. Keep these members in your prayers.

I hope you get out and enjoy your car this year.

Driving the SBCC Roads

Mike

SBCC MEETING MINUTES

Minutes of meeting

Meeting was called to order at 7PM on Saturday, December 2nd at the home of Cort and Helene Dondero.

Motion was accepted to dispense with the secretary and Treasurer's report. seconded and approved.

No old business or new business was brought before the club.

Motion was made to adjourn. Seconded and approved.

Addition:

After the presentation of the plaque to Perky Long, Doug Forquer made a motion that the club pay for the plaque. Seconded and approved.

Submitted by Mike Flood

Jan 1 NEW YEARS DAY DRIVE

Start 2018 the right way with a SBCC drive. Our drive on January 1, 2018 will take us to Murphy, NC with lunch at 1PM at Rib Country BBQ. We will meet at the BP at the corner of HWY 64 and Durkee Road (our normal meeting place) in Cleveland at 10:30AM.

We will travel HWY 64 to Ducktown, TN then onto Hwy 68 to Copperhill. Going into Georgia for a short time to Mineral Bluff we will turn onto HWY 60 following it to Murphy, and a third state to be visited on January 1st. I have never been on HWY 60, from Mineral Bluff to Murphy. This is about 66 miles from Cleveland.

I called and made a 1PM reservation for 20 people.

I hope to see you there.

Have SBCC Fun

Mike

SOUTHERN BRITISH CAR CLUB 2017 SHOW WINNERS

CLASS A – JAGUAR

First Place: Car # 47

1967 Jaguar 420 (Primrose)
Ed Overmyer
Ooltewah, TN

Second Place: Car # 48

1963 Jaguar E-Type (Silver Blue)
Ed Overmyer
Ooltewah, TN

Third Place: Car # 49

1967 Jaguar 340 (Willow Green)
Ed Overmyer
Ooltewah, TN

CLASS D - TRIUMPH TR-6

First Place: Car # 57

1971 Triumph TR-6 (Red)
Jim & Melinda Watson
Maryville, TN

Second Place: Car # 36

1971 Triumph TR-6 (White)
Michael & Karen Payne
Chattanooga, TN

CLASS F – OTHER TRIUMPHS

First Place: Car # 34

1959 Triumph TR-3 (Primrose)
Patricia & Eddie Agee
Florence, AL

Second Place: Car # 2

1973 Triumph GT-6 (Safron)
Mike & Teresa Flood
Cleveland, TN

Third Place: Car # 58

1977 Triumph TR-7 (Yellow)
George & Nonie Mason
Maryville, TN

CLASS H – MG-A

First Place: Car # 17

1957 MG-A (Dove Grey)
Dave Terhune
Cleveland, TN

CLASS I– MG-T Cars

First Place: Car # 42

1932 MG-J2 Special (Red)
Bill & Sarah Richey
Bowling Green, KY

Second Place: Car # 22

1949 MG-TC (Green)
Corky & Priscilla Guenther
Lenoir, NC

Third Place: Car # 12

1951 MG-TD (Black)
Hank & Bette Rippert
Soddy Daisy, TN

CLASS J-1100/1300

First Place: Car # 43

1963 MG 1100 (Blue/White)
Jim McCartney
Acworth, GA

CLASS L – MG-B 1962-1969

First Place: Car # 19

1964 MG-B (BRGreen)
Doug & Sandy Forgner
Cleveland, TN

Second Place: Car # 18

1968 MG-B (Snow Berry White)
Linton & Susan Atkinson
Kennesaw, GA

Third Place: Car # 10

1969 MG-B (Teal)
Elroy & Nancy McMurtrie
Lawrencesville, GA

CLASS M - MG-B 1970-1974

First Place: Car # 27

1971 MG-B (Bronze Yellow)
Ian & Michelle O’Shea
Ringgold, Ga

Second Place: Car # 46

1974 MG-B (Tundra)
Tom & Karyn Bosko
Cumming, GA

Third place: Car # 6

1973 MG-B (Black Tulip)
Boyd & Barbara Mitchell
Rugby, TN

CLASS N– MG-B 1975-1980

First Place: Car # 14

1977 MG-B (White)
Dou Fortner
Cartersville, Ga

Second Place: Car # 21

1980 MG-B (Pagent Blue)
Rand Meyer
Calhoun, GA

Third Place: Car # 29 1977 MG –B (Yellow)

