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Vice President's Message—Randy and Lee Darden

Hope you are finding some driving opportunities between raindrops. The club is moving forward with some great plans and opportunities both near and in the fall.

We have a great opportunity to partner with The Summit for our Fall Car Show. Because of this chance to have the show in such a wonderful venue with lots of visibility we are re vamping our traditional picnic in the park but hopefully, with a great result. **SAVE THE DATE** of October 10, 2015. It will be held in the large parking lot facing the movie theatre. We will be teaming up with PCA, Mercedes Club and the Lotus Group. British clubs from Montgomery, North Alabama, West Alabama and hopefully others have expressed interest in participating. This is plenty of notice to get your car ready.

With all the events coming up in April and May please see Save the Date. We are also adding a local ride: PLANES, TRAINS and AUTOMOBILES. Tentatively scheduled May 2 we are still firming the details. It will be a behind the scenes tour of the Southern Museum of Flight and the a ride to the Whistle Stop Cafe in Irondale for lunch. Will get the details out in the next couple of days.

We also want to welcome our newest members to the club: John and Cathy Graham. You may have met John on the Brew Pub Tour. He was driving his other love, a BMW2002. Be sure and welcome them!

Let's Ride!
Randy



Car Shows/Events on Our Radar (what's on yours?)

Want more info contact Randy-Lee Darden on FB or edge468@juno.com

Save the Date:

- April 17/18 23rd Annual Brits by the Bay
Panhandle British Car Association
(pbca1.com) Featuring the Jaguar Series
- April 24-26 Honda Indy Gran Prix of Alabama
Barber Motorsports Park
- April 24-26 Classic SportsCars Mitty presented by Hagerty
Road Atlanta- Vintage Racing
- May 15-17 Barber Historics- Vintage Racing
Barber Motorsports Park
- June 5-6 EuroBrit Auto and Bike Expo 2015
North Alabama British Motoring Society
(nabms.org)
- September 12 Brits of the Shoals
Shoals British Car Club
(shoalsbritishcarclub.org)
Joe Wheeler State Park
- October 10 Cars at the Summit—BMC in conjunction with PCA, MBCA and the Lotus Club
- October 24 British Car Festival 2015- Fairhope
South Alabama British Car Show
(sabcc.org)
- October 31 Southern British Car Club of Greater Chattanooga - Date confirmed with club!!!!
Annual Choo Choo Show
(southernbritishcarclub.net)

Tech Sessions: Second Saturday of each Month @ the Chelsea Garage

- April 11 Project Car- preparation of car body for paint
Bring your elbow grease (Sanding 101)
- May 9 Painting – we will find out how good we sanded
- June 13 Suspension- focus on front suspension
- July 11 Catch up month (here's hoping we are only a month behind)
- August 8 Drive train - basic of rebuilding the go parts
(engine/transmission)
- September 12 More drive train
- October 10 Electrical ! Overcoming the Lord of Darkness
(learning to keep the smoke in)
- November 14 Heating and Ventilation- Baby its getting cold
outside!
- December 12 Weather equipment - Windshield/Wipers/Hood
(Top)

Ambitious-yes! Doable-yes! Will it happen?.... We will see.
Cannot get there if we don't try. The journey starts with the first
step! Come volunteer and see what you can learn OR teach
someone else!!!



BMC Board Meeting Schedule

President David Boger has set a proposed meeting schedule for the 2015 BMC Board Meetings. All club members are invited and welcome to attend any and all board meetings. The location is mostly at O'Henry's Coffee Shop at Brookwood Mall at 8:30 AM, but is subject to change if there are coinciding events that may necessitate a change in venue. These changes will be announced ahead of the change. Proposed schedule is:

April 25
May 30
June 27
August 1

August 29
September 26
October 31
November 28

And as always, regular monthly meetings are on the 2nd Tuesday evening of the month. Currently we are meeting at Logan's on 280, dinner at 6:00, meeting at 7:00 PM. Hope to see you at the next meeting!!!



Tech Day Recap: March Tech Day was a wet one. Although the group was small it was an enthusiastic group with one four leg companion. Most did not want to work on polishing their car, more pressing tech issues were quickly identified. A couple of issues were identified and addressed on a couple of member cars.

Come join us on Tech Days Aiming for the second Saturday of the month.





Searching for the mysteries of Lord Lucas



Not that it saw any action on this day, but the Spitfire is seeing some progress. Just not enough to brag about. It should show up at an event soon!

NOLA British Car Day 2015



It was a great to attend the 25th Annual British Car Show sponsored by the British Motoring Club New Orleans. Right in midtown, there were over 100 cars with some unique marques as well as the usual participating. As this club boasts over 150 members, they were expecting over 250 cars. But, like us, the threat of rain discouraged some from driving British. And the weathermen were mostly WRONG, again. Oh well.

