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Behind The Wheel

Richard Neale, President

Spring has Sprung. The Tops come down, turn off the heater, its time to Tour.

Tom and Kathy George got us off to a great start with their Spring Tune-up Tech Session. Cars were tuned and the people were stuffed with a delicious array of food. This is a tune-up for our 1st driving tour. Chris and Poolie's 21st Mtn Tour thru the North Ga. Mtn's. Come and join us.

We're a little over a month from the British Show at Rome, Ga. Brad Dryden is chairman, he needs volunteer's. Brad Alpers is working on the T-Shirt design discussed at our March meeting should have sample by April meeting.

It's not too early to talk about Dillard All British Car Show. Dennis DeLoatch is chairing this event. He has already put a lot of effort in getting things started. YES, we are going to need volunteer's, so dont be bashful. I can't stress enough how vital it is to have people that are willing to plan and organize these events.

There will be a short Board of Director's meeting either before or after the April meeting. The State of Ga. requires it.

Following is a suggested Touring Kit. As you drive your LBMC you will find other items to add.

Wrenches and Socket Set
Screwdrivers - Vise Grips
Big Hammer

Barry Rosenberg
Circuit Test Light or Meter
Tune-up Kit

Electrical and Duck Tape
Barry Rosenberg

Jumper Cables
Oil and 2 Qts. of Water

Shop Manual

Fire Extinguisher (The Club has two experienced Fire Fighters to assist you in the use of extinguishers).

Meeting - April 9th - 5:30 p.m.

Safety Fast

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Membership Update

By Nancy DeLoatch

Welcome New Members:

Alan Taylor	Power Springs, GA	71 MGB, 67 MGB, 74 GT, 54 TG
Referred by Barry Rosenberg (<i>Many of us know Alan as the driver of Barry's vintage race car</i>)		
Jim Johnson	Dodge City KS	
George Pelech	Powder Springs, GA	
Terri Amt	Snellville, GA	78 MGB

March 31st is the deadline for renewing club memberships for the calendar year without losing access to the restricted areas of the website. Over 80 reminder letters were sent mid-March to those who had not renewed. The response from those notices is positive, and club membership is up to 90 at press time. Hard copies of the updated membership roster will be available at an upcoming meeting.

Pictures from the Tech/Brunch

By Tim O'Brien



Take me out to the Ballgame

By Barry Rosenberg

Everyone is aware of the new location for British Car Day this year. But did you know there is a great reason to go to Rome, Ga. Friday night, May 12th? There is a Rome Braves baseball game at the almost new stadium a few miles from the show site at Berry College. The Rome convention bureau is arranging a block of rooms at one of two hotels. It will be either the Holiday Inn or the Country Inn. The rate at the Holiday Inn will be \$69.00 per night plus tax and the Country Inn will be \$72.00 plus tax. If anyone is interested in going, let me know at britcars@bellsouth.net as soon as possible. They are going to get a block of 25 rooms for us at these prices. If you notify me, I will get back with you to see how many are going and how many game tickets you will want. I will also let you know which hotel was able to accommodate us as there is a tennis tournament in town the same weekend. You can then make your reservations. This can be a great evening out. The convention bureau will also arrange seating and parking at the game for us. If you look up www.romebraves.com, you will find the games listed and the different seating choices. It would be good if you give me your seating preference in your email. Once I have a head count, I will contact the convention bureau to let them know. I hope that we get a good turnout for this, as the staff at the convention bureau is 100% behind our show and are doing their best to see it is successful. Thanks and hope to see y'all up there.

MG Car Company to begin building at Doraville plant.

By Isaiah Olchap

Wee Foo Yu, spokesperson for the Chinese owners of the MG Car Company said they are selling their interest in MG to an American concern that will begin building the little cars in the soon to be vacant GM plant in Doraville.

Mr. Yu explained that they really never had any intention to build sports cars. "We want to buy machinery to make machine guns. Now government allow us to use Internet, so assistant go to Internet and search on Google for machine gun machinery and he find MG machinery for sale in England. We take all of money given by chairman and buy MG Company machinery. Now we find out it not machine guns they make but is little cars. Chairman say dump on U.S. because they buy anything."

