

North West Alabama British Sports Car & Motoring Club

Monthly News Letter November 2003

Editors Notes

Rather than try to put into words the success of our recent show I thought I'd just let pictures paint what a thousand words cannot.

In our fall show we were privileged to have many out of town/state guests who help make our show the success it was. Many visitors from places like Nashville, Chattanooga, Birmingham, Alabastsa and Atlanta.

Thank you "Out of Towner's" for helping make our show a success.

Before going on I'd like to thank all of the people who sought me out at the show to tell me how much they enjoyed the Newsletter and its format.

The show, while smaller than previous years attracted many new participants and their fine automobiles. We had eleven big Healy's (as well as their smaller brethren the Sprite) an abundance of Jaguar XKE's. MG's were there in force from the "T cars" all the way through to the rubber bumper variety. Even a popular MG saloon the Magnate. This one brought back memories, as I owned one of these in fact it was my first "new car" I owned. Triumphs of many types and colors

Thumbnail of the month

Best of Show

Lou and Pat Ballard brought their magnificent Austin Healey that took everyone's breath away and accordingly was awarded "Best of Show".

Lou and Pat Ballard have owned this beautiful 1963 Austin Healey for the past twenty years. It has never been fully restored, only a fresh coat of paint and an engine rebuild about twenty years ago. What is more amazing about the condition of this car is they put upward of 10K

miles a year on the car. It goes to show what a good dose of TLC will do to a fine automobile.

Pat & Lou live in a suburb of Atlanta, where they belong to the local MG club as well as the Austin Healy club, owning a 1971 red MGB as well as their Healy. As they are retired they attend as many car shows as possible.

However, this was their first visit to our show and their first "Best of Show award". I'm sure after the warm welcome they received; it won't be their last. They said one of the fondest memories would be the hospitality suite on Friday night where the good food and friendship displayed made them feel like royalty.



Lou first became interested in British sports cars, when he was stationed in Germany in the late 50's. While he never owned one while he was there, he became fascinated by the Healy's, MGTF's and TD's but waited thirty years before purchasing his first one. A highlight of recent years was when they shipped the Healy to its birthplace and toured the British Isles for a month.

Many thanks Pat & Lou we appreciate you coming and please come back next year.

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Upcoming Events

Here is a list of events for the upcoming year. If you know of anything that should be added or if you need more information concerning a particular event, please email webmaster@shoalsbritishcars.org.

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2003	Recent and upcoming events
December 13	Retirement party for James Hester. Place 270 Otto's Pond Road, Russelville Phone 256-332-1297 Time 11:00 am
Nov. 11	Club Meeting, 6:30 pm. Tourway Pancake House
Oct 24-25	7th Annual British Renaissance Faire Show -
Nov 7-9	Chattanooga Car Show at the Chattanooga Choo Choo

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