

# Northwest Alabama British Sports Car & Motoring Club

## Monthly Newsletter April 2004

### President's Corner

The first quarter of 2004 has been an active and productive three months. The club has enjoyed two drive outs (Feb-Riverton, Mar-Miss Mary Bobo's Lynchburg), plans are beginning to materialize for our Oct Car Show, and a new Spring annual function has been put in place.

The club's new Annual Picnic will represent the celebration of **British Car Week** (the end of May). The annual function will be the third (3<sup>rd</sup>) Saturday of May. A family picnic together with other British car groupies to talk and see British cars. There will be no prizes or competition. Area British Car Clubs (Huntsville, Memphis, Nashville, Birmingham, Chattanooga, and Townsend) have been extended an invitation. A separate flyer with the details has been included in this month's newsletter.

This year we are spreading the word early about our Oct Car Show. The newsletter packet contains 3 copies of the Flyer (thanks to Terry) advertising our fall function. Please pass them out as you go to various functions to perk an interest in our show.

Additionally, the newsletter packet has one sheet of our Car Club Business cards (again, thanks to Terry) for you to pass out encouraging other British car enthusiasts to join our club or inquire of our activities on the web site.

Just a reminder: **Annual Club dues (\$20) and Car Club Grill Badges (\$25)**. Contact James Hester. April 17<sup>th</sup> drive out to Glen Rock details further in the newsletter. On the future agenda: going out locally to dinner as a club, an overnight drive out to Little River Canyon. Details in May's Newsletter.

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The club meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of every month (except Dec) at the Tourway Pancake House in Florence at 6:30 PM. The newsletter is published on the 1<sup>st</sup> of every month. Anyone who would like to contribute articles or comments to the newsletter please forward to [alan.mammen@comcast.net](mailto:alan.mammen@comcast.net) or PO Box 1058, Florence, AL 35631.

### April Drive Out - Sat 4/17/04

Meet: Winn Dixie (corner of Cox Creek Pkwy & Cloverdale Rd)  
Time: 10:30 AM (car gassed-humans fed ready to go)  
Drive: Natchez Trace-Glen Rock-Iron City-St.Joesph-Greenhill  
Lunch: Picnic – you provide your own food and drink (Glen Rock)

Bring charged walkie-talkies

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### Upcoming Events

Anyone wishing to post an event on the club calendar please email Terry Geiger at [tgeiger@aitinc.com](mailto:tgeiger@aitinc.com) or contact Jean Mammen at (256) 767.2032. Other Car Club events are welcomed.

Apr 13	Monthly Club Meeting, 6:30 PM Tourway Pancake House, Florence, AL
Apr 16, 17	Pensacola Beach British Car Show <a href="http://www.pbca1.com/show2004.htm">http://www.pbca1.com/show2004.htm</a>
Apr 17	Drive out – Natchez Trace Glenrock Branch Picnic – Bring your own picnic – Start: 10:30 AM Winn Dixie parking lot (Cox Creek & Cloverdale Rd), Route: Go the Natchez Trace, return back roads through Trinity, St Joseph, Green Hill.
Apr 24	<a href="#">EuroBrit Auto &amp; Bike Expo 2004</a> - British and European Car & Motorcycle Show presented by the North Alabama British Motoring Society. Allen's Grille & Grog, 9076 Hwy 20, Madison, AL
Apr 23-25	MG Gathering of the Faithful, Palm Coast Florida (407) 671.6888
Apr 30 - May 2	Walter Mitty Road Races – Road Atlanta, Braselton, GA <a href="http://www.hsrrace.com">www.hsrrace.com</a>
May 8	The Birmingham British Motoring Club and the Birmingham Sports Car Club are sponsoring "Sports Cars at Tannehill," Saturday, May 8, at Tannehill Historic State Park. British entrants will vote on British cars of which there are 21 classes. Awards will be presented for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class. For complete info, email David Lavies <a href="mailto:ddl@wwisp.com">ddl@wwisp.com</a>
May 7,8,9	British Car Gathering, Townsend TN. <a href="http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/blountbc/">http://clubs.hemmings.com/clubsites/blountbc/</a>
May 8	British Motor Car Day – Chateau Elan Winery <a href="http://www.chateauelanatlanta.com">www.chateauelanatlanta.com</a>
May 11	Monthly Club Meeting, 6:30 PM Tourway Pancake House, Florence, AL
May 15	Regional British Car Club Family Spring Picnic – Joe Wheeler State Park, Rogersville, AL. Florence (Host), Huntsville, Birmingham, Nashville, Memphis, Chattanooga.
June 18-20	NABMS Father's Day car show at the Decatur, AL mall
Sept 18	Trail of Tears British Car Gathering
Oct 8-9	All British Car & Motorcycle Show – Nashville, TN <a href="http://www.nashvilletn.org/NBCC/">www.nashvilletn.org/NBCC/</a>
Oct 8-9	21st Annual Memphis British Car & Motorcycle Festival – <a href="http://www.memphisbritishcars.org/">www.memphisbritishcars.org/</a>
Oct 23	8th Annual British Renaissance Faire Show - The annual fall show put on by the members of our club
Nov 5-7	Southern British Car Club Show – Chattanooga, TN <a href="http://www.southernbritishcarclub.org/home.html">www.southernbritishcarclub.org/home.html</a>