A great collection of MGs, Triumphs , Healeys (mostly big) Austin Martin and Jaguars were representing. A Hillman Minx was spotted in the parking lot.



- One rarely seen, a Vanden Plas Princess from the British Motor Corporation. Manufactured from 1963 till 1975 it was sold only briefly in the US. It was extremely successful in Britain, it mostly bombed in the states. This would have been one of the last imported which effectively ended in 1969. By then BMC was known as the more familiar British Leyland



Big Healeys were beautifully represented with several interpretations in their restorations. One lone but well done Bugeye Sprite kept the love going. Made some think about the possibilities. All great to see close up and very much alive.



The Jaguars spoke for themselves,
6 XKEs and one Mark II Sedan .



Triumphs were hit or miss in this show. The TR3 s came out nicely.



- The Triumph TR3 well represented with these 3 near perfect beauties from the late '50s. The beauty on the right you may recognize as belonging to our friends from the West Alabama British Car Club, Yardley and Tiffany Bailey. Other Triumphs included plenty of TR6s, this rare delivery truck but no Spitfires or GT6s.



David and Tracy were thought to be spotted but turned out not to be them.

MGs were represented in a wide variety. This TC sported a Paxton Supercharger and a roll bar. Vintage with personality.



There were 4 of these Limited Edition Black and Silver MGBs circa 1979-80. They had their own mini club.



In Slidell we stumbled upon an entire lot of rarely seen vehicles. It was a movie prop business that had blossomed under Louisiana's recent increase in movie making. The owner was loading a red mini we thought destined for the NOLA show, but no, it was headed to a movie shoot.



Citroens, Citroen truck and van, a Morris Minor and a Panhard amongst Saabs, minis and other rusting treasures



Next year, come go with us. The food (and cars) was amazing!!!



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These spaces are located on the end cap, at the front of their respective rows.

PP E - End Cap E: 80' x 20' swap meet space:
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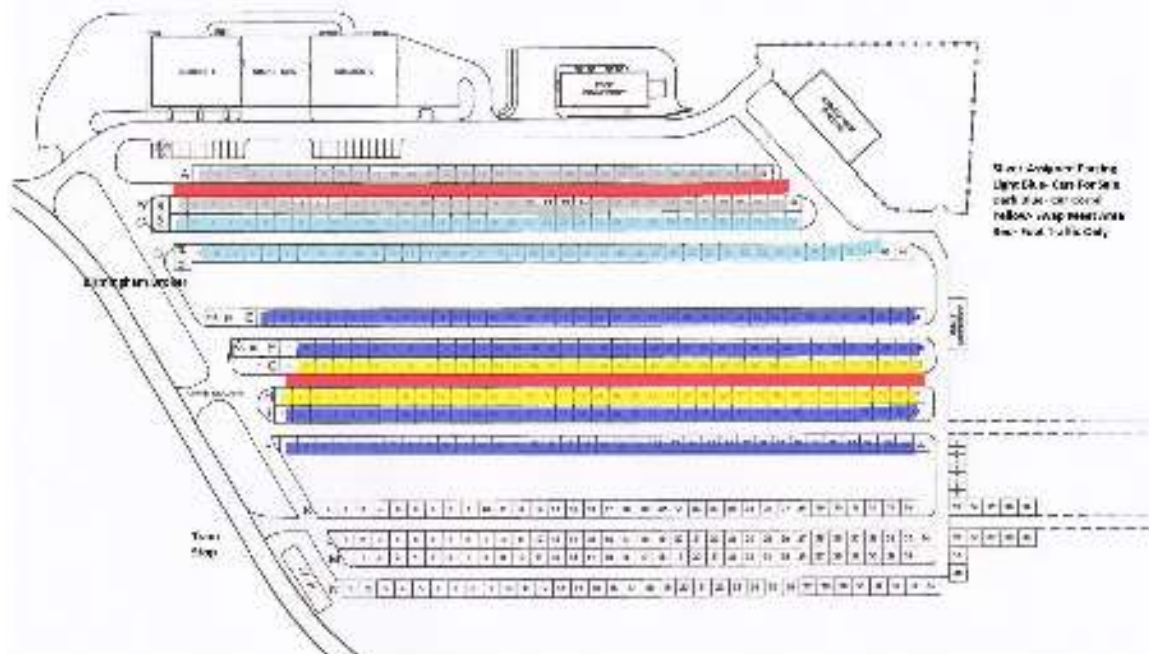
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