

SOUTHERN FOURS AND EIGHTS

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As of this writing fewer than 10 members have made reservations for the Spring Meet. Please complete the reservation form found elsewhere in this issue and return along with your payment for dinner on Saturday night, May 23. Also, please note, you must register directly with the British Car Club for British Car Day. That registration form is also enclosed

1998 SPRING MEET DETAILS

As was decided at the Christmas Party, the 1998 MOGSouth Spring Meet will be held May 22-24 and will be centered around the Atlanta British Motorcar Club's British Motorcar Day to be held on Saturday, May 23, 1998 at Chateau Elan in Braselton, Georgia. Pete and Shari Olson are our organizers.

We plan to stay at the English Manor Inns in Clayton, Georgia, the same site as last year's Fall Meet. English Manor Inns is located approximately two miles east of Clayton on U.S. Highway 76. The Inn is approximately a one hour drive north of Chateau Elan.

The Inn is holding 20 rooms for MOGSouth until May 1 at the rate of \$108.90, taxes included, per night double occupancy and includes their great hors' d'ouvres as well as a full to order cooked breakfast. This is a slight increase from the rate last fall.

Plans call for the heavy hors' d'ouvres on Friday night and dinner on your own if you are still hungry. Dinner Saturday night will be at Randy and Dale Johnson's home on Lake Burton, approximately 12 miles West of Clayton. The dinner will be catered by Karan's Catering in Clayton, the same restaurant that prepared the dinner for the Friday dinner at the Fall Meet. The cost for the dinner on Saturday night will \$15.00 per

person. Of course as in the past, the Club will provide the beer, wine and soft drinks for both nights. Breakfast both Saturday and Sunday mornings is included in the room rate. You may want to purchase or bring your lunch to picnic at British Motorcar Day on Saturday. The only other costs will be the cost of registration for British Motorcar Day, \$10.00 until May, 1 and \$20.00 day of the event. Please note, you must register directly with the Atlanta British Motorcar Club for the event. A registration form is enclosed.

To make room reservations, call the inn at 800 782-5780 and speak to Grace Lee. Please note that the inn does not accept any credit cards but will accept personal or company checks. They will require one nights room charge as a deposit to hold your room.

As the Chateau is approximately one hour from the Inn, the caravan to the event will most likely need to leave no later than 8:30AM on Saturday morning. Final plans and logistics for both Saturday and Saturday night will be distributed on Friday night, May 22.

If you have any questions call Pete or Shari at 770 641-8602 or Randy Johnson at 404 634-9674.

We think we have a great meet planned and look forward to seeing you there.

"MOTHER COURAGE"

AWARD

Rick Rader of Chattanooga has suggested that MOGSouth establish a perpetual award to honor the memory of Nancilee and Dan Kelly to be called the "Mother Courage" Trophy. "Mother Courage" is the name Nancilee gave to her blue Drop Head Coupe.

Rick has also made a substantial donation to acquire the trophy.

It is suggested that we draft a committee at the upcoming Spring Meet to decide the criteria for the award and the first recipient. The trophy can then be presented at the annual Christmas Party in December of this year.

Thank you very much to Rick for your suggestion and donation.

A wonderful idea and the "Mother Courage" Trophy is an excellent name.

NEWLYWEDS

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ben Schepens (Stacey Bondon) married March 14, 1998 and Mr. and Mrs. Ken Ortloff (Carolina Gaskins) married April 4, 1998.

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome Bill and Kathy Harris of Dunwoody (Atlanta). Bill has ordered a car from Cantab.

Also please welcome Jeff and Joan March of Lexington, NC. Jeff runs a restoration shop in Lexington and recently purchased several cars to restore. He can be reached at 336 248-4144.

MOGGER'S CHOICE

Again this year the club will award a trophy at British Motorcar Day to the owner's of the Mogger's Choice. The Mogger's Choice is the car that you would most like to have in your garage of all the Morgans on display at British Motorcar Day. All Morgan cars on the field are eligible.

Each owner entered is allowed one vote. Of course, you may vote for your own car if you so choose. Ballots will be distributed on the field at Chateau Elan, Saturday morning, May 23.

