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BEHIND THE



WINDSCREEN

The older I get, the more I have to do. I am sure each of you feel the same way. The old saying "once I retired I do not know how I had time to work." Well grand children and doctors seem to take up a lot of days. But British cars take up their fair share of my time. As I get older of course I have to write things down so I do not forget them. But this year I am noticing a need to also make decisions.

Last night was the "Gathering at the Sonic," only four club members were there. I know it was raining, that's why you have tops on you car, or some car other than British. We had a good time. You need to put the third Friday night of each month on you calendar so you can join the good times at the Sonic. The rest of the schedule is:

June 17 July 15

August 19 September 16

October 21 (this will be at the Choo Choo unless we change back one week to the 14th).

November 18 decision can be made at meeting on 14th.

As I look at those dates I see several personal conflicts and some that conflict with up coming British Car shows. June 17 there are several club members returning from MG2016 in Louisville, KY. September 16 several members will be at Dillard, GA for the Southeast British car Festival. As I said there are so many things competing for our time, decisions have to be made concerning which activity you wish to do.

Not only are there conflicts between the dates for the "Gathering at the Sonic" and car shows, there are conflicting dates between car shows.

First up is the car shows on June 4, 2016. I would like to wish Doug and Sandy good luck and safe travel to Williamsport, PA for the Grand National AACA show where they hope to complete a multiple year quest for a Senior award with their MG Coupe. (continued on page 2)

Two area British car shows are also on June 4, one in Morristown, TN and the other at Madison, AL. Both of these shows are only about 150 miles. I am planning to make the Madison show this year then Morristown next year. As I said you have to plan and put it on your calendar.

MG2016 is for MG Lovers. It looks like six club members will be at Louisville for the week. It is 300 mile drive and I might need a day or 2 to recover. At the meeting Hank indicated that 750 MGs had registered.

The next show is not until August 27, 2016 in Rugby, TN. Rugby is about 100 miles and a nice drive up onto the Cumberland Plateau.

September is the busy month it starts with a conflict on the second weekend. A favorite show of our members is hosted by the Shoals British car club and is on 9-10 September at Joe Wheeler State Park in Rogersville, AL. That is a 200 mile drive. I just received a nice letter and registration form in the mail about this show. That same weekend is the Tigers East Alpines East in Atlanta, GA. Since I now have an Alpine this just creates another conflict and decision.

The next weekend brings on another conflict. The AACA Fall show in Cleveland is on September 17. The Southeast British Car Festival in Dillard, GA is being held on 15-18 September. the show in Dillard is always a beautiful drive and a great time.

October 21-23 is the annual club show being held once again at the Choo Choo. Definitely remember to put that on your calendar. For me another conflict and decision. I received an email indicating the reunion committee has chosen that weekend for the 50th reunion. Guess I will miss Friday night, and leave the show early on Saturday driving to Clinton for the Saturday night dinner.

Conflicts and decisions seem to be a way of life in 2016. Maybe 2017 will not be so crowded.

Having Too Much SBCC Fun

Mike

SBCC MEETING MINUTES MAY 9 2016

.The meeting of the Southern British Car Club was call to order at 7PM on May 9, 2016. Conner O'Shea was recognized as a guest.

The secretary report's was accepted as published in the newsletter.

Barbara Dempsey reported we had \$7354.77 in the bank. Motion was made and approved to accept the report.

Hank Rippert reported we had 28 paid members.

Old Business

The Sonic gather will start on Friday 20th at 7:30PM.

Hank Rippert gave a report concerning MG2016. There are 750 cars registered and an additional hotel has been added. The number of activities has been increased.

New Business

Connie Wright reported on the club drive on June 25th. We will gather at 10AM in Charleston and drive to Sunshine Hollow Gardens in Riceville for lunch. Then on to the Sweetwater Valley Farms for a tour of the cheese making process. Bring cooler and money, you will definitely want to buy some cheese.

Submitted by Mike Flood

SBCC 2016 DUES ARE

OVER DUE

OR NO NEWSLETTER

At present time our membership is down to 28

2016 SONIC DRIVE IN GATHERING

The first "Gathering at the Sonic" for 2016 has come and gone. You will have five more opportunities to visit with friends and talk cars at the Sonic.