Production is expected to begin around April 1, 2008. The GM logo has already been changed to MG on the sign in the photo above.



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Trivia from the March Meeting

By Mike Cook

- 1) In the 1940's where was the headlight dimmer switch located?
 - a) On the floor shift knob
 - b) On the floor board, to the left of the clutch
 - c) Next to the horn
- 2) The bottle top of a Royal Crown Cola had holes in it. For what was it used?
 - a) Capture lightning bugs
 - b) To sprinkle cloths before ironing
 - c) Large salt shaker
- 3) Why was having milk delivered a problem in northern winters?
 - a) Cows got cold and could not produce milk
 - b) Ice on highways forced delivery by dog sled
 - c) Milkmen left deliveries outside of the front doors and the milk would freeze.
- 4) What was the popular chewing gum named for a game of chance?
 - a) Blackjack
 - b) Gin
 - c) Craps
- 5) What method did women use to look as they were wearing stockings when none were available in WW2?
 - a) Suntan
 - b) Leg painting
 - c) Wearing slacks
- 6) What postwar car made it hard to tell if it was coming or going?
 - a) Studebaker
 - b) Nash Metro
 - c) Tucker
- 7) Which was the popular candy when you were a kid?
 - a) Strips of dried peanut butter
 - b) Chocolate licorice bars
 - c) Wax coke-shaped bottles with colored sugar water inside
- 8) How was butch wax used?
 - a) To stiffen a flat-top hair cut so it stood up
 - b) To make floors shiny
 - c) On the wheels of roller skates to prevent rust
- 9) Before inline skates, how were the skates attached to your shoes?
 - a) With clamps, tightened with a skate key
 - b) Woven straps that crossed the foot
 - c) Long piece of twine
- 10) As a kid what was the best way to reach a decision?
 - a) Consider all the facts
 - b) Ask mom
 - c) Eeny-meeny-miney-mo

(answers on page 4)

The Spare Tyre

By Brad Dryden

April, what a GREAT month in Georgia. Auntie A is just about ready for the show season. Engine has been repainted to MG Burgandy, and stainless steel bolts replace old rusty ones. I need to get her ready to compete with Jack and Deanna's ground-up restoration, as well as Wally and Sue's car, and the beautiful black A of Dennis and Nancy's, to name just a few of the MGA competition. The B is just about ready for daily driving. And the Coupe, well, that is another story. Some may recall that I bought "Katrina" from a guy in New Orleans a year ago. Advertised as usual as a rust free car. What he meant to say was that the rust was covered with bondo. Upon stripping and complete body off, metal work was so severe that I had to find a parts car to cut and paste good metal. So, I found one in St. Petersburg FLA and picked her up. Katrina is in the metal shop in Michigan, and the parts car goes there mid April.

But, I digress, because April is a GREAT month. It is the month where spring is coming in Georgia. In Michigan, it is a month where Winter is still in full force. In fact, it was a freezing cold April day in 2003 when we got the call to move to Atlanta. We had been out of power for six days, and the trees were falling like bombs from heavy ice. We were heating the house with propane heaters, and running across town to friends with power to take a shower. When the call came, it was like DUH, of course we'll move south. I used to hate April, but now I love it.

As far as events? We had the annual tune your car Tech Session as hosted by the Georges. What a spread. Complete with Momosa's and Bloody Mary's. Kathy and Tom outdid themselves as usual. And Barry, (Mr. Been-doing-this-for-thirty-years) Rosenberg helped about six drivers get their cars get tuned. Actually, we are extremely fortunate to have Barry in the Club. The guy has forgotten more than all of us even know. And while the rest of us stood around with our hands in our pockets watching others work, I know we all picked up a number of informational tidbits from Barry. So, a great big THANKS, to Barry, Tom, Kathy and the rest of you ladies who brought the yummys.

This month, we have Chris and Poolie's Spring Mountain Tour, so check those brakes. We have the MG T's at Crystal River, FLA, the Key West Show in FLA, Walter Mitty races at Road Atlanta, and the Pensacola, FLA show. Grapevine has it that Barry is racing at the Mitty, so show up to cheer him on.

