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The Museum Board wishes to thank all of you that took time to attend the annual business meeting. The meeting was very productive with good response from members on Museum initiatives and efforts.

Linda Wolfe volunteered to take over the Membership duties and Bob Mason volunteered to help in the search for a building to house the Museum. We can still use a volunteer to maintain and track the Museum Library of books and manuals as they accumulate. Will someone step forward to pick up this important function??

Another happening at the meeting was the presentation of books the Museum received from the private collection of Robert E. van Patten. These books were donated by Mr. van Patten; the Museum having first choice of the books available from the collection. Our heart felt thanks go out to Mr. van Patten for this kind and welcome addition to our Library of books.

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British Automobile Event Calendar 2002

Events in the Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland and Indianapolis Areas, 2002.

Dave Lindsey

Central Ohio Mini Owners

- May 19 British Car Day XVIII at Easton Town Center, Columbus, Ohio. Contact Tony Burgess at: BRITSatEASTON@aol.com or call Tony at (614)899-2394
- May 25-Jun 2 Sixth Annual British Car Week Also known as "Drive Your British Car Week." Scott Helms - Curator Trmgafun@aol.com
- June 13-16 Sprint Vintage Grand Prix and The All Triumph 50th Anniversary at Mid-Ohio Race Course. Sports Car Vintage Racing Association weekend.
- June 20-23 The Sunbeam Invasion II, Dayton, Ohio. Sponsored by the Sunbeam Alpine Owners Club of America. Contact Ian Spencer at: ian@sunbeamalpine.org or call Ian at (937) 395-00095.
- June 27-30 Mini Meet East, Charleston, South Carolina. See below for info: <http://www.minimeeteast.com>
- August 3 British Car Day 2002 at Eastwood MetroPark, Harshman Rd, Dayton, OH. Sponsored by the MG Car Club, SW Ohio Centre & Miami Valley Triumphs. Contact Skip Peterson at -293-2819 or: MGBSkip@aol.com
- Sept 16-22 Valvoline Runoffs at Mid-Ohio Race course.



MUSEUM MEMBERSHIPS

- **Individual Membership - \$25 per year:** Member receives One (1) membership card, free admission for the membership holder, 10% discount at the museum gift shop and the Museum Newsletter.
- **Family Membership - \$45 per year:** Family Members receive Two (2) membership cards, admission for the card holders and up to four (4) children, 10% discount at the museum gift shop and the Museum Newsletter.
- **Contributing Membership - \$100 per year:** Contributing members receive the same as Family Memberships plus 10% discount off fees for any classes or seminars held by the museum.
- **Sustaining Membership - \$250 per year:** Sustaining members receive the same as Family Memberships plus %25 discount off fees for any classes or seminars held by the museum.
- **Founding Membership - \$5,000 per year:** Available only for the first five (5) years of the Society's existence. Founding members will receive five (5) membership cards and admission for the card holders and up to 10 children, 10% discount at the museum gift shop, the Museum Newsletter, free access to any class or seminar held by the Museum and a commemorative brick with the founders name which will be placed outside the Museum.
- **Organization and Business:**

- **Gold: \$1,500 per year:** Gold Business members will receive the Museum Newsletter, 1/2 page advertisement in the Newsletter and a Corporate Display Plaque denoting "Gold" membership.
- **Silver: \$1,000 per year:** Silver Business members will receive the Museum Newsletter, 1/4 page advertisement in Newsletter and Corporate Display Plaque denoting "Silver" membership.
- **Bronze: \$500 per year:** Bronze Business members will receive the Museum Newsletter, 1/8 page advertisement (business card size) in Newsletter, and Corporate Display Plaque denoting "Bronze" membership.

Tony Burgess, a member of the Emerald Necklace and organizer of the Cleveland NAMGBR convention and the MG 2001 gathering, is proposing an All Ohio MG Meet this summer. His suggested dates are July 20 or 21. This is very tentative at this time, we will keep you up to date on it as we find out more on it.

Mystery Car, can you identify this 1920 model made in Gloucester?→

Strange but true!

At a recent auction to benefit survivors of the September 11th terrorist attacks, a Jaguar XJ6 originally owned by Frank Sinatra was up for sale. The winning bid was by a couple from Cape May Court House, N. J. for \$20,000. The seller did not want to go through with the deal stating that the bid did not raise enough money for the charity. After a court appearance the two finally settled with the seller agreeing to the sale provided that the buyer not sell the car within two years.



