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NEWSLETTER
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Meeting Report

The March meeting was held on the 15th at Wade's home in Brandon. A discussion of the British Car Day was the major topic, along with a review of the Mini-Wheels of Midland's Triumph offerings.

At the Car Day, there will be three categories of awards in the People's Choice Contest: "The Car I'd Most Like To Take Home", "Best Restored", and "Best Original". There will be appropriate awards for first place in each category.

Volunteers are needed now to design a flyer, to rotate on a registration desk, to prepare display cards for entrants, to prepare ballots, and - ahem - a Director of Parking and Ferreting Out of Domestic Vehicles.

Any British car of any age is eligible to display at no charge, but to enter in the People's Choice contest and receive an information display card, there will be a \$3.00 per vehicle charge to cover expenses. Examples of British makes are Triumph (of course), Austin Healey, MG, HRG, AC, Morgan, Daimler, Aston Martin, Jaguar, Riley, Rolls-Royce, Daimler, Vauxhall, Morris, Fraser Nash, Bentley, and Wolseley. Examples of non-British makes are Bugatti, Isotta-Fraschini, Ferrari, Talbot-Lago, and Alfa Romeo - do not show up with these vehicles; they will be readily turned away!

For information about the event or to volunteer to help, please call Alex Wade at 25-9611.

Prospective Member?

We recently met Kent Tapley of Jackson & Co. of Memphis, who is presently trying to sell his 1959 TR-3A with metal hardtop. In talking with him, he mentioned that he knows an individual in Memphis who has a 1949 Triumph Roadster for sale (at a rather high price) and knows of a few parts cars. Kent may reconsider his decision to sell the TR, as he was interested in meeting other TR enthusiasts. We may see him at a future meeting.

Don't Miss the Next Meeting!

The April meeting will be our last meeting before the British Car Day and there is much to do. We will meet at Frank and Tricia Peel's home on April 19 at 7:30pm. The Peels live at 4656 Cedarhurst, just off Northside Drive. You may call ahead at 366-3999 for directions.

There will be no regular meeting in May.

New Address:

Jeff and Paula Williamson
401 Charity Church Road
Jackson, MS 39211
957-1461

Important Memo Discovered!

Attached to this newsletter is a photocopy of an important memorandum that was discovered in a recent English estate sale. Although no company name appears in the document, it seems to be an interoffice memorandum from an English electrical component manufacturer. It is enclosed with your newsletter purely for historical interest.

A WHAT?!

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AM/FM cassette, 4 speed
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The May in Memphis car show seems to be developing a lot of interest in this area and New Orleans. The British Car Club of Memphis promises a big turnout and there are some fine Triumphs located in the area. For information write to Brass T Productions, Suite 102-103, 80 North Tillman, Memphis TN 38111. You may also obtain information by calling 901/323-6982 weekdays during business hours. The car show is scheduled for May 28 from 10 am to 5pm.

FOR SALE: BABY MOON hubcaps to fit your TR-250, \$75.00 per set. Add 17.165% for postage and handling, any overage refunded via Joe's International Travelers Cheques. Send cash, Knuegerand, or equivalent weight in rum to Authentic Auto Accessories, Inc., Island Number 3, Cayman Islands, Caribbean Sea 78227.

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

To: Engineering Staff

Date: 9 May, 1961

Subject: Guidelines

Effective immediately, all staff engineers are to observe the following guidelines:

1. Always use wire of at least one guage smaller than that required to conduct electricity without overheating.
2. Use disposable solenoids wherever possible.
3. Use one-way snap connectors at all times (to do otherwise would only encourage the car owner to do his own electrical repair work).
4. Insulate wiring sparingly. An occasional wisp of smoke helps to remind the driver that his system is indeed conducting electricity.
5. Remember that we employ colour-blind assembly workers.
6. Every wiring harness must use at least one six foot strand of wire from spool batch number 306A. (The colour codes on this wire change every six inches and was produced by mistake in 1952. We still have twelve of these 1000 foot spools to use up).
7. Wiring schematics released to shop manual publishers should require a microscope to read properly.
8. Do not concern yourself with the grounding of your components. They will ground themselves shortly after use.
9. We will continue our annual tradition of installing blinking instrument panel lights on every harness manufactured in December.
10. Remember that we cater to the enthusiast and must provide our public with meaningful weekend diversions.

Theodore F. Wiperlights, O.B.E.
Chief Engineer

