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# From the President

Tom Renick

## SABCC is BAAAAAACK!!!!

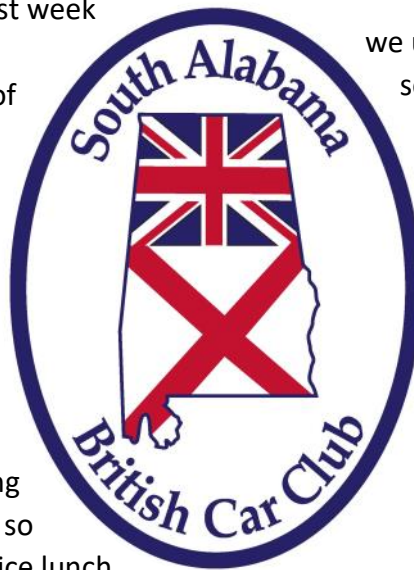
While we were never really gone - we did have our British Car Festival (BCF) last October after all, and our Annual Club Picnic last month - almost everything else came to a tire-smoking, screeching halt.

But, thanks to VP Don Pritchett's superb planning, we had a fantastic Back Road Tour last week with enough British cars to make a respectable parade down the shore of Mobile Bay whilst exciting numerous joggers along the way. The convoy wound back up through mid-county over to a very impressive collection of spotless MOPAR (not British I'm told) muscle cars [*and one Corvette, also not British-Ed.*] and at least a million bits of memorabilia that kept us busy ogling for over an hour. Ogling makes one hungry as we discovered, so on down to Big Daddy's for a really nice lunch under the open covered deck next to Fish River. All in all, it was another activity that you should not have missed. We'll have more because, thankfully, Don is full of them [*activities, that is-Ed.*].

To round things out, we are back on our regular meeting schedule. The resumed gathering will be next week on the fourth Tuesday of the month (as usual), eating and greeting at 6:00 p.m. (as usual), and meeting at 7:00 p.m. (as usual). The Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant at Malbis (as usual) is where the roundup will occur. Hopefully, our new members will drop by so we can all get to see each other. Door prizes are ready, and Ron Wolverton has rolls of tickets ready for 50/50 aspirants. While there may be members who still want to stick close to home,



Photo by Noel Eagleson



we understand and hope that you will feel secure about getting out again soon.

BCF is sneaking up on us only five months away. Brian Daly has a good handle on it already but there may be a task of two still to be filled. Get with him to see what may be needed. As always, if each of us does a little, the big show will be highly successful (AS USUAL).



As usual, Tom Renick is the president of South Alabama British Car Club. He's pictured here at the Silverhill show with one of one those non-British MOPARs (photo courtesy of Noel Eagleson).

**On the cover:** Tom Schmitz's 1965 MGB on display at the Silverhill show.

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Membership in SABCC is open to anyone with an interest in classic or modern British cars.

[Membership application can be found here.](#)

# Activities Calendar

The powers that be require us to remind you that not every event listed on this calendar is officially sanctioned by SABCC, but that shouldn't stop you from attending. However, to avoid confusion, SABCC events are highlighted in **red**.

**June 22, 2021**

**SABCC Monthly Meeting**, Don Carlos Restaurant, 29669 AL-181, Daphne; eat at 6:00 p.m. (on your dime); meet at 7:00 p.m.

**July 18, 2021**

**Schmitz Tri-Club Pig Roast**, Lillian, free.

**July 20, 2021**

**SABCC Monthly Meeting**, Don Carlos Restaurant, 29669 AL-181, Daphne; eat at 6:00 p.m. (on your dime); meet at 7:00 p.m.

**October 22 - 23, 2021**

**British Car Festival**, Fairhope, AL, \$25.

## July 2021

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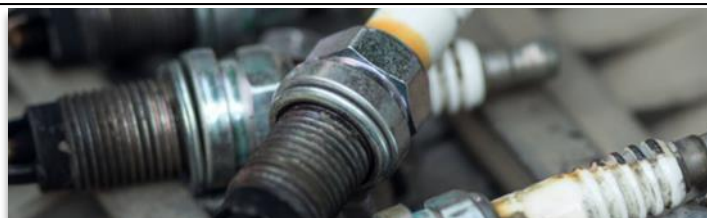
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# Sparks

## Club and Member News



### A “Not-So-Backroads” Drive, Garage Tour, and Lunch Make One Great Day

*photos by Robb Ogletree*

Threats of rain showers, which were realized later in the day, did not dissuade some 25 SABCC members in eleven British cars from participating in the June 12, 2021 event organized by VP of Activities **Don Pritchett**. Don had originally planned a backroads



*One last photo op before starting out. Cars not shown in the previous photo include **Rich Black's** Jaguar XJ8 Vanden Plas and **Burt Sonenstein's** Aston Martin Virage Volante. Other members in this picture are (L to R) **Noel Eagleson**, **Tom Renick**, **George and Caroline Brown**, **Ed.** (behind the Browns), **Dave Roloson**, **Tom Schmitz**, and **Dick Bishop** (in his MGB).*



*Participants line up in Daphne before the tour begins. From left to right, a Jaguar XFR, a Sunbeam Alpine, a Triumph TR6, an MGA, a Jaguar E-Type, and an MGB—and club members discussing the state of world affairs. **Rodney McDonald** (green shirt, center) stopped by to extend good wishes; he's chatting with tour organizer **Don Pritchett** (with bag).*

tour through Baldwin County, ending at the Derailed Diner at Interstate 10 and Wilcox Road, but when those plans were derailed [*don't laugh, it just encourages me-Ed.*] by a shortage of staff that forced the restaurant to temporarily close, Don quickly regrouped. Calling on his friend Steve Long, owner of an elaborate garage and man cave near Fish River, Don organized a drive along Scenic 98 through Daphne, Montrose, Fairhope, and Point Clear, then north on CR 9. The garage, with its extensive collection of signs, scale models, memorabilia, and three real cars—a 25th Anniversary Corvette, a

Plymouth Satellite, and a Dodge Challenger—is almost beyond description, and Steve was an exceedingly gracious host. The group then repaired to Big Daddy's Restaurant on Fish River for a leisurely lunch.



*Cars and members posed for a group shot at Steve's garage. Besides the cars listed in previous photos, **Fred Watson's** classic Mini and **Tony McLaughlin's** Morgan Plus 8 departed with the group in Daphne, and **Mario Gabriel** and his son met us along the way in their MGB.*



Inside the garage, classic