

REMARQUES - MARCH- 2008  
A Publication of the British Sports Car Club

McArthurs' Words  
Doug and Shannon

Hello to our fellow British car enthusiasts! The snow has melted and spring is just around the corner. The cars shows are coming including our 2008 British Bash. Have registered your car? Volunteers are still needed, let's pitch in to make this Bash one of our finest.

Missed you all last month, when the meeting was cancelled due to the weather. This month's meeting will be at the Best Western/Envoy Inn and we are looking forward to seeing everyone. We still have the jackets for those of you who ordered, if you can't make it, let us know and we will try to get your jacket to you.

Some of the shows that we are planning to attend are the Panhandle British Car Show, in Pensacola Florida on April 19<sup>th</sup>, British Car Day in Columbus, OH on May 18<sup>th</sup>, the Cincinnati Bash on July 13<sup>th</sup>, the Somernights Cruise-in, Somerset KY the last weekend in July and the monthly Knight Cruise at the Castle every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday, April thru September from 6-9pm.

We are also planning to attend the Dayton British Car Day on August 2<sup>nd</sup>. Let us know if you are going, we would love to get a group together to drive up. Other notable shows are highlighted on our BSCC website: [www.britishsportscarclub.com](http://www.britishsportscarclub.com) at the 2008 car show calendar as well as highlighted in the newsletter as information comes available.

Last year we did not make the group outing to the drive-in Georgetown, Indiana. We would love to put together a group to go sometime this summer. If anyone would be interested in organizing this event or others, let us know. See you soon, hopefully with the top down.

---

Editors Greetings One

Well as you can see, I'm still having computer problems for the BSCC Remarques Newsletter. First my apology. I received my recovery Disc from HP. I went and purchased two flash drives to install things that I have installed since the purchase of the computer. One is Family Tree Maker. I have about 3,000 names of relatives in all branches of kin. I'm Irish, Scottish, German, French, Dutch and probably some unknown ancestor. I wanted to keep this file but the computer tells me it is a read only file. I need to keep this information. I have been working on this file since 1978 and have published one book back in 1995. That book did not have what I have now, even though one copy is in the Filson Club and one copy is in the Sons of the American Revolution Library. Do any of you know how I may be able to keep this file?

Editors Greeting Two

Since the decision has been made to take over the job as Editor, I have been trying to think how best to present British Sports Cars to you and to keep you informed in what the club is doing and to keep you connected to other Sport Car Clubs in our local Area.

Listed are the following cars we have come to love from Britain. Is your car on this list? Note only the major names and not every model. Mike Schneider reminded me that the MINI was left out of this list.

AC, ALLARD, ALIVIS, ARNOIT-BRISTOL, ASTON MARTIN, AUSTIN-HEALEY, BERKELEY, BRISTOL, CONNAUGHT, DAMILER, BELLOW, DORETTL, ELVA-COURIER, FAIRTHORPE, FRAZER-NASH, GORDON-KEEBLE, HEALEY, HGR, JAGUAR, JENSEN, JENSON-HEALEY, JOWETT, LEA-FRANCIS, LOTUS, MARAUDER, MARCOS, MCLAREN F-1, MG, MORGAN, PANTHER, PEERLESS, RELIANT, RILEY, SINGER, SUNBEAM, TRIUMPH, TURNER AND TVR  
Last year Donna Coates put out a membership Roster for 2007. It was a great help. We want the same thing this year but we need your help. Please pay your dues. This is so we can get the Roster out early for the whole year for 2008. Also we would like to ad a small twist. Question, would you like a picture roster so we will know each other by their face. There are approx. 60 to 100 members. I do not know them all and I have been a member for three years. Lets vote on this at the next meeting.

Because of our printing problems the ads in this issue will not be shown but listed so that you don't forget their importance to our Club. Little British Car Company, Unique Automotive, LLC., Reisert Insurance, Budget Print & Copy Center, Harrods Creek Auto Service Center, Crown Trophy, Victoria British, Jaguar

V.P. Message  
Bob Bowden

One would think with meetings only one night a month the odds would be in our favor for nice weather. But that doesn't seem to be the case. Twice last summer we were caught in severe thunderstorms, and now in an ice storm and a snowstorm. Our co-presidents, Doug and Shannon made the right decision in canceling the meeting. Road conditions were treacherous and the safety of our members is paramount. But now that spring is just around the corner, hopefully the weather will become our friend for the upcoming events. Here are some for those who like to travel:

19Apr. 08 - Pensacola, Fl. The Panhandle British Car Assoc. Located in Seville Square in Historic Downtown Pensacola. Host Hotel is Days's Inn Pensacola Beachfront. Includes tour of the National Museum of Naval Aviation, which I personally have seen and enjoyed, and I'm here to say, it is a worth while experience. See Doug and Shannon. I believe they are getting a group together for the trip down.

