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## 👉 General Meeting 👈

The 2nd Tuesday of each month. Next: Sep 13 & Oct 11, 6:30 pm, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass at 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach

**Guests Are Always Welcome!**

**Drive In Events:** 4th Saturday of each month (unless otherwise scheduled)

**Club Website:**

[www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com](http://www.GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com)

**Club Calendar of Events:**

[www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tpr\\_sOrneea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New\\_York&gsessionid=OK](http://www.Google.com/calendar/embed?src=hub1tpr_sOrneea57ejo3197oo0@group.calendar.google.com&ctz=America/New_York&gsessionid=OK)

**Club FaceBook:**

[www.FaceBook.com/pages/Grand-Strand-British-Car-Club/344525917851](http://www.FaceBook.com/pages/Grand-Strand-British-Car-Club/344525917851)

## My British Car Experiences

By Bill Unger

As a kid my first Jaguar experience, or any sports car for that matter, was riding in my uncle's baby blue XK120 open two-seater when he took me to his friend's house. One of his buddies had an MG TC with those ridiculously skinny tires on tall spoke wheels. There was also a third "foreign car" there, but the marque escapes me. This is what started my fascination with British Sporting Cars. The love affair was further cemented in junior high with a ride in a buddy's father's TR-3 during a Sunday gymkhana (east coast aka. solo) at a shopping center parking lot. How could anyone resist reaching over the low slung door of the Triumph with fingers whisking against the cones just inches above the tarmac? Not a fast ride, just elemental, and barely more refined than a go-cart.

I'm not sure how I ever talked my Dad into buying the 1958 Austin Healey 100-6 that had been sitting in the yard of a nearby house for \$800 in 1965. Probably his latent desire to own a fun car other than the family station wagons that we always had. The car eventually became my high school graduation gift.

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## GSBCC Officers and Committee Chairs

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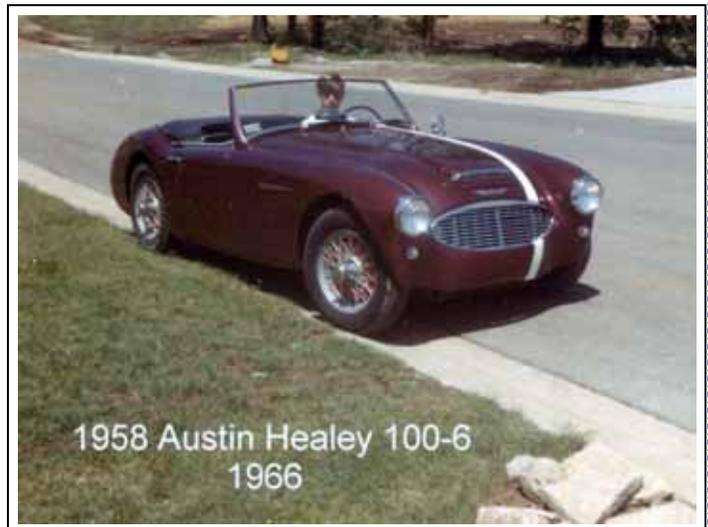
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The Healey originally was an awful mint green with cream cove, but after a few years of life with the prior owner, it required body work to patch the factory installed rust at which time it was repainted a nice maroon. I again repainted the maroon after a few fender benders and more "rustoration".



1958 Austin Healey 100-6  
1966

But the final color was fireplug orange when a cute girl at a neighboring high school said that I should repaint it because she would like it that way. I quickly learned the power of female guile (without the implied reward) at an early age! Unfortunately, the bright orange was also a real attention getter for the local constabulary. (continued next page)



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## My View Through the Windscreen

by Jim Hendricks, President

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Hi Members,

We had a great turnout at the La Belle Amie winery even though it was HOT! We had 14 cars there including some strange black British car??? I had a couple of problems on the way up with my Spitfire. Lug nuts on one wheel backed off after a couple of months, and my right front brake line failed turning it in to a one way check valve. Upgrade on its way. So I can not stress enough check out your car before a trip. Lesson well learned.