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## March Drive-Out Sat 3/20/04

### Miss Mary Bobo Boarding House Lunch - Lynchburg, TN

The morning was a little chilly, but the sun was out, and some went for tops down. The morning began at 8 AM at McDonald's in Killen. Thirteen British car enthusiasts ready to spend the day with our "babies": James & Alice, Bob & Eileen, Terry & Donna, Steve & Jan, Jim & Linda, and Jean & Alan. Cameron (with his top down) drove half way with us but had to leave and return to a last minute commitment.

Jim was our tour guide taking us on a route that perked our interest. We traveled out route 25 & 64 through Center Hill and Lexington. Continued on 207 and 273 through Prospect. Just before I-65 we took a much-needed pit stop. We continued to "Bugtussell Road" on to 244 and up through Petersburg. Then continued on 129 into Lynchburg. The drive was a little over three hours with gorgeous weather. The countryside was just starting to bloom with spring flowers and trees of all kinds. The fields were full of blooming blankets of purple wild flowers (really a weed named henbit).

The dips and curves added with the straight-aways to the joy of taking the LBC through their paces. We arrived in Lynchburg at 11:15 AM. Since we could not park at the Boarding House until 12:30, we moved to the square. Some chose to visit the many little shops

around the square, while some (Bob, Terry, Alan, Jim, & Jean) chose to sit on benches to shot the breeze. Our conversation covered everything from the Shoals politics to what else but British Cars.

At 12:30 we moved our LBC to the boarding house and registered with the hostess. We had canceled two reservations that day (Cameron). On our arrival the hostess informed us that there was a last minute walk-in for lunch. Cameron was able to get his money returned. And a plus, the couple from Atlanta owned a Land Rover.



We had been trying to get reservations for months with Miss Mary Bobo, but with little success. Their reputation is unbelievable. Well, those who had lunch that day can now understand the reputation. The meal was

outstanding. Spare-ribs, catfish fillets, cole slaw, rice/broccoli casserole with Mexican peppers, baked apples (ingredient included Jack Daniel), Fried Okra, corn bread, and others. Desert was a peach cobbler with an ingredient of Jack Daniels. I was taken with the apples and peach cobbler. We plan to schedule a trip again next year.

The return home took us down 110 through Ardmore, Elkmont, and Anderson. Jean & Alan left us in Ardmore to travel to Columbia. The weather had moved in by late afternoon so tops were up.

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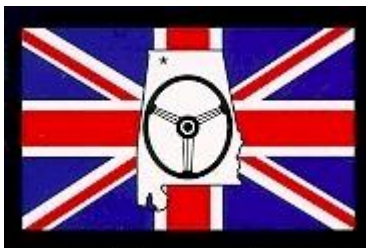


In front of Miss Mary Bobo's  
Lynchburg, TN March 20, 2004



On the steps of The Wooden Nickel  
Cherokee, AL February 21, 2004

'63 MGB 6-wheeler at Boonshoft Museum in Dayton, Ohio Sept 2003.



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