

## Northwest Alabama British Sports Car & Motoring Club Monthly Newsletter March 2004

### February Drive Out – by Jim McCoy

The first drive out of 2004 occurred Sat Feb 21. The day was absolutely gorgeous. The sky was clear, the sun was bright, and the temperature was high 50's (but not quite top down weather). We gathered at 9:30 AM in Florence to begin the Riverton drive. Four vehicles and eight people; Jim/Linda McCoy, James/Alice Hester, Alan/Jean Mammen, Walter Murphy, and guest from Montgomery, Scott Patterson.

Our tour guide, Jim, took us down country roads to the Trace. We visited the "Indian Wall" built by Tom Hendrix as a tribute to his great grandmother. Tom's grandmother was a local Yuchi Indian caught up in the "Trial of Tears" march in the 1830's. Turning south on the Natchez Trace at 50 MPH and 2300 RPM the group crossed the beautiful Tennessee River, and then made a pit stop at Colbert Park (picture). Turning west towards Riverton, we encountered curves, hills, narrow bridges, and clear streams along the way. Our British cars were in their elements. Climbing the VERY steep hill at the entrance to Eagle Point, the group made a brief stop to enjoy the breath taking view of the Tennessee River and Waterloo. At Eagle Point we actually observed an Eagle soaring over the forest (close to us). At the top of the mountain the wind was cold, so we moved on. The comments were that coming down the mountain were rough on Jim and James's LBC.

Riverton, a once thriving cotton town, stands as a reminder of the by-gone days. The houses that remain are a testimonial to the people, wealth,

and quality work that went into the building of the community. Driving south we continued on around Big Bear Creek, which took us past the famous "Plastic Cows & Horses" on Riverton Rose Dr. Till you see this display you have not observed true nature! The understanding is that the "plastic cow farm" was featured in an episode of Charles Keralt's "On The Road".

Turning east on 72, we reached a blazing speed of 60 MPH at times. The caravan reached the Wooden Nickel in record time for lunchtime to commence at 11:45 AM. We had the place to ourselves and had a good time. After enjoying a very good meal and comradarie of the finest order, the group gathered outside for a cheery hup hup hu rah!

The return trip we continued down the North Pike. We took a side trip to Mhoontown Cemetery. For those of you who are history buffs, there are graves dating from the 1700's. The Mhoon family moved to the area from SC in 1784. Some will find that by visiting "old" cemeteries history can be experienced. Much conversation and speculation revolved around the experience.

We all had walkie-talkies which added to our enjoyment with the comments from members as we traveled. Scott had grown up in Oakland, so he enlightened us with some history about the area as we drove through on our way to the Trace.

Our March drive out is Sat March 20 to Miss Mary Bobo's in Lynchburg, TN

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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.

## Club Car Grill Badges

As a fundraiser for our club we have obtained Club Car Grill Badges. The classy high quality badges are made of heavy metal and hand painted with vibrant colors. They are \$25 each for club members, \$30 each for non-members. Please contact the club treasurer.



## Membership Dues

Membership dues for 2004 are due. The club has incurred a cost increase in maintaining a monthly newsletter, insurance, and providing a car show annually. Due to this increase the club has voted to increase our annual dues to \$20 a year per member. Please forward your club dues to the treasurer or bring with you to the March 9<sup>th</sup> meeting.

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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.

2004	Event
Mar 9	Monthly Club Meeting, 6:30 PM Tourway Pancake House, Florence, AL
Mar 20	<b>Drive out</b> to Lynchburg TN and eat at Miss Mary Bobo's. \$14 per person. Must confirm and pay by 2/27/2004. Please mail James Hester so that he can reserve your space. Drive out will begin at 8:00 AM from the McDonald's in Killen on Hwy 72. We must be at the boarding house at 12:45 PM sharp to be seated.
Apr 4	Gathering of the Faithful, Palm Coast Florida (407) 671.6888
Apr 13	Monthly Club Meeting, 6:30 PM Tourway Pancake House, Florence, AL
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 (Huntsville). Allen's Grille & Grog, 9076 Hwy 20, Madison, AL
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.
May 11	Monthly Club Meeting, 6:30 PM Tourway Pancake House, Florence, AL
Sept 20	Trail of Tears British Car Gathering
Oct 23	8th Annual British Renaissance Faire Show – “Brits at the Faire” - the annual fall show put on by the members of our club

### March Drive Out – Sat 3/20/04

Place: Miss Mary Bobo's Boarding House, Lynchburg, TN (See enclosed)  
 Cost: \$14 per person (includes tax, gratuity not included)  
 Meet: Killen McDonald's (Hwy 72)  
 Time: 8:00 AM (car gassed-humans fed ready to go)  
 Drive: Maps provided (Jim McCoy)

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Oldest to youngest  
(cars) attending the  
Feb driveout to  
Riverton:

Jim & Linda  
McCoy (Top)  
'52 MGTD

James & Alice  
Hester (Middle)  
'71 TR-6

Alan & Jean  
Mammen (Last)  
'92 Jag XJS-V12

Not pictured are  
Walter Murphy and  
Scott Patterson with  
Cadillac



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