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MEMPHIS BRITISH CAR FEST A SUCCESS

RAIN, RAIN and more rain fell on the British Sports Car Club of Memphis' 1985 British Car Fest, held last October 18-19. This was the BSCC's second Fest and was, in spite of the weather, a tremendous success.

The rain may have watered down the cars but it certainly did not dampen any spirits. When Mud Island, the originally scheduled location, lived up to its name, the club decided to hold the event right there at the Riverfront Best Western Hotel. Before long, the parking lot and most of the grassy area next to it were

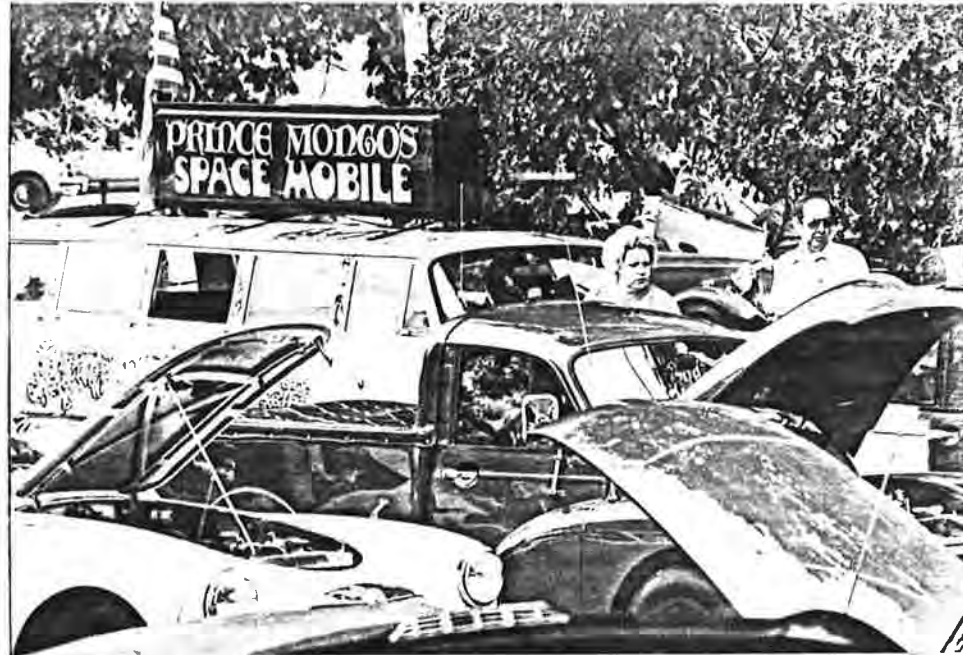
packed with more British machinery than Trafalgar Square on a Monday morning. We were all parked rather hap-hazardly and I was greatly tempted to grab a bull horn and announce that everyone had just ten minutes to arrange their cars by marque before judging. In a way, though, it was rather interesting to have everything mixed in together. A casual stroll down Piccadilly (I'm telling the story here, so allow me my fantasy) would lead one past an Austin Healey 100M, an MG-TD pickup truck (every good ole boy's dream), an MGA twin-cam coupe, a V-12 Jaguar, an immaculate

TR-3A, an Austin Cooper S, a Morris Minor with chromed eyebrows, a Daimler, an early Jaguar E Type coupe, an MG Magnette, and Prince Mongo's Spacemobile.

I could tell you more about that last one, but I won't. It's more fun that way.

Doorprizes you ask? How about a set of Pirellis, a LP stereo record of vintage MG exhaust notes (just what DOES an MG J2 breaking the wind sound like?), a stuffed pony (lifesize - I think the guy in the Mini-Cooper won it), a brass planter, fog lamps, a framed MG K3 print (now gracing your editor's office), a pub table, serving trays, glassware, and a cassette player. All of this and much, much more added up to a full time job during the day just to give away the door prizes.

I'll have to side with Jack Pool on one point. It was so messy in the morning that nobody bothered to clean up their cars. This was a great relief for many of us who hoped that the beaded-up water and road grime would hide flaws in our paint jobs which, of course, didn't help some of those present whose cars hadn't been waxed since 1953 ("its



more original that way"). Unfortunately, once the rain let up some twit spoiled the whole thing by picking the bugs and leaves off his bonnet. Before long, we were all picking the bugs and leaves off our cars and didn't stop until the cars were completely cleaned, waxed and Armor-Alled. Like Jack observed, " It was more fun when everyone said 'to heck with it' and just tried to make the best of things."