Tom Tomisek
Chattanooga, TN

CLASS O – MG-B-GT

First Place: Car # 5

1967 MGB-GT (Green)
Bill & Janet Gillson
Marietta, GA

Second Place: Car # 1

1974 MGB-GT (Bracken)
Gil & Marge DuPre
Chattanooga, TN

CLASS Q –Austin Healey

First Place: Car # 16

1966 Austin Healey BJ8 (Red)
Terry & Pat Mount
Decatur, AL

CLASS R – OPEN

First Place: Car # 25

1958 Hillman-Huskey (Blue)
Ted Stewart
Colbert, GA

Second Place: Car # 56

1959 Rover 90 (Grey)
John & Barbara Rigby
Knoxville, TN

Third Place: Car # 45

1981 Delorean (Stainless Steel)
Kyle Metelka
Chattanooga, TN

CLASS T – MODIFIED

First Place: Car # 26

1977 MG-B (Silver Lady)
Mike & Sue Cook
Roswell, GA

Second Place: Car # 54

1949 Austin Dorset (Green)
Mike Hemsley
Chattanooga, TN

Third Place: Car # 59

1969 MB-GT
Mickey Richaud
Townsend, TN

CLASS U – MIDGET

First Place: Car: # 9

1974 MG Midget (Citron)
Jack & Kathy Orkin
Grayson, GA

Second Place: Car # 8

19 MG Sprite (Black)
Scott & Vickie McAllister
Cleveland, TN

I can't tell you how much our club appreciates that you brought your car to our COOLs, WET show. We accept it as a compliment to our club. Friday was a great British Car drive day, Saturday could not have been a worse show day however, we at least could be out of the rain just not out of the cold.

CLASS X – LOTUS

First Place: Car # 20

1991 Lotus Elan (White)
Mike Hemsley
Chattanooga, TN

Second Place: Car #44

1988 Lotus-Esprit
Kyle Metelka
Chattanooga, TN

CLASS Z – NEW MINI

First Place: Car # 4

2015 Mini Cooper (Black)
Jocelyn & David Davis
Columbia, SC

Second Place: Car # 40

2013 Mini Cooper (Blue)
Dick & Carol Brown
Bloomington, IL

BEST OF SHOW–HARD TOP

Car #42

1957 MG-A Coupe (Dove Grey)
Dave Terhune
Cleveland, TN

BEST OF SHOW – CONVERTIBLE

TIE: Car #17

1949 MC-TC (Green)
Corky & Priscilla Guenther
Lenoir, NC

TIE: Car # 42

1932 MG – J2 Special (Red)
Bill & Sarah Richey
Bowling Green, KY

And believe it or not it was the second time we have left the Choo-Choo on Sunday in snow flurries. What an unpredictable weekend indeed. So Thank you for bringing your show stopping car to our event. Great friends and great cars who could ask for more. Drive safe and hope to see you in 2018.

THANKS AGAIN PERKY LONG.

SBCC 25 ANNUAL CAR SHOW PHOTOS



2017 SBCC ANNUAL THANKSGIVING DRIVE

SBCC's annual Thanksgiving drive took us to Cumberland Mountain State Park on Sunday afternoon [November 19, 2017](#). A beautiful day for a drive on the Cumberland Plateau. Of course we had to get over the mountain and into the Sequatchie Valley on our way to the state park. Being with friends out enjoying our British cars is always something to be thankful for regardless of what time of the year it is..

We gathered at our favorite gathering place, Krystal in Dayton, to start our drive. There were nine members and 5 LBCs that made the trip. Four different marques were represented: 2 Jags, 1 Austin Healey, 1 MGB, and 1 Triumph. Who said we were and MG club. These cars were driven by: Gary and Mary, Paul and Tricia, Scott, Charles and Perky, Mike and Teresa. I will let you guess who drove what Marque.