Bad thing about April, is that it is also time for outside work. Pool needs to be opened, deck needs staining, I still need to build that retaining wall, bug spray needs to go around the house perimeter, lawn to fertilize, flower beds to prepare, the annual investment in Pine Straw needs to happen, etc. etc. But still, there is the warmth of the sun on our faces as we drive with our tops down. (At least the tops on the cars.) So, enjoy the spring. It is a good month to start our MG Driving Experience for the year. Hope your car is ready. If not, then in the immortal words of Tom George, "TOO BAD".

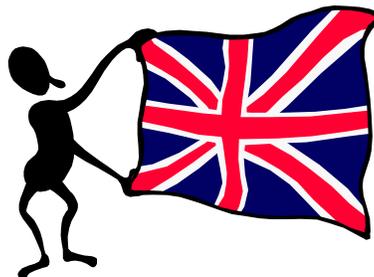
Where are they?

I am an ardent reader of your newsletter and have followed the exploits of your infamous members Tarquin and Cecil. But of late they have been conspicuous by their absence. I called around at their place above the Swishy Scissors Salon and all that is there is a note on the door of their pad which says "Gone away", Luv you all signed, T & C
Can anybody shed light as to where they are and whether they have been spotted?

Regards
Sheridan Overmann

Trivia Answers (from page 3)

1) b 2)b 3)c 4)a 5)b 6)a 7)c 8)a 9)a 10)c



**Register for British Motorcar Day
at Berry College on May 13th**

It's not too early. Do it now.

Registration form is on page 10

THE FALL MOUNTAIN TOUR XIV

JERRY CRAM

OKAY, HERE WE GO AGAIN..FOURTEEN YEARS NOW THAT PAULETTE AND I HAVE HAD THE GREAT HONOR OF PLANNING AND LEADING THIS ANNUAL AUTUMNAL FUNFEST..AND HOPEFULLY THIS EDITION WILL BE REMEMBERED AS ONE OF THE BEST...

THIS YEAR WE'RE HEADED TO MAGGIE VALLEY, NORTH CAROLINA.. A TOURISTY LITTLE TOWN ABOUT TWENTY (20) MILES NORTH OF THE EQUALLY TOURISTY CHEROKEE, NC..IT HAS ALL SORTS OF UNUSUAL THINGS TO DO INCLUDING THE "WHEELS THROUGH TIME" MOTORCYCLE AND AUTO MUSEUM, ANTIQUE SHOPS, GIFT SHOPS, ETC. AND EVEN A WEDDING CHAPEL FOR THOSE OF YOU WHO ENJOY REPEATING YOUR MISTAKES. AND, SPEAKING OF TAKING GREAT FINANCIAL RISK, THE FAMOUS HARRAH'S CASINO IS JUST OVER THE HILL BACK IN CHEROKEE.

WE'LL BE STAYING RIGHT IN THE HEART OF THIS THRILL A MINUTE ACTION IN THE QUAINT LITTLE "SMOKY FALLS LODGE"...A LOG CABIN THEME INN, RIGHT ON THE CREEK, WHERE WE HAVE RESERVED SIXTEEN (16) ROOMS ALL TOGETHER ON ONE SIDE AND SEVERAL MORE ON THE OTHER WING IF NECESSARY. TAKE A MINUTE TO CHECK THEIR WEBSITE AT: www.SmokyFallsLodge.com

THE INN HAS A VERITABLE PLETHORA OF CHAIRS (THAT MEANS A WHOLE BUNCH) SUITABLE FOR ROCKING, DRINKING AND LAUGHING. AND PAULETTE HAS ARRANGED FOR US TO HAVE A SPECIAL ROOM RATE THAT WILL INCLUDE AN ALL YOU CAN EAT CATERED BAR-B-QUE DINNER ON FRIDAY NIGHT AND A FULL (ALSO ALL YOU CAN EAT) COUNTRY BREAKFAST BOTH SATURDAY AND SUNDAY MORNINGS. (THEREFORE THE RATE YOU WILL BE QUOTED IS DIFFERENT FROM THOSE ON THE WEBSITE)

THE DATES FOR THIS YEAR'S TRIP ARE FRIDAY, SATURDAY AND SUNDAY. OCTOBER 6TH, 7TH AND 8TH. THE MOST BEAUTIFUL TIME OF YEAR TO VISIT THE MOUNTAINS.

TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS, **CALL THE INN AT (877) 926-7440**. ASK FOR EITHER KRISTIN OR LYDIA AND BE SURE TO IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS A MEMBER OF THE PEACHTREE MG REGISTRY, OTHERWISE THEY MAY TELL YOU THE INN IS BOOKED FOR THOSE DATES.

ALSO, PLEASE DO US A FAVOR BY KEEPING US IN THE LOOP THIS YEAR...**GIVE PAULETTE OR MYSELF A CALL AT THE TIME YOU MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS**...AND ALSO IF YOU SHOULD HAVE TO CANCEL YOUR RESERVATIONS OR IF YOU TRY TO MAKE RESERVATIONS AND FIND THAT THE INN IS FULL...THAT WAY WE'LL KNOW THE CURRENT STATUS AND CAN ADVISE OTHERS IF THERE IS A VACANCY OR WHATEVER. (CRAM PHONE NUMBERS ARE BELOW)

AS IN PAST YEARS, **WE WILL MEET AT McDONALD'S AT THE SUWANEE EXIT (EXIT #111) OFF OF I-85 NORTH AT 8:00 AM FRIDAY MORNING, OCTOBER 6TH AND DEPART AT 9:00 AM SHARP**..I HAVEN'T COMPLETELY SETTLED ON THE ROUTE FOR THIS YEAR, BUT IF WE DO WHAT I'M THINKING, ALMOST THE ENTIRE TRIP WILL BE NEW AND DIFFERENT SCENERY AND ONE OF THE MOST SPECTACULAR SECTIONS OF HIGHWAY ANYWHERE IN THE SOUTH..HONEST !

THE LITTLE "TRAVELING" GAME THAT WE'VE ENJOYED FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS WILL BE REPEATED FOR THE DRIVE UP AND, AS BEFORE, THE WINNER WILL RECEIVE FREE DINNER FOR TWO.

BUT...PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS. THE INN IS RESERVING THESE ROOMS FOR US ONLY UNTIL JUNE 1ST. AND THEY'RE SERIOUS. PLEASE DON'T WAIT TO DO THIS. PICK UP THE PHONE RIGHT NOW AND MAKE THE CALL.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, ESPECIALLY IF YOU'RE A NEW MEMBER OR HAVE NEVER BEEN ON THIS TOUR BEFORE, GIVE ME OR PAULETTE A CALL ANYTIME AT THE OFFICE (828) 675-0891, AT HOME (828) 675-0890, OR ON MY MOBILE PHONE AT (828)284-2575

THIS IS ALWAYS A GREAT TRIP AND ONE THAT EVERYONE SEEMS TO ENJOY YEAR AFTER YEAR. PLEASE ACCEPT OUR INVITATION TO COME ALONG FOR A GREAT DRIVE IN THE MOUNTAINS WITH LOTS OF GOOD FRIENDS AND A BEAUTIFUL AUTUMN WEEKEND...

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Metric Threads on an MGB?

By Steve Logan

In the MGB shop manual there is a discussion of metric threads, but it does not say where they are used. After having trouble with the pre-engaged starter (68-80) connecting stud several times, investigation was called for. Talking around confirmed that I was not the only one having problems. The stud is made of copper and appeared to be threaded 5/16 UNC which is 5/16 inch in diameter and 18 threads per inch. 5/16 UNF is threaded with 24 threads per inch. If the existing jam nut is lost most of us have tried a 5/16-18 (UNC) thread with some success. It goes on hard all the way, but cinches down pretty well most of the time, but it does not seem to fit properly. A thread pitch gauge used on the undamaged threads tells us that the stud is threaded 20 threads per inch. It must be a Whitworth thread then. But, a 5/16 BSW (Whitworth) is threaded 18 threads per inch like a regular American 5/16 UNC. By the way, the thread forms of UNC and BSW are different and will not interchange. There aren't any standard 5/16 inch threads that are 20 threads per inch, not even odd standards like extra fine. Since we are at a dead end with Unified National Coarse, Unified National Fine and British Standard Whitworth perhaps the metric threads have something we can use. Since 5/16 inch equals 7.94 mm it is very close to 8 mm. The standard coarse 8 mm is threaded 8mm x 1.25. Metric threads describe their pitch by the length of one thread rather than the number of threads per unit length. 1.25 mm per thread is equal to 20.32 threads per inch. The answer is in the metric system. I just did not consider it until all other more familiar answers were exhausted. I was trying to measure and 8 mm x 1.25 stud and make it 5/16 -18 or 20. Trying an 8 x 1.25 nut on the stud met with a perfect fit. The fit was verified on two other starters and the usually undisturbed stud attaching the solenoid to the starter body. Also a 13 mm wrench fits the nut even better than the 1/2 inch wrench that I had always used. You can have fun under the bonnet of an MG as well as behind the wheel.

On the Road

By Lou Ballard

On the Road, In the Air, On the Sea. Actually we covered five countries in a month and half and that's not counting California. I know Barry has shared some of our experiences with you so I'll try not to rehash old news. We started our adventure on January 12th by flying out of Atlanta on British Air, unfortunately British Air only flies into London Gatwick from Atlanta so we had to catch a shuttle from Gatwick to Heathrow and then our second leg from Heathrow to Malaga, Spain. Barry and Patty Rosenberg joined us in London and flew down on the same British Air flight with us to Malaga. Malaga is one of the larger towns on the Costa del Sol which is the Southern Coast of Spain. We stayed two weeks at two different resorts. The first week was at the Marriott Playa Andalusia. The second week at the Marriott Resort in Marabella. We had a two bedroom/2 bath condo at both resorts. We arrived late on Friday night, picked up our rent car and promptly got lost. We finally arrived at our resort about midnight and slept until noon the next day. I think part of my problem with getting lost is the frequent roundabouts. Anyway the next day we went grocery shopping trying to buy enough groceries for the week. I'm sure some of you know Barry is a very good cook so between eating in or at the many fine restaurants we ate well. The next day we started our tours to the many interesting places in the area. Between Barry and Pat Ballard we never stopped the whole time. I can't remember in which order we visited each location so I'll tell you something interesting about each place. Rhonda is a quaint little town nestled in the foothills north of Malaga. It's rests atop a 100 meter gorge in the middle of town. It is home to the oldest bullring in Spain. The town was once occupied by the Moors and has a mine shaft that goes all the way down to the river, over 300 steps. It was used to bring water from the river up to the main palace. Yes all four of us walked down and back up. The mountains of Southern Spain are sprinkled with small towns and villages called White Villages because of the Whitewashed stucco walls and orange tile roofs. As Barry has already mentioned one of these quaint villages is where we had our frightening driving experience. At least I was frightened Barry was bent over laughing as I tried to control our rent car as it's careened backwards down the hill with me standing on the brakes. We also took a day and visited Jerez noted for its renowned Sherry and Andalusia dancing horses. We went to the horse show and spent the remainder of the afternoon sampling the different types of Sherry. **Did I mention we got lost?** As Barry mentioned we visited Gibraltar which dominates the strait between Spain and Morocco and dividing the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea. It's also famous for its great siege tunnels built during WWII and also St. Michael's Cave used as a hospital during this time as well. And you can't visit Gibraltar without taking a picture of the Rock apes which inhabit the upper regions of the rock. Gibraltar is and has been for many years a British Colony. We also visited Granada which rests on three hills dwarfed by the mighty snow capped Sierra Nevada Mountain and has snow on its upper peak all year round. On top of one of the hills perches the pink-gold Alhambra Palace. It was used as a Medieval Moorish Summer Palace. Granada is also the final resting place of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand. Another stop was Cordoba which is the home of Spain's most spectacular monument the Moorish Mezquita (Mosque) which dates from the 8th century through 10th century. It was the accent center of the west where the Muslims ruled Spain and it consists of more than 850 arches and pillars and is the most amazing structure I've seen. We also walked through the cities old quarters and visited the only Synagogue in Andalusia to survive the expulsions of the Jews in 1492. Our trip to Seville consisted of an overnight stay. We visited the main Cathedral reputed to be the 4th largest in Europe and ended the evening attending an authentic Spanish Flamingo performance. **Yes we got lost in Seville as well.** The next day we headed for Portugal visiting two small fishing villages on the Southwest coast, Tivera and Faro. On the way into town we passed an old two wheeled farm cart full of kids pulled by an old nag. I was so focused on this that I didn't see two old ladies entering a crosswalk. I nodded my apologies but not before one of the old gals's shot me the bird... Growing up as a kid I always believed babies were delivered by storks. Although up to now I've never seen one. Well believe me the storks I saw in Faro, Portugal were big enough to carry off a full grown human. These were **huge** birds and they were nested in pairs on top of tall buildings, churches, steeples, statues, etc. The four of us next ventured on to Morocco. We were advised not to do this on our own so we joined a tour group. I'm glad we did because when we got to Tangiers our Moroccan Guide Hansan spoke good English. He was a Professor and regaled us with a fountain of information about the country and its history. For example, Morocco considers itself as an African Nation opposed to an Arabic Nation. Tangiers is a very international city with British, Spanish and American enclaves visited the infamous "Kasbah", but my prized possession is a picture of Barry on a camel. We also visited a market where they sold homemade carpets and Patty and Barry purchased one for their new home they are building in North Georgia. I have been to North Africa when I was in the military but this my first visit to Morocco. We had a great two weeks. It rained only two days. The temperature was usually in the mid sixties. I'm sure there are many things I've forgotten to mention.....Oh did you no Green Olives and Blake Olives grow on the same tree. They are just harvested at different times of the year. We took Barry and Patty to the Malaga Airport for their flight to Madrid and Pat and I took our flight back thru Heathrow and Gatwick spending the night and flying the next day back to Atlanta. We got home in time to do laundry and repack for our next day flight to Los Angeles. We rented a car at LAX and drove the hundred miles south to Escondido to spend a week with my two sisters and brother-in-law. Returned the rent car back to LAX the following Sunday and caught the Norwegian Star out of Long Beach for our cruise down the Mexican Rivera with stops in Manzanilla, Puerto Vallarta, Matzalan and Cobo San Lucas returning to LAX on the 13th of February. We spent an extra three days with our daughter driving over to Santa Monica Beach and along Sunset Boulevard trying to catch a glimpse of "someone famous". We returned to Atlanta on Wednesday in time to do our laundry and repack for our next day trip to Lake Worth, Florida for the Gold Coast All British Car Show.



Oil with Zinc

By Barry Rosenberg

I just read part of my May issue of Circle Track magazine. Most of you have probably never heard of it but it has lots of good info. There is an article about camshaft and lifter break-in procedures in this issue. I know very few of you have just built a fresh engine and don't think this would interest you, but wait. If any of you were at the tech session at Atlanta Imported recently, you may remember the topic of oil additives. It was mentioned that zinc was removed from oil years ago. So what, you may ask. Zinc was the additive that protected the interface between your cam lobes and the lifter, the highest wear point in your engine. It allowed the two parts to slide across each other with reduced friction and wear. This is also the biggest problem with MGB engines, worn out lifters and cams. According to Comp Cams, one of the largest cam producers for performance cars, use oil made for diesel engines. It still contains the zinc. If you like Castrol, they make one. For break-in and performance, they suggest the 15/40 weight. I am sorry if you like to spend the big bucks on synthetic oils and feel like you are really doing your engine good, you are not. You are making the oil companies' profits higher though, and I know they appreciate that. But, according to Comp Cams, your engine would prefer the cheaper diesel oil that you can buy at Wal-Mart or any of the auto parts stores. I have always used Castrol oil and will continue. It will be their diesel oils in my older cars. My newer cars will still get regular Castrol 20/50 or their semi-synthetic for the S2000. I do not know if changing on a used engine will help, but it can not hurt. Barry

Me and the B

By Tim O'Brien

It seems that my car has gained some notoriety. It was featured in the *British V8 News Letter*, in their May-Aug 2005 issue. This is a small publication from Silver Springs Md. that is published mainly for those MGers that like the MGB body but want more power. The articles in the publication are mostly from subscribers that are sharing what they did and how they did it. Some are engineers or dedicated car builders and the articles are sometimes very technical but good information for those who are building or trying to improve what they have already done. Even though my car isn't a V8 and the magazine says V8 right in its title there is more than just a casual interest in what other car guys are doing. The issue my car is in also has a story about a MGB in Sweden that has a Jaguar V 12, can you imagine what that must be like?

Most of my involvement in the car hobby started in Junior High school when I read every car magazine I could get my hands on. I remember many times I would buy the issues of car magazines that were about the size of the *Readers Digest*. Not because they were better written any better or had better pictures but they were easily placed inside my school books and I could read about the different cars and dream about the things I could do to my cars, if I ever got one, while all the time the teachers thought I was studying. I did finally get a car after pestering my dad so much he decided to make a deal with me so I could get the car of my dreams. He would buy the car I wanted but it was going to be his car and I could use it as much as I wanted to but I had to maintain it and pay for my own insurance. Sounds like a pretty good deal but the first car I wanted was a 1952 Singer roadster. I didn't know anything about British cars at the time but it had the look of the early Ford roadsters that were featured in all the hot rod magazines and it was cheap.

I learned about British cars in a hurry. If you don't like to work on cars, or you don't want to learn how to work on cars, or if you can't afford to have some body work on it for you don't but a British car. I have an idea that when the Singer was new it wasn't worth a damn and every inch it was driven after that it only got worse. It required a lot of maintenance and the parts were really expensive and they all had to come from New Jersey. I lived in St. Louis and no body knew anything about the Singer and no body had any parts that could be used on that car. Even though it kind of looked like a MG T series and it was British none of the part were interchangeable. Every time it broke down and it broke down a lot I had to order parts from New Jersey and they took along time to get. I worked on the car quite a bit and I learned how cars worked, or in the Singers case how they didn't work. Repairing the car, waiting for parts and fabricating parts from different cars to make them work became quite common. Good training for some of the things I did later and a great avenue to meet other who did the same thing.

Keep in mind I was only sixteen and I just couldn't deal with the endless down time and expense of the Singer. I sold it to a friend of mines dad who liked one when he was stationed in England and had wanted one ever since. It was a good marriage he knew what they were like but he didn't have to depend on it and if it sat in his garage for months not being able to be driven he didn't care and I'm sure the car didn't disappoint him.

Surprisingly my next car wasn't British rather it was American and many after it were also American but I have owned a few British cars. I have had a 1948 Anglia, a 100-6 Austin Healey that I put a Ford V8 in, a Jaguar XKE that my ex-college roommate repossessed after he went to work for a Bank to mention a few.

After I sold my last street rod a friend of mine in St. Louis suggested that I might like another British car. He thought I should try an MG as a play car. He has had quite a few of them and he said they are fun. After I drove his I bought one and he's right, they are a lot of fun. They are fun to drive and they take to modifying, if you like to do that sort of thing, with ease.

I like my B. It's not the most beautiful B in the world but it's mine and as long as I don't have to depend on it I will continue to like it and now that it has appeared on the cover of a magazine even though a small a magazine maybe some kid some where will read about it and get a little excited and think about what he could do if he had one and start the cycle all over again.



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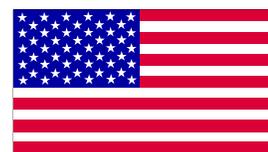
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(Apologies to our English cooks – ed.)

Don't forget the monthly meeting!! (What if you missed something very interesting?)

Next meeting will be
Sunday, April 9
5:30 p.m.

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Don't miss these Peachtree MG Registry events!!

April 1st -- Poolie and Chris Gore's Spring Tour
April 9th -- Monthly meeting at The Harp Pub

May 13th -- British Motorcar Day at Berry College
May 20th -- Tech Session, Barbara and Paul Flexner

June 3rd -- Charity Drive, Nancy and Dennis DeLoatch

June 21-25 -- MG2006, Gatlinburg TN

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