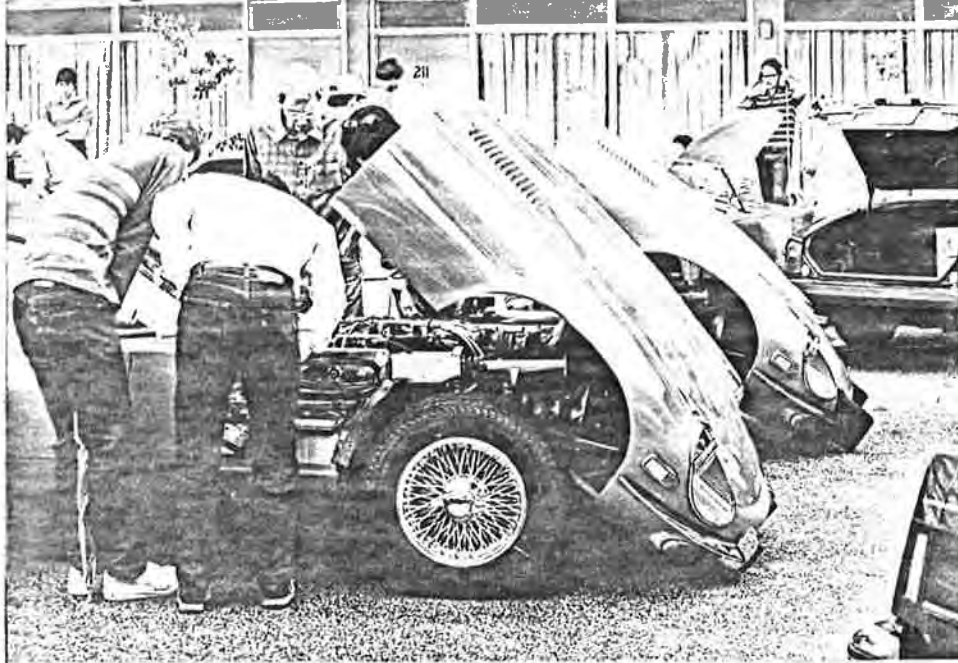


We were really impressed with the star of the show - a black TR-3A from Nashville which was immaculate. From what I could tell, the car was totally correct and all the body panels were perfectly finished. Not one ding, one ripple, one dull spot or a stitch out of place anywhere on the car. Even the battery clamps were of the old English "pot" type. Perfect.



There were a number of other nice TR's there, including the Peel TR-6. Dan Shepard's WIIRD 1 Herald was present; Dan vows to bring his 1800 Roadster next year. Larry Franks returned with his TR-8, but only after a bit of distributor trouble. It seems that Frank removed the leads and distributor cap to check out a problem and attempted to reassemble the firing order from the manual's instruction. It was only after looking at a Rover V-8 that he learned that the manual specified the wrong rotational direction.

Saturday night's reception was as grand as ever. With the help of Ayres Imports, the Club kept over 100 people fed, lubricated and entertained. There were plenty of prizes and awards, and even some of our CMC-VTR members took home a few. The Houses took Third after an immaculate 100M and another 100. Jack Pool took a Second with



will need an RSVP by December 5th. If you plan to attend, you will need to bring your drinks, beer, etc. and a snack. Lawn chairs would be helpful if you have them. Plan to arrive around 4:00 p.m. and really enjoy good company. If raining, call first: 636-3470 Alfonso Vasquez.

RSVP to:

Jackson/Clinton - Bitsy Hemsley 924-0319 (H) or 944-4660 (O)
 Vicksburg - Jean Alfonso 636-6518 (H) or 636-3470 (O)

DIRECTIONS:

I-20 to Vicksburg. Take Halls Ferry Road Exit. Turn left towards Waterways Experiment Station. Go past the WES main gate and the 2nd gate. In front of the 3rd gate is Melrose Avenue. Turn right. 5th house on right is 204 Melrose ave., Alfonso's

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BELOW: Jaguar C Type Repl-car

ledge, everyone made it home without a hitch.

To sum it up, Memphis put on one fine car show!

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7th

ALFA ROMEO CLUB

CHRISTMAS PARTY & PIG ROAST

The Vintage Triumph Club is invited to join the Alfa club at their annual Christmas Party. This year, they will be roasting a pig!!! They



This Austin Healey 3000 BT-7. The Wade TR-3 took a second and Tere's Rover took a surprise Second over two Rolls Royce's. The Best of Show winner was Charles Kates of Nashville with his black TR-3A (described earlier). He received a standing ovation, and deservedly so. It was really great to see a Triumph take Best of Show at a multi-marque meet!

The Grand Prize for the show was also awarded that evening - a restored MGB. Actually, the car had been raffled in the Memphis area at \$10 per ticket, with all profits going to the sponsoring charity, the Variety Club. A local postman had the winning ticket and took possession of the keys at the reception.