Our next Fun Day will be on the 27th at Inlet Square Mall Bowling Center starting at 11:00 am. They are giving us a break on the prices as a group, should be a great time! They also want us to join a league and bowl against other car clubs, might be fun. Well until the 27th keep cool.

Jim Hendricks, President, GSBCC

## Welcome to Our Garage

by Jim Hendricks, President

"Welcome" new GSBCC members ...

Len and Hildy Gwilliam

 Murrells Inlet SC

 1977 MGB V8

 1997 Jaguar XK8

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After selling the A-H, I cruised with a friend in his red MGA one summer in Houston. I like to think I possessed part ownership since I made several investments in parts to keep it on the road. Like the old race cars, it required a ridealong mechanic ... to push-start it at traffic lights since we had to shut the engine off due to a stuck clutch, and the starter was MIA. Once underway, just goose the engine to match the revs between gears to shift.

One day as we push-started the car backwards out of his girlfriend's driveway, her helpful father failed to hear my warnings about the tree next to the drive while he was leaning into the driver's door jamb. The immovable tree sheared the door off its hinges. But no problem .. we set the door in place, secured it with coat hanger wire, and continued on our way.

With no money, we had to be inventive to pass the annual safety inspections and found that empty Budweiser cans sliced lengthwise and secured with hose clamps could closely approximate an exhaust system, at least until several miles down the road after the inspection when the whole mess vibrated loose and fell to the ground. In fact, during that safety inspection was the only time that the horn button worked, too. Must have been our lucky day! The car was cool, though, since it had a roll bar (not bolted to the frame, just setting behind the seats. It was perfect for stabilizing my surfboard atop the windscreen frame while I held on with both hands as we drove to Galveston.

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## Monthly Meeting Minutes

by Felicia Sachs, Secretary

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The General Members Monthly Meeting was called to order on Tuesday, August 9, at J Edwards Great Ribs Restaurant by Jim Hendricks, Pres, at 6:30pm.

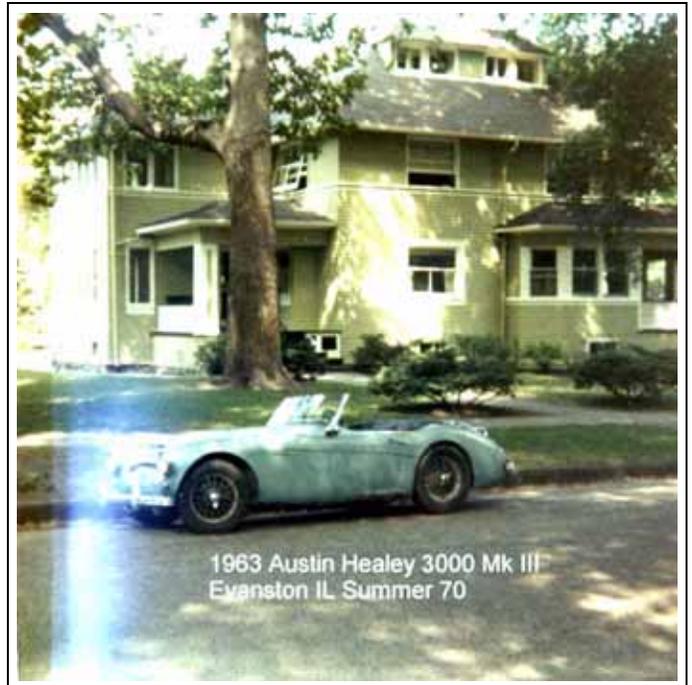
Jim Hendricks announced the recognition of GSBCC by American MG-B Association (AMGBA).

Our next club fun event will be **Sat., Aug. 27, 11:00am Bowling & Brew**, Inlet Square Mall near the movie theater.

Still scheduled is **Sat., Sept. 24, 11:00am The Old Bull & Bush**, Hwy 17 Bypass, MB near the "backgate", get together with the Charleston and Wilmington British car clubs on. Details to follow.

Jim Smith, Treasurer, gave the treasurer's report. The current balance is \$398.17 with an additional \$65 due from T-shirt sales.