18-20 Apr 08 - St. Louis, Mo. 13<sup>th</sup> Missouri Endurance rally and Mini-endurance trail. Approx 650 mi long. Open to all British vehicles manufactured before 1981 that have not been modernized. POG is Robert Rushing 313.995.8664. E-mail [mgslime@swbell.net](mailto:mgslime@swbell.net) Website: [www.stlouismgclub.com](http://www.stlouismgclub.com)

26 Apr 08 - - Bowling Green, Ky. 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Euro Classic Car Show. First Baptist Church. \$10.00 donation for advance registration. For more information and registration forms Visit: [www.geocities.com/bgeuroclassics/bg\\_Euro.html](http://www.geocities.com/bgeuroclassics/bg_Euro.html) or call 842.1019.

3-4 May 08 - Solon, Oh. 31<sup>st</sup> Annual British Car Show & Swap meet. Austin-Healey Club of Northeast Ohio. POC Steve Hronek, e-mail: [neoahc@yahoo.com](mailto:neoahc@yahoo.com), Website: [www.northeastohioaustinhealey.com](http://www.northeastohioaustinhealey.com)

18 May 08 - Columbus, OH. British Car Day @ Quaker Steak & Lube. I-75 & Polaris Parkway - Lyra Drive - Shell, Tim Hortons, and Arbys. POC Tony Burgess , Day 740-363-2203, eve 614-846-23211, email: [britsatpolaris@aol.com](mailto:britsatpolaris@aol.com) Website: [www.buckeyetrumps.org/BCD/bcdindex.htm](http://www.buckeyetrumps.org/BCD/bcdindex.htm).

24 May 08 - Dayton, OH. 5<sup>th</sup> Annual British Cars at the Market. Held at the Historic 2<sup>nd</sup> Street Public Market, 600 E. Second Street, Dayton, Ohio. From 9am-4pm. POC Dick Smith 937-434-1750, e-mail: [britcarmuseum@aol.com](mailto:britcarmuseum@aol.com) Website: [www.britishcarmuseum.org](http://www.britishcarmuseum.org)

This should be enough to keep you busy for a while. Sorry to late for St. Pat Parade. Will report in next months Remarques. Well so long for now and Happy Motoring!

Bo

---

#### NEWS FROM AROUNDTOWN & THE COUNTRY

Being a member of the following Sport Car Clubs, SCCA, BSCC & Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club, I am aware of lots of events going on around town. One of the oldest is the Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club's "Springthing" on May 15, 16, 17 & 18<sup>th</sup> 2008. The event begins on Thursday night in Louisville, Ky. with a welcoming reception at host hotel. Site to be named later. Friday, the 16<sup>th</sup>, will be a tour of the Bourbon Heritage Center at the Heaven -Hill Distilleries . This will include some tasting and a few keepsakes. The major Banquet will be sponsored & hosted by Woodford Reserve Distillery. Visit [www.springthing.info](http://www.springthing.info) or Ben Moore at [50@mac.com](mailto:50@mac.com) or [www.bluegrassclub.com](http://www.bluegrassclub.com)

From BSCC member Dave Giffen, Nationwide Auto Restoration, Jeffersonville, Ind. Dave says that he has local storage space now available for those who need a place to keep their extra cars or those projects that you have yet to tackle. This is a secure space in Jeffersonville, Indiana. The only thing that will be in the

building will be vintage automobiles. He also offers free pick-up of your vehicle. The price is very reasonable \$75.00 dollars per month and the first 10 to sign up will get the first month free. Dave Giffen 502-243-1414 or home 502-244-8750 or e-mail [dave@insightlinesinc.com](mailto:dave@insightlinesinc.com) .

From Jim Burns, Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club. I would encourage all Austin-Healey Sprite owners to Register their Sprites on the following link. [www.austinhealeysprite.org](http://www.austinhealeysprite.org) . There are several events marking the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Frogeye/Bugeye. All of the info needed is on this website. At least three individuals from the Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club, Louisville, Ky. are planning on attending. For information go to [burns4X4@insightbb.com](mailto:burns4X4@insightbb.com)

From our Friends at the Bluegrass Austin-Healey Club-Dates for Monthly Meeting is the Healey Club.