We drove Hwy 30 over the mountain from Dayton to Dunlap, then north on Hwy 127 To the state park. After eating a very good meal with some great desserts we headed out on our way home. Teresa and I took Hwy 68 off the plateau to Spring City. We made it to Dayton by night fall. While the last twenty-five miles or so was in the dark we were on familiar and level ground.

Good Eating with SBCC

Mike

2017 CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE DONDERO'S

Saturday night December 2 saw 32 members of SBCC attend the annual Christmas party at the home of Cort and Helene Don-



dero. The evening started with a social hour as members gathered. A short meeting was held with adjournment to the dinner table.

Dirty Santa made his usual appearance with some naughty activity concerning the gift picked by the hostess. The first fifteen rounds or so were pretty calm then the thievery started. Only 2 presents were retired. Hank had number one so he got to make the final selection once all gifts were opened. He selected to swap gifts with Charles.

Special thanks was expressed to the Dondero's for the years that they have hosted the annual party with the presentation of a Waterford Crystal vase. Helene made the comment that this gift could not be stolen.

A special presentation was made to Perky Long with a plaque showing the club's appreciation for her twenty-five years for chairing the annual car show at the Chattanooga Choo Choo. The plaque read:

Thanks for the Memories
25 Years
British Car Show
Chattanooga Choo Choo
12-2-17

There was a standing ovation for Perky following the presentation. Doug Forquer made a motion that the club pay for the plaque, it was seconded and passed



CHRISTMAS

PARTY

PHOTOS

DEC 2

2017



SONIC DRIVEIN

Friday the [October 20](#) was the last "Gathering at the Sonic" for 2017. Eighteen club members drove 9 LBCs to enjoy good friends and nice weather. It was a bit cool but the night was nice for sitting and talking. It would have been perfect if we could have built a fire. But, there was no fire pit so I guess they do not encourage building fires. A few milk shakes and ice cream were purchased.

Apparently members started gathering early, I heard about 6:30PM. Teresa and I arrived about 7PM and several members already had hamburgers etc. Once again there were several different makes of cars at the gathering. There were two Triumphs, an Austin Healey, an Austin Princess, several MGs, a Mini. In attendance were:

Charles	Austin Princess
Scott and Vickie	Austin Healey Sprite
David and Connie	MGB
Mike and Teresa	Triumph GT6
Tom and Jonnie	MGB
Dave Terhune	MGA
Gil and Marge	MGBGT
Clay and Tiffany	Mini
Mike and Karen	Triumph TR6
Doug and Sandy	Drove what ran

I have always said to drive what runs and Doug and Sandy did just that coming out and joining the fun and fellowship of SBCC.

Having SBCC Fun

Mike



2nd Annual London to Brighton Run

November 1896, British car owners celebrated the passing of a law called the "Locomotives on the Highway Act", also called "The Red Flag Act". The drivers went on the Emancipation Run of 14 November 1896, going from London to Brighton. This Act raised the speed limit for 'light locomotives' from 4 mph to 14 mph !! It abolished the requirement for vehicles to be preceded by a man on foot waving a red flag as a warning. The London to Brighton Run continues in England on the first Sunday in November.



Members of the SBCC had a great turnout on Sunday, Nov

5th as we had our own London to Brighton Run. Participants were David and Connie Wright- '80 MGB LE, Gary Higbee and Mary Duffy- '67 AH 3000, Scott McAllister and Molly- '68 AH Sprite, Charles Long-'66 MGB, Tom and Judy Rowland-'67 AH 3000, Gil and Marge DuPre- '74 MGB GT, Tom Tomisek and Jonnie Williams- '75 MGB, and Mike and Teresa Flood-'73 Triumph GT6



Beautiful skies and colorful Fall scenery helped to make the SBCC 2nd Annual London to Brighton Run a fun event! Our journey took us on London Lane along the Tennessee/ Georgia line, and on Alabama Rd. We traveled back roads filled with ups and downs and sharp curves. A stop along the road for a photo op with beautiful mums, hay bales and cornstalks was planned. However, an 18 wheeler in the ditch on a small country road was not planned, but we recalculated and continued traveling along until we reached Brighton Blvd !