**Next month's meeting** Sep. 13, 6:30 pm, T-Bonz, Hwy 17 Bypass at 21st Ave North, Myrtle Beach.

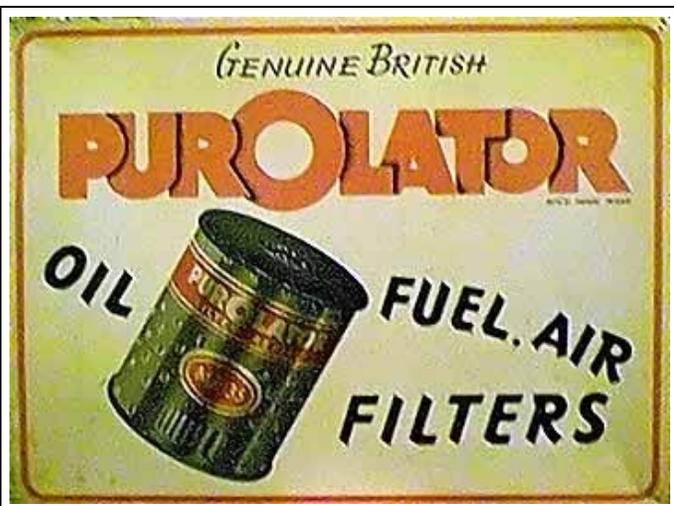


1963 Austin Healey 3000 Mk III  
Evanston IL Summer 70

After a brief custodianship of a 1963 Austin Healey Mk III bought with house painting earnings, I traded up to a 1967 Jaguar E-type roadster ... only \$2500 in 1971, about the price of a new VW Beetle. No brainer!



1967 Jaguar E-Type 4.2 L OTS  
Lake Jacomo Summer 1971



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## Coming Events Lined Up On the Starting Grid

**27-Aug-2011** 11:00am Bowling at Inlet Square Mall sponsored by GSBCC. An hour and a half of bowling, 2 slices of pizza, and soda's for around \$7.50 each. Shoe rental will be a dollar off.

**24-Sep-2011** 11:00am GSBCC Get-Together with Cape Fear British Car Club and British Car Club of Charleston at the Ole Bull & Bush.

**22-Oct-2011** British Car Show sponsored by British Car Club of Charleston at Mt. Pleasant Memorial Waterfront Park located at the end of the Ravenel Bridge leading to the Yorktown Museum park. Registration forms will be available beginning about mid August at [GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com](http://GrandStrandBritishCarClub.com).

## Gots and Wants

**1973 MG Midget Engine** for sale or trade. Contact Jim Smith for info at (843) 907-0178 or [Casper1@sccoast.net](mailto:Casper1@sccoast.net).

**MGB Stainless Steel Exhaust** with highly polished tip. \$200.00. Call Jim Hendricks at (843) 902-0491.

**Wanted** 25d Lucas Distributor for a MGB. Call Jim Hendricks at (843) 902-0491.

(Send your "Gots and Wants" to Newsletter Editor at [BlackRiverExp@att.net](mailto:BlackRiverExp@att.net))

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I have had my current 1969 primrose E-type coupe since December 2002, a bonus to myself after a successful business year. There is always a lot of interest by old geezers like myself ("I've always dreamed of owning a Jaguar XKE. "The XKE is my favorite car of all time!", "James Bond car!", "Austin Powers, Man of Mystery car!") But I was especially pleased when a couple of 20-something dudes driving a delivery truck spotted the E-type parked out back and wanted a closer look. They asked if I would start it up so they could hear the exhaust tone. This from an age group who's familiarity is more with Japanese "tuner" cars. I was flattered!



## Website Photos Needed!

by Rod Smith

We need photos of your ride! Our new website can show off your beautiful Brit Baby, and we can even post numerous photos for you.

Each picture on the website needs to be a high quality, high resolution picture to represent the club in the best light. what do I mean by High Quality and High Resolution?

**High Quality:** Frame your subject appropriately and be sure to keep foreground and background clutter out of your picture. Many times, a great picture is ruined because it has a trailer hitch sticking out of the corner, or it is taken up against a garage or there are other vehicles in the background.

For inspiration, look at any picture of a photo shoot of cars in a magazine. No, you don't have to be a professional photographer, but you can learn just by looking at the way the car or motorcycle is framed.

One possibility is to think about getting down to street level. In other words, you could take the picture from a squatting position instead of standing up. Our cars are low to the ground anyway so this makes them jump off the page.

Consider the picture to be taken at an angle instead of straight on the front, or straight on from the side. An angle gives your subject more depth and shows off its curves and other features.

Lighting is critical! Don't take the picture with the sun directly facing you, but also, don't take the picture with a strong sun behind you. Cloudy days are excellent picture taking days because it filters the light and keeps the subject from getting washed out. If

you want a clear blue sky for the backdrop, try taking your picture early in the morning or late in the afternoon or evening. Digital cameras are much more conducive to taking lots of pictures because you don't have to worry about wasting film. Take lots of pictures from the same general position. You might take one without a flash and one with a flash - experiment!



I'm no professional photographer, but I have included two pictures here to give you some ideas about composition. Note that I got down on the car's level and took it at an angle. This really shows off the mouth of the car, while also showing the beautiful curves of the fenders. The sky is a pretty blue and the picture was taken late in the day, with the sun hidden behind some large live oaks on my property. This way, I got the bright light, without the harshness of midday. Next, notice that my trailer is in the first picture which takes your eye away from the car.

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The next picture is the same one, but I cropped it to get rid of the trailer which focuses the viewer's eye on the car. The flowers on the oleander enhance, but don't steal the show. I believe the final shot is getting closer to being worthy of print, but at the very least, it is better than the first one.



**High Resolution:** Don't let this terminology scare you. Most point and shoot cameras have more than enough resolution to take a quality photo suitable for our website. Some of the newer camera phones can even take pictures good enough to print. Look for a camera that has at least 6 mega pixels as a guide. You can find this on your camera or look on your phone's camera settings to see what size it has.

Now, grab your camera, put your car in a nice setting, use the light to get the right effect and start shooting! We need your pictures!

Rod Smith VP

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(Send your "Ran When Parked" sightings to Newsletter Editor at [BlackRiverExp@att.net](mailto:BlackRiverExp@att.net). Someone may have an interest in bringing old iron back to life on the road!)

## Ran When Parked Triumph Stag



Spotted behind Georgetown Auto Sales. The manager would like very much to see the car disappear. The owner is Matt Midkiff (843) 833-2015 who lives in Pawleys Island. It looks really rough. Matt says his father replaced the engine with a Chevy but still has the original engine. When the car last ran, Matt was driving to Charleston when the engine suddenly quit. As the tow driver was pulling it up onto the flat bed, something went BANG, and the rear end collapsed as you can see in the photos. May be worth a few parts if your interested



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## Club Stuff For Sale

by Jim Lewis, Club Regalia Chair

Remember that when you purchase any club paraphernalia, the price not only pays for the cost of the item, but any profits will benefit you by helping to offset GSBCC sponsored event expenses. Won't you please give? And give often? Okay, so here are your choices:



**T-Shirts \$15**

**Sweat Shirts \$25**

These shirts are top quality USA made Guildan, preshrunk, cool 100% cotton, with a large GSBCC logo on the back and a small GSBCC logo above the left breast pocket.

sizes: Small, Medium, Large, X to XXX Large

T-shirt color: Olde English white

Sweat Shirt color: Morris Garages gray

**Driving Caps \$15**

Traditional ball cap style which you wear on your head (forwards or backwards) to look "way cool" and to announce your car club affiliation with the GSBCC logo embroidered above the bill.

sizes: only one but it is adjustable

colors: British Racing green, Coventry blue, Morris Garage light gray (all with black bill)



**Stickers FREE!**

(with shirt or cap purchase)

No, they don't cost a quarter, but it gives you an idea of the size. And get both logos on each sheet. They peel off to apply on the inside of your vehicle's glass without any wetting or other adhesives. But do they ever stick ... even through repeated cleanings! Cheap enough to go in all of the windows in your cars and your house!

I will have all of these items available at all club meetings and events. So purchase them then or give me a call to make other arrangements.