April This List is courtesy from Jim Werner, Editor Healey -HiLites.  
Texas Healey Round-Up Louisville, Kentucky

22 Monthly Meeting We invited other British Car Clubs to sent us their schedule.

26 Bowling Green Car Show

May

3 Bluegrass British Bash

3 Annual British Swap Meet, Wadsworth, Oh.

15-18 Springthing

16-20, Sprite Jubilee 2008

27 Monthly Meeting

31 British Bash at St. Joseph Orphan's Home

June

Marques on the Green

27 Monthly Meeting

July

12 London to Brighton Run

13 Cincinnati Car Show

19 Concours at Keeneland

22 Monthly Meeting

September

1 British Car Festival, Chicago

Sir Brit Car Show, Newburgh, IN

Indianapolis British Car Show

Tri - Healey Meet

23 Monthly Meeting

30 PEPSI WINGS & WHEELS AUTO SHOW

October

From Jim Watson of the British Car Gathering in Townsend, Tennessee. The event is May 9, 10 & 11. The featured Mark is the TR 2 & 3. The event will be at the Talley Ho Inn. If you need additional info [spridget@charter.net](mailto:spridget@charter.net) or [blountbritishcars@comcast.net](mailto:blountbritishcars@comcast.net) . Contact either Jim Watson or Mark Sneed

Greetings from downstate @ the BG EURO CLASSIC CAR CLUB, Bowling Green, Ky. Scott Willis, President sent us the following. His note: We are having our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Euro Classics Car Show. We had a majority of Brits turn out last year and we hope to double the attendance this year. We have to beat the Germans again! Last year we raised a little over \$1500 for RELAY FOR LIFE and would like to double that to \$3,000 this year. Please come down and join the fun. Our Club is free. All you need to do is send me your e-mail and have a passion for cars and you are in for life. Contact Scott Willis @ 270-796-8182 or [swillis@insightbb.com](mailto:swillis@insightbb.com) .

The Sterling British Motoring Society will hold its Bluegrass British Bash on Derby weekend. The Dates are May 2, 3 & 4<sup>th</sup>, 2008. The new location this year is the Ramada Conference Center at 2143 North

Broadway, Lexington, Kentucky. If on I-75 take the Broadway exit. This promises to be a great weekend. Saturday starts with a tour of the Bluegrass area which includes a visit to Old Friends Farm. This is a retirement farm for race horses. For info go to [www.sterlingbrishmotoringsociety.org](http://www.sterlingbrishmotoringsociety.org)

The January British Bash planning meeting was held at Craig and Sherrie Holmes house on Jan. 10. Final details for the registration form and brochure were worked out. We are still looking for additional door prizes (yes, this happens every year but we do manage to get creative and the Bash always has some interesting prizes!) Any car related products or gift certificates make good door prizes.

ENTRY FORM for the 2008 BRITISH BASH is now available at the Bash website. [www.britishbash.com](http://www.britishbash.com) !!! Trevor Jesse and Dwayne Johnson have been working hard to prepare the entry form and to update the web site. Dwayne's son, Michael has helped with the Artwork and it is outstanding.

Please show your support for the club and enter this year's Bash. Even if your British car might not be a "show car": everyone enjoys viewing what other people drive. It also lets the spectators see all the different levels of British car ownership. Come and share the FUN!

Ok, Ladies and Gentlemen, Hobos & Tramps, Blackeyed Mosquitos and Bowlegged Ants. I'm here to address you about the BRITISH BASH. The 2008 24<sup>th</sup> Annual BRITISH BASH, will be held the 1<sup>st</sup> weekend in June is a two day event (Friday and Saturday 6<sup>th</sup> K& 7<sup>th</sup>. Just a few things for you at the event.

Live Music Friday (Free)

Beer Garden and Pub grub!

Kids Entertainment (Free)

Drive-In Friday, evening. With previews to the cars to be shown Saturday, Includes food, beer garden,

Car Show Saturday (Free Admission, Cars wanting to show pay a show fee)

Free Admission all weekend long! Parking is \$5.00 and goes to benefit St. Joe's!