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EURO 98

Gene McOmber, MOGSouth's delegate on the EURO 98 committee called to say that this all European Car Show will held again this year at the BMW factory north of Greenville, SC. The dates are October 16, 17, and 18. Further details will be published as they become available but this show seems to be growing, especially since BMW is a major sponsor and contributor.

"The Morgan starts-when it starts- on a familiar key. The 2.2 liter TR-4 engine fires with a well-known sound (somehow changed by its surroundings). Depress the clutch (God, it's hard), crunch the old Jaguar gearbox non-synchro low gear, and you're off. Directly. That's the very first thing you notice about a Morgan. Everything's so damn direct."

Morgan +4 Road Test, Car and Driver, December 1967

BRITISH

Motorcar Day



Fifteenth Annual
BRITISH MOTORCAR DAY

Saturday, May 23, 1998

Château Élan

Braselton, Georgia

I-85 at Exit 48

Featured Marque



Donald Mitchell Healey, 1898-1998, July 3rd, marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of Donald M. Healey C.B.E., RAF aviator, race car driver, motor engineer and Cornishman.

Donald had many automotive accomplishments in life, the Healey Silverstone, Healey Westlands, Nash Healey, Jensen Healey and the most famous, Austin-Healey. Donald was also known as a fierce race car driver, winning many events during his career and broke the land speed record in 1956. He gave several famous race car drivers their start, Carroll Shelby and Sterling Moss to name a few, and today more Healeys are raced in vintage racing than any other mark.

The Healey Automobile was Donald's gift to us to drive and enjoy. As with all the other British Cars at BMCD, it is our responsibility to care for these unique machines for future generations.

For more information call: (770) 498-2582, (770) 491-7573

Make Plans Now To Attend The 15th Annual British Motorcar Day

If you appreciate the classic designs of British automobiles you won't want to miss this year's British Motorcar Day. The excitement begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 1998, when scores of the most beautiful cars in the world will be displayed on the emerald green lawns of the *Château Élan Winery*.

This Is Your Chance To View the Automotive Classics

British cars have soared in popularity in recent years.

This event is hosted by the Atlanta Area British Motor Car Clubs to give you an opportunity to view some of the rarest and most popular cars in the world - The Austin Healey will be featured in honor of Donald Healey's 100th Birthday.

British Motorcycles will also be featured.

British Motor Car Day - Club Sponsors

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(Private Course)

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Browse through the Market Place & Car Corral For Bargains

Throughout the day there will be a market place with a variety of automotive & other items for you to discover as well as a Car Corral, featuring British Cars for Sale. There will be numerous other vendors offering snacks, cool beverages, and light meals.

Directions

Château Élan is located in Braselton just 30-45 minutes North of Atlanta on I-85 at exit 48. At the exit, turn left and cross over the Interstate. The Winery is the first entrance on your left. Gates open early and the show begins at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 23, 1998

Club Trophies and Awards

Participants entering cars will each receive a commemorative dash plaque. There will also be club trophies and individual awards to be presented in a variety of categories. "Diamond-in-the-Ruff" and "Best-of Show" Awards will be presented by the British Motorcar Club, Inc.

David Lewellyn Memorial Valve Cover Race

There will be a Valve Cover Race for all you Racers. Prepare your Covers now.

Register Today For British Motorcar Day

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1998 SPRING MEET RESERVATION FORM

To insure the success of the 1998 Spring Meet, please take the time to provide me with the following information:

1. A head count for dinner on Saturday night.
2. Your check to **MOGSouth** for the cost of meals on Saturday night.

Please, I need this by May 1, 1998. Mail your response or call 404 634-9674 with your response.

Thank you!

Mail to: Randy Johnson-1794 Fair Oaks Place-Decatur, GA 30033-1449

NAME: _____

IN OUR PARTY: _____ SATURDAY NIGHT DINNER

Enclosed is my check to **MOGSouth** in the amount of \$ _____ (\$15.00 per person) to cover the cost of the meals for Saturday night, May 23, 1998.

OFFICIAL REGISTRATION FOR BRITISH MOTORCAR DAY

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Be sure to fill out including Zip so we can send invitation next year

Member of Car Clubs _____

CAR/Bike INFORMATION

Make _____ / _____

Model _____ / _____

Year _____ / _____

_____ Number of cars registered. Pre-registration fee is \$10.00. After May 1st, \$15.00; Additional cars \$5.00 each.
(All trailered cars must go to the unloading area, cars must be driven onto the show grounds.)