Attending the car show from CMC-VTR were Mable Ginsberger with her Jaguar C Type Roadster, Craig and Jane House in their Austin Healey 100, Frank and Tricia Peel in their TR-6, Jack Pool in his 3000, Steve and Trish Glyce, and Alex and Tere Wade brought their Triumph and Rover. To my know-



TOP: Larry Franks' TR-8
MID: Dan Sheppard
BOT: The practical MG-TD

CMC-VTR Christmas Party

This year's annual business meeting/Christmas party will be held in the home of Frank and Tricia Peel, 4656 Cedarhurst, off Northside Drive and just a few blocks West of the I-55/Northside Drive Interchange. The party will be held from 1 to 5 pm.

In addition to holding our annual elections, we plan to keep a video player running throughout the party which will show our tape of the 1985 Regional Triumph Meet and Vintage Grand Prix. If you would like to bring a snack to share, please let Tricia know what you'd like to bring at 366-3999 evenings.

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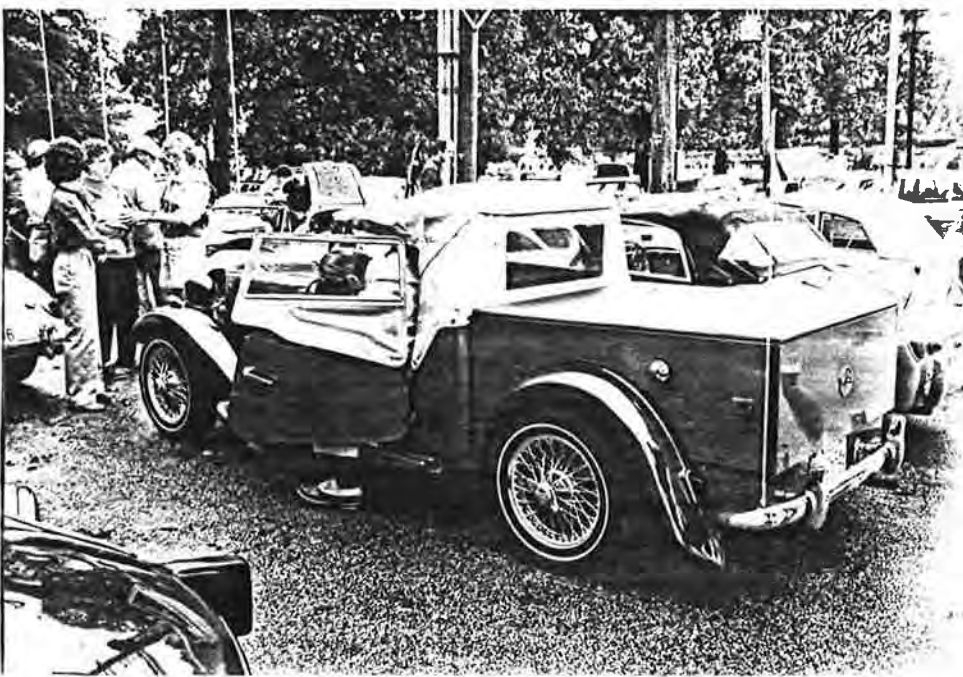
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Baton Rouge, LA 70819
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1957 TR-3 (small mouth)
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REAL British car owners always stop to help a stranded British car motorist. (We've all been there before!)



Favorite Answers
Trivia Questionnaire

One of my favorite British Car Day jobs is grading the Trivia Questionnaire. Although we did not give points for the most entertaining answers, some of my personal favorites are:

What does Dip & Switch refer to?

An S & M move, popular in Europe.

What marque did Cecil Kimber stand behind?

The one that gassed him to death.

The famous Kimobile.

What did Judson, Rootes, Shorrock and Wade make?

A really good salad dressing.

What was Lagonda named for?

Fred Lagonda.

Supermarine traded with Triumph to get the name "Vanguard". What did Triumph get out of the deal?

Water in the fuel.

What was described as "Mrs. Cady's dead cat slightly warmed over" when it was announced in 1953?

Dinner.

Thanks for the above answers to Jane & Craig House, Jack Pool and Norm Scheffner.

TRundlings

. . . Dennis Loftin is now the proud owner of a 1966 Austin Healey 3000 BJ-8 . . . Tom Gallogly may return home from Germany soon . . . Gregg Collins is now the owner of the famed Bloodworth MG Mquette . . . Vic McFarland has started a complete restoration

Tech Tip

A Gates 695 toothed belt is a suitable replacement for the TR-3 fan belt.

on his TR-2 but needs a frame . . . David & Ginger Peabody are now the proud parents of a baby boy, Rufus, born last month . . . John Pentecost is looking for a set of wire wheels and adapters for his TR-3. Any help out there? . . . don't forget - elections at the Christmas Party . . . Frank Peel knows of an extremely nice TR-8 for sale in the area at a very good price. Give him a call at 366-3999 if interested. . .

FOR SALE: 1971 TR-6, excellent body & mechanicals, strong car, never abused. \$3,250. Call 948-3465, 372-6576.

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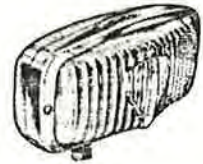


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