We ended with great conversations, laughter, and lots of food at City Cafe in Cleveland TN.



CARS AND COFFEE CHATTANOOGA

November was the first SBCC group outing at Chattanooga Cars and Coffee. I believe I saw Tom and Diane's '64 MGB in a photo on the web page where they may have attended at sometime in the past.. Those attending were Charles, Gil, Mike F, Mike H and Scott.

For a November fall day there were about 25 cars. This included a couple of Lotus' that made Mike Hemsley excited. There was also a Tesla that drew a lot of attention, a Porsche 356, and several muscle cars among others. The contribution from SBCC include 2 MGBs, an MGA, Sprite and a Lotus.

Unfortunately the information we were given is that there probably will not be another one until February. I believe it will be possible to use Cars and Coffee as a starting place for some monthly drives. I am thinking about a May drive to Dunlap and the coke ovens with a starting point of Cars and Coffee.

Having some SBCC Coffee

Mike



ITS TIME TO REGISTER FOR 2018 MEMBERSHIP

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS 2018

JAN

Jan 1 New Years Day Drive See page 2 for details

Jan 8 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

FEB

Feb 4 Super bowl Party Gil and Marge home
1800 details forthcoming.

Feb 12 SBCC MEETING SHONEY 1830

MARCH

March 12 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

March 22 - 25, 2018 GOF SOUTH Hilton
Orlando/Altamonte Springs
350 Northlake Blvd.
Altamonte Springs, FL 32701 <http://www.gofsouth.com/>

APRIL

April 9 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

April 7 2018 Winter Park Annual British car
Show www.allbritishcarclub.com.

April 20 21 Brits on the Bay Pensicola Fl <http://www.pbca1.com/show.htm>

MAY

May 1- 13 Annual Springtime in the
Smokies Townsend tn <https://blountbritishcars.org/>

May 14 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

May 26 Great Scot British Car Show
Furman University, Greenville SC <http://www.sbmoc.com/>
In conjunction with the Great Scot Scottish games in
Greenville SC

JUNE

JUNE 11 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

June 13-17 NAMGAR GT43 Richmond Va www.NamgarGT-43.com

June 19– 22 NAMGBR MG 2018 www.mg2018.com

JULY

JULY 11 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

AUGUST

AUGUST 13 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 10 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

September 13-16 Southeastern British Car Festival 2018, abbreviated as 'Dillard 2018' is the Bi-annual regional show and events put on by the Peachtree MG Registry. at the Dillard House, Dillard, GA. Planning is underway - - More details to follow. Check the 'Dillard 2018' or WWW.peachtreemg.com

OCTOBER

OCTOBER 8 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

NOVEMBER

NOVEMBER 12 SBCC MEETING SHONEY'S 1830

DECEMBER

DECEMBER ???? SBCC CHRISTMAS PARTY

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

For Sale

Used and NOS British Car parts. I have a large building full of Misc Parts from my late fathers estate. Please call me with your needs. Antony Rossi 423-400-0976 or email amrossi78@gmail.com

FOR SALE

1986 Alfa Romeo Spider Quadrifoglio

8,800 original miles

paint color: silver

Interior: gray leather w/red accent

transmission: 5 speed

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FOR SALE

1949 Austin Dorset 2-Door Saloon

I just bought a Lotus Elan M100, and there's not enough room in my garage here in Chattanooga, so the Austin has to go to a new home. It is possibly the most drivable Dorset in the world. It was restored by Peter Brauen (BMC Restorations, www.bmcrestorations.com), and his work is highly regarded. The car has won numerous awards, including Best of Show at the New Orleans British car show in 2011. It is considerably upgraded. It has an MGB 5-main bearing engine, all synchro transmission, disc front brakes and upgraded rear drums, and air conditioning, as well as a number of other upgrades. Coolest retained feature is the trafficators – they work with an auxiliary switch. It is the original color, exterior and interior, although completely redone. \$15,000 and probably worth more. Email me for the complete story and list of modifications at giuliasuper-mike@gmail.com. Mike Hemsley, 571-239-7288

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