_____ Number of Motorcycles registered. Registration fee is \$5.00 for each.

_____ Number of cars registered in the Car Corral (Same fees as Car Show Registration)

_____ Market Place / New Car Space. Space is available at \$25.00 per area, each vendor space is 10 by 20 feet.

Make Checks Payable to: **BRITISH MOTORCAR CLUB, Inc.** \$ _____ Registration Fees
1604 South Ridge Drive, Marietta, GA 30066

In consideration of the acceptance of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against the British Motorcar Club, Inc., Officials and all Sponsors of the British Motorcar Day, 1998, for injury or illness that may result, directly or indirectly, from my participation. I further state that I am in proper physical condition, as is my car, to participate in this event. I warrant that my vehicle is insured and complies with the Motor Vehicle Laws of the State of Georgia.

Date: _____ Signature: _____

The Morgan Driver's Bedside Reader Coils, EI Ignition, Timing, etc.

FIRING ORDER

Check your engine manual for the correct firing order. I mark the plug wires with the aftermarket heat-shrink numbers. For a car that you are going to fiddle with- it helps to mark the distributor cap also- both with an arrow showing the direction that the rotor turns and with plug wire numbers.

Common sense says that on an in-line engine that the front plug is #1. Not always so. As I remember, Jaguar #1 is the back plug, so is the Morgan Standard Special.

Common sense says that all in-line four cylinder engines have the same firing order. Not so. *Check, don't assume.*

Coventry Climax	1-3-4-2
Standard Special	1-3-4-2*
Vanguard	1-3-4-2
Rover V8	1L-SR-4R-3L 6R-5L-7R-2R**
TR Engines	1-3-4-2
Ford 4 cyl 100E-116E-109E	1-2-4-3

* from rear

** 1 at front left

DETONATION

Probably more engines, especially race engines, have been ruined from detonation than from any other cause. Whenever a stress-related failure occurs in the engine, detonation should be the first suspect. The piston is on the way up at tremendous speed and if detonation occurs, it smacks right into the exploding gases, just like smacking the piston with a big sledge hammer. Cracked pistons, bent rods, spun bearings, broken crankshafts..... suspect detonation.

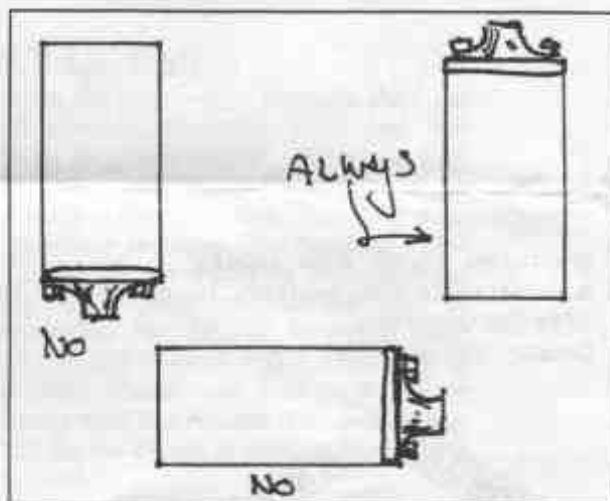
Don't let your engine detonate! If you can hear it "ping", figure out how to stop it! The main causes are too- far advanced timing, lean mixture, carbon in the combustion chamber, cheap gas, too high a compression ratio for the gas, wrong spark plugs, or too hot a plug.

Often racers figure if a little is good..... more is better, and they opt for really high

compression ratios. High-speed detonation may not be heard, but it can destroy an engine in seconds. I would opt for a reasonable CR, even on a race engine. You gotta finish to win....

MOUNTING IGNITION COILS

Ignition coils should always be mounted with the tower pointing up. This is because of the oil in the coil. Also, notice that most race cars have the coil mounted on the firewall, away from the engine heat. Some even have the coil mounted inside the car, completely away from heat and water. There are special bushings made to pass a coil wire through the firewall.



LUCAS COIL CONTACTS

If your Lucas coil is the type with spade terminals, check that they are tight. They are held on with a soft copper rivet that can work loose. If they are the slightest bit loose, they can cause problems. Gently peen the center to restore good contact.

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