This is just a picture, no relation to either article

Compare this with the following Ad that I pulled down off the Internet:

I wish to trade my 1983 Jaguar XJ6 for a pontoon boat. See <http://personal.bellsouth.net/~edmanley> for pictures. This car has been completely restored, with new transmission, complete brake system replacement, all new front-end suspension, new fuel tanks, radiator.....more. The straight six is strong with good compression on all cylinders, no smoke. I have over \$9,000. invested in the car. The blue-book value is only \$2,000. but that is not reflective of the restoration that has been done to this automobile. I value the car at \$4,500. for trade purposes.

I seek a 24' or longer pontoon boat, motor and trailer for an even swap. Must run dependably. Call Ed at 205-956-6814 or email edmanley@bellsouth.net ⇔





Holiday greetings from our members!

Top: Bill and Hazel Hammond, MG Car Club
Bottom: Pete Stroble Family, Ohio Mini Owners



Robert E. van Patten Books
Donated to the British Museum of Transportation

Title	Year	Binding	Condition
All But My Life, Purdy and S. Moss. The title says it all.	1963	HB	FC
Exhaust and Intake Systems, Phillip H. Smith. Manifolds, headers, tuned intakes, tuned exhausts. . Technical but not excessively mathematical. Good basic engineering stuff.	1963	HB	GC
History of the Motorcar, by Crown Publishing. Big lavish coffee table book with 707 illustration, 485 of them in color.	1970	HB	GC
MG Cars, Davidson. A Practical Guide to Maintenance and Repair Covering Models from 1934	1958	HB	GC
Runabouts and Roadsters: Collecting and Restoring Antique, Classic and Special Interest Sports Cars, Bob Stubenrauch. Too technical to be a coffee table book but has that feel. The title says it all.	1973	HB	VGC
The Custom Body Era, Pfau. Another coffee table book mostly about the days when you paid \$42,000 for a bare Bugatti Royale chassis and turned it over to the coachbuilder of your choice. Champagne anyone? But seriously - some good technical stuff if you're into this.	1970	HB	GC
The Racing Sportscar, Pritchard. The firebreathers of the 50s and 60s when 2-seaters were real sportscars	1971	HB	VGC
The Sports Car Engine: Its Tuning and Modification, Colin Campbell. . Technical but not excessively mathematical. Good basic engineering stuff.	1965	HB	GC
The Wonderful World of the Automobile, Ken Purdy. A classic	1960	HB	GC
Those Wonderful Old Automobiles	1953	HB	GC

These books are available to Museum members only for loan. Check with Dick Smith for details.

Limited Calendars for sale to Members

The Museum has two beautiful calendars for sale (one copy only of each available) and members are being offered them first. After the first of the year they will go up for sale on either the Museum Web site or Ebay. The calendars are:

1. 2002 MG Wall Calendar with twelve 12"X10" color photographs of various MGs, very nice, excellent photographs. Price is \$14.95.
2. 2002 Triumph Wall Calendar with twelve 12"X10" color photographs of various Triumphs, very nice, excellent photographs. Price is \$14.95.

Call Dick Smith at (937) 434-1750 if you want one of these calendars.

More Holiday greetings from our members!



*IT'S CHRISTMAS!
Let the merry times roll!*

Merry Christmas + Happy New Year
Mark + Ceci

Christmas greetings received from Member Mark Smith and his wife Ceci, Long Beach MG Car Club.



Have a Merry
Christmas
and
Make the Moke
of the New Year!

From your
Museum Staff!



From Trevor Boicey's Obscure British car Humor
<http://www.brit.ca/~tboicey/comics.html>



The Society still has T-Shirts for sale to help support the British Museum of Transportation. These T-Shirts sell for \$10 each. Ohio residents will be required to add 65 cents for sale tax. Shipping costs will be by priority mail at \$3.20 for up to two shirts. Sizes run medium, large, xlarge and xxlarge. Orders can be place by mail. Send check or money order to:

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 2304 Wrenside Lane
 Kettering, OH 45440-2324

Application for Membership
The Society for the Preservation of British Transportation in America
dba British Museum of Transportation

Name: _____

Street: _____ **City** _____ **Zip:** _____

Phone: _____

Membership Type:	Amount:
<input type="checkbox"/> Individual (\$25 per year)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Family (\$45 per year)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Contributing Member (\$100 per year)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Sustaining Member (\$250 per year)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Founding Member (\$5,000 per year)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Organization and Business:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Gold (\$1,500 per year)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Silver (\$1,000 per year)	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Bronze (\$500 per year)	_____

<http://www.brit.ca/~tboicey/comics.html>