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I know you have all heard and listened about the devastating loss of lives and property in NY City and at the Pentagon, it is not necessary to go over any details here. The Museum Board and our members are saddened and appalled by the attack on our basic values of freedom, tolerance and safety. What a sad and terrible time, the loss of lives, the suffering for so many. It is right there with the assassination of JFK and the loss of the Challenger Shuttle as an event where you will always remember where you were and what you were doing at that very moment. I for one have been in the WTC, south tower. The view of NY City, the Statue of Liberty, Ellis Island, New Jersey shore line along the Hudson River, the bridges crossing the rivers encircling Manhattan Island, the Ferry, you name it, it was something to behold! The escalator up to the observation floor was the longest one I have ever been on, quite a sight in itself. Carol, my wife of 39+ years, and

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Tri-State British Automobile Event Calendar

Events in the Dayton, Cincinnati, Columbus, Cleveland and Indianapolis Areas, 2000.

Dave Lindsey

Central Ohio Mini Owners

- August 16-20 2000 Encounter, Austin Healey, USA. Valley Forge, PA. Call 613-386-3797 for info.
- August 17-20 Summer Party 2000, Chicagoland MG Club. Abingdon, IL.
- August 24-27 Austin Healey Meet. AH Club of Canada. Kingston, ON, CAN
Call 613-386-3797 for info.
- August 26-27 Vintage Races, Mid-Ohio Race Course. Includes GT-5 Invitational
- August 27 British Car Day, Boot N' Bonnet. Kingston, ON, CAN. Call 613-386-3797 for info.
- September PRODUCTION OF THE MINI CLASSIC ENDS.** Month of mourning, wear black arm bands at all car events.
- Sept. 10 Boonshoft Museum Concours D'Elegance. Ferrari & Ford are Featured cars. Boonshoft Museum of Discovery, Dayton, Ohio. Call Skip Peterson @ 937-293-2819.
- Sept. 21-24 British Invasion, Stowe, VT. Call 508-497-9655 for info.
- Oct 2-8 Valvoline Runoffs. Presented by NAPA Auto Parts, Mid Ohio Race Course, Lexington, Ohio.

Please send any additional listings, corrections, and/or updates to COMO, care of David Lindsey at djl@erinet.com.

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.

Announcement



Dick Smith would like to announce his marriage to Barbara James on July 27th, 2001.

ANNUAL MEETING AND ELECTION OF OFFICERS

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Due to the very busy schedule in September with the Boonshoft Museum of Discovery Concours D'Elegance and the SCCA Runoffs at Mid Ohio, the Society for the Preservation of British Transportation in America will hold it's annual Corporate membership and board meeting on October 17th, 2001. This meeting will be held at Donatos Pizza, Centerville, 7912 Paragon Road at 7:30 in the Party Room. The status of the Corporation and its operating arm, the British Museum of Transportation, will be discussed. Election of Corporate officers will be held with a proposed slate of officers presented by the current board (see page 6). Other nominations will be accepted from the members present at the meeting. All voting members must hold paid up Museum membership for the next fiscal year. If you are unable to attend, please fill out the Proxy statement on page 6 and send it back .



BRITISH CAR DAY 2001 Dayton, Ohio

British Car Day 2001 sponsored by the Miami Valley Triumph Club and the MG Car Club, Southwestern Ohio Centre, was held on August 4th. The weather was beautiful and the show drew 264 cars of enthusiastic British car owners. WOW!, a great show! The British Museum of Transportation was involved in this show with the trophy for the "Best of Show" being given and presented by the BMT, to Ronald MacClean for his 1954 Jaguar XK 120. Museum members who were winners were Phil Johnson who placed first with his 1951 MG TD and Ian Cunningham who won Award of Excellence for both his Sunbeam Alpine and his chrome bumper MGB. Museum member Dick Smith worked the booth for the MG Car Club and the Museum. He had a very busy day, not getting a chance to look at the cars himself. The Museum also sponsored a memorial exhibit of the cars of Museum members and car club friends who had passed away during the last year and a half. See pictures on next page.

I were in NYC celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary. We made the trip from Times Square to the WTC by subway, one of many unique experiences during the trip. Carol (1941-2000) and I thoroughly enjoyed the city and it's many facets. If she were still with us she would be very, very sad and horrified to see what this heinous crime has done to it now, the lives it took and the people it hurt. Let us all support in any little way we can the efforts to help those in need from this tragedy and to rebuild our great nation both in strength and in our determination to not let it happen again.

Please plan on attending our Annual meeting on October 17th. The Museum needs your continuing support and vision to keep moving ahead. We are proud of our accomplishments and want to make sure this effort does not falter. Our web site has continual traffic, while not in the thousands, a steady and growing interest. We sold Museum T-shirts at BCD and met many new people who are interested in the Museum. Above all, we need you to renew your membership and support us into the future. We still need support for the automobiles that the Museum has acquired. Funds towards paying off the balance on John Clark's TR Spitfire and funds towards completion of the Sunbeam Imp donated by family of Robert Hufziger of Middletown. One way I have used successfully myself is to sell off things on Ebay that I no longer need and donate the proceeds to the Museum. This is a continuing effort and has been very productive. A big bonus is getting rid of things that are taking too much space!!

The British Museum of Transportation is a unit of the Society for the Preservation of British Transportation in America, Inc. British Automobile is published BI-monthly and is the organ of the British Museum of Transportation. Any correspondence or inquiries may be directed to Dick Smith at 2304 Wrenside Lane, Kettering, Ohio 45440-2324. Phone is (937) 434-1750.