The Louisville British Sports Car Club is pleased to announce that the JAGUAR CLUBS OF NORTH AMERICA'S, LOUISVILLE CHAPTER WILL HOLD their CONCOURS Competition at the British Bash! Come see the finest in Jaguar Automobiles!

Treasurer's Report: Marie Tilford

Balance as of 1-27-2008 \$15547.02

Don't forget this coming Oct. for the Tour of Ky event. More on this later.

Also, the Oct. event at Churchill Downs in Oct. More on this in future Newsletters.

Middle Tenn. Austin-Healey Club's Back to Jack 2008 Southeastern Classic XX11 in September. This has to do with Commemorative Bottles of a Single Barrel Jack Daniels Whiskey. They sell approx. 240 bottles at \$40.00 apiece. For more information go to [www.seclassic.com](http://www.seclassic.com)

#### AS THE WHEELS TURNS

I don't know how many of you are into fashion but in the SCENE Magazine of Saturday, February 16, 2008 on the very back page was this tall leggy fashion model in a dress ending above the knee. This was an ad for Calvin Klein for our Dillard's store. But this is what not you should look for in the ad because setting on 4 tires is a blueish silver Austin-Healey. I myself do not know the different Healeys would be fair to guess it was of the 100 type. It did have the fold down windshield. I will bring it to the next BSCC meeting and Bill Fryrear can tell me what we have in the picture. Sorry Bill, just one way to get you to the meeting.

Message from Stan Crouch. I am trying to sell a set of four steel TR6 wheels with four Redline Tires mounted on them. If anyone is interested, please call or get in touch with me at [stantrsales@bellsouth.net](mailto:stantrsales@bellsouth.net)

Stan Crouch

502-297-0357

17651 Fisherville Woods Drive

Fisherville, Ky 40023

Just a Tip to anyone new to the British Sports Car Club. I own MGB's and have them insured by Hagerty Classic Car Insurance. I was shocked by the cost to insure my Classic Cars. My cost was only \$186+ for a years worth of insurance. They know when you have a historic car you will not do things you would do

when you were very young. I just receive their magazine and on the cover is Adventure Novelist Clive Cussler and his Beautiful Classic Cars. His stable includes Bentley, Bugatti, Talbor Largo, Isotta Fraschini, Dusenbergl, Cadillac, Hispano Suiza, Rolls Royce, Packard, Voisin, Stuz, Cord, Pierce-Arrow, Allard, Marmon, Studebaker and Buick and many many more. I know these aren't all British but when you have classic cars, we are all brothers and sisters. If you don't have you car insured yet, get in touch with Hargerty. 800-922-4050 or WWW. HAGERTY.COM

In doing research on the cars that I had mentioned in the February & this Newsletter, I came across some great pictures of all the cars. I noticed cars from different years. Funny they all looked alike and seem that their Designers copied styles off of each other.

Lets take the 1937 Singer Nine, the 1937 A.C. Sports Roadster, 1945-1949 MGTC, 1949 MGTD, 1951 MGTM111, 1953 MGTF120, 1954 MGTF 1500, 1945 4/4 Series I Morgan, 1950 plus PLUS 4 Morgan and 1972 J22 Panther. There was innovation on each car but the basic design sure made them all favored each other . Well, kind of like some of the cars of today.

St. Patrick's Day Parade, March 15, 2008

Once again this year the British Sports Car Club and the Bluegrass Healey Club entered the St. Patrick's Day Parade as a single unit. There were 11 cars present despite the dismal wet conditions. We owe a big thank you to these people for braving the weather to represent the clubs and promote our hobby.

Cars /People in attendance: Two Sprites (Sonny Moore and Kevin Ruppert), Two Healey 3000 (Jim and Kathy French and Bill Wilding), Two TR6's (Clif and Vickie Wilson and Russell Mills), One MG Midget (Trevor Jessie), One Spitfire (Craig Holmes), One TR7 ( Leo Halbleib), One TR3 (Adam Burckle), One Jaguar Saloon (Steve and Sharon Merker).

Thanks again to all who braved the weather, the weather was horrible at best.

I am sorry to report that our group did not win the trophy. We were beat out by a Limo belonging to 21c, the hotel.....(art car). I will protest, in that this was one vehicle, and we were many. I have protested in the past, but to no avail.....

Vehicular units should be comprised of more than one vehicle. We have many members vehicle that could have won by themselves.

Oh well, I am a sore loser....and again thanks to all again.... Jim French