Gathering at the Sonic

Tonight was wet. We had expected that from the news reports all week long. But, you can not trust weather.com. I looked at weather.com earlier in the day checking the hourly forecast, revealing a 30% chance of rain at 6PM, with zero percent at 7, 8, and 9PM. Well guess what. Teresa and I left the home about 6:45PM and it rained and poured on us all the way to Ooltewah. Fortunately the GT6 is some what water proof. I said somewhat because Teresa's pocket book received a few wet spots. Hey, the GT6 is a British car, what do you expect.

After eating Hamburgers we made the decision to wait until 8:15PM to see if anyone would make the trip to the Sonic. Lo and behold about 7:45PM Doug and Sandy drove up in a Ford (remember to drive what runs). Maybe in this case it was drive what keeps us drive, or the car I could care less if it gets wet. the four of us talked until 9PM at which time we departed for home.

The four of us had sat around and talked about the color of fan blades, water hoses, and other important subjects. We noted a new restaurant had opened up in McDonald. It is Papa's Place, the sign says "apple smoked BBQ." We talked about inheritance, brothers, trips to Europe and visits to California. About anything you can thing of in one and a half hours.

I must apologize to Doug and Sandy for my failure to get them a page in the newsletter. Doug said he wanted to see how I could get a four page write-up concerning this Sonic gathering. Sandy said we could have 1 page per person. I am getting close but I give up.

Having a Wet Evening in My LBC

Mike



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SPRING TIME IN THE SMOKIES

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"Springtime in the Smokies" was another great weekend of British cars and a few other European cars. Jim Watson stated there were approximately 130 cars on the field Saturday. Friday was a great day to drive to Townsend, five cars also made the loop around Cades Cove and saw a bear or two. The show day was cool and threatened rain with big black clouds, but never fulfilled that threat. Sunday was a nice drive home.

Sad information was learned concerning Perky Long. She and Charles had to leave the V-8 week prior to "Springtime in the Smokies" due to health concerns. She was taken to the hospital, but not admitted. I understand she is going to the doctors for some test this week. Remember her in your prayers.

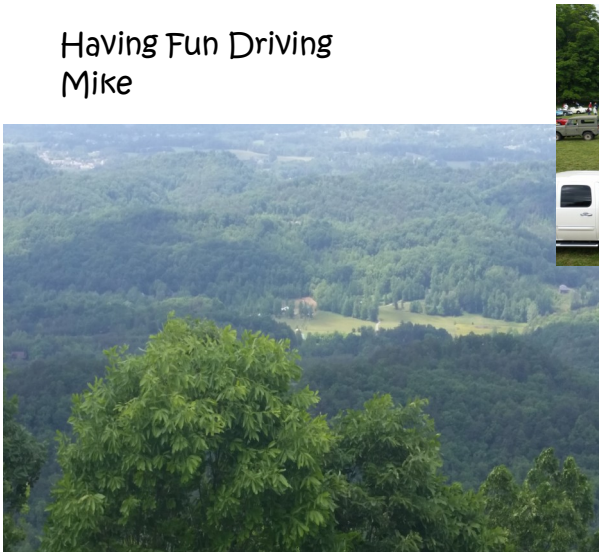
I also heard that this is Jeff and Jan Zorn's (Little British Car Company) last trip to Townsend. They are retiring.

Now good news! The best count I could make was 28 members, plus Mom (Edna Earle) made the trip to Townsend. that represents about half of our current membership. They drove 11 British, 1 Italian and an assortment of other cars. Remember to always drive what runs and join the fun.

Five cars received awards with Vaughn and Donna Robinson receiving a First Place for their Alpha Romero. Other awards went to Connie and David Wright for their Morris 12; Hank Rippert for his MGTD; Mike and Teresa Flood for their GT6; and Jim and Melinda Watson for their MGCGT.

While 23 drove their cars to the show, there were 5 other club members that I saw walking around. Conrad Webb asked to look at the seat rails on my GT6. Apparently he is fabricating some for his Lotus Europa. I hope that everyone who went got something out of the show.

Having Fun Driving
Mike





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June 13-17 MG2016 ALL MG CAR CLUB CAR SHOOOW LOUISVILLE, SEE FLYER OR WWW.MG-2016.COM

AUGUST

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

SEPTEMBER

SEPTEMBER 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.

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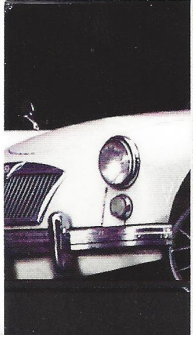
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