BMW Recalling All Minis



Munich, Germany; Sept. 6 — BMW's much-ballyhooed and long-awaited new Mini finally went on sale just a few weeks ago in July, initially in England only. However, according to European sources, the German firm is recalling all of them for a potential fire hazard that already has caused some minor fires.

There is never a good time for a recall. However, the timing of this one could be fairly damaging, because the Mini is due to go on sale in continental Europe on Saturday.

The problem is that, due to inadequate grounding of the fuel-filler, a discharge of static electricity can occur when a fuel nozzle is inserted into the filler. This discharge can ignite fuel vapors lingering in the filler, the tube that connects it to the fuel tank and the tank itself.

Two minor fires reportedly have occurred as a result of this problem, one in an English dealership and the other at the factory during testing. However, there are worries that the static discharge could trigger explosions, rather than just small fires. BMW has said that there is no danger of this, though, and adds that there were no injuries from either of the fires.

BMW hadn't ignored the need for grounding of the fuel filler in the car's original design. However, rather than use the conventional method of directly grounding the affected pieces with some sort of metal connection, they had chosen to ground them via the use of a specially engineered paint. Unfortunately, according to reports, it appears that this paint wears very quickly and rapidly loses its ability to prevent static buildup. The fix will be to install a grounding cable on the full-filler inlet.

More than 7000 new Minis have been built so far. In what seems an odd move, they're all

going back to the factory in Oxfordshire for repairs, rather than being modified at the dealer level. Reportedly, employees worked over this past weekend to make the repairs, which take about 20 minutes to half an hour per car. One estimate has put the cost of these repairs at about three million pounds. At today's exchange rate, that's a little less than \$4.4 million.

Only about 500 cars have been delivered to owners since they went on sale. However, one of them went to publishing magnate Rupert Murdoch's newly married daughter and son-in-law as a wedding gift. Another, according to the UK newspaper *The Scotsman*, went to a three-year-old girl in Portsmouth, England. It was a present from her grandfather - 14 years in advance of her passing her driving test.

BMW expects to build about 25,000 of the new Minis this year. All of them will go to the European markets. The car won't go on sale here until early next year.

For more information on the Mini and its return, see ["Return of the Mini;"](#) Consumer News; Sept. 16, 2000.

MG Car Club, Southwestern Ohio Centre, Celebrates 35th Year!!

The MG Car Club, Southwestern Ohio Centre, held it's 35th anniversary Party on Sunday, August 26th. This club has a lot to be proud of with its membership being very strong and very active. A great turn out was held despite the threat of and actual rain. Steaks and drinks were provided by the Club and members brought a dish to share. One of the highlights of the day was the competition of "Aunt Sally", a strictly British game. "Aunt Sally" is played with a wooden head shaped prop positioned on a pole. Each player is issued 4 sticks, about 2 by 2 by 10 inches. From about 30 feet away, the idea is to knock "Aunt Sally" off the pole without hitting the pole itself. This game was brought to the picnic by John and Karen Steck of the Austin Healey Club and the fun was appreciated by all. The winner was Terry Looft who won in a playoff against Jennifer Peterson. The first two pictures below shows the lineup of MGs in front

of the home of club member Dick Goodman in Beavercreek, Ohio. The third picture is of the retiring officers of the MG Club. New officers were elected at the picnic and the fourth is the Anniversary cake.



MGCC officers, 2000-2001

Left to Right: Betty Shannyfelt, Ed Hill, Bill Hammond, Ron Parks, Terry Looft and Phil Johnson.



May the club have many happy and event filled years ahead!



The Society is now offering 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 placed by mail. Send check or money order to:

The British Museum of Transportation
 2304 Wrenside Lane
 Kettering, OH 45440-232

PROXY STATEMENT

If you cannot attend the Annual Meeting of Members of the Society for the Preservation of British Transportation in America on October 17th, please fill out the following statement and return it to the address below by the 15th of October.

Member name: _____

Membership Number: _____

Slate of Officers to be elected:

	<u>Proposed by Board</u>	<u>Write-in Nomination</u>
President:	John Wolfe	_____
Vice-President:	Michael Edgerton	_____
Secretary/Treasurer:	Richard R. Smith	_____
Board Member at Large:	Michael Smith	_____

I approve the slate of officers as listed above and give them my vote: _____
Signature

I have made other nominations for officers as listed above: _____
Signature

Date: _____

Send Proxy Statement to: Richard R. Smith, 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)	_____

Society Memberships

The following is a list of members of the Society for the Preservation of British Cars in America and shows the expiration date of the respective members. Please renew your membership when it is due and help keep the Society workings continue..

<u>Name</u>	<u>Membership #</u>	<u>Exp. Date</u>
Brown, Gary	BRO001	8/7/00
Edgerton, Mike	EDG001	8/7/00
Hammond, William	HAM001	8/7/00
Hooker, Joe	HOO001	8/7/00
Johnson, Philip	JOH001	8/7/00
Miller, Steve	MIL001	8/7/00
Smith, Michael	SMI002	8/7/00
Smith, Thomas	SMI003	8/7/00
Smith, Mike & Kaday	SMI004	8/7/00
Wolfe, John	WOL001	8/7/00
Cunningham, Ian	CUN001	9/26/00
Smith, Mark & Ceci	SMI005	11/19/00
Stroble, Pete & Nancy	STO001	12/6/00
MG Car Club	MGC001	12/31/00
Schneider, Matt	SCH001	7/1/01
Smith, Richard	SMI001	8/7/01
Sparklin, Karl & Ellen	SPA001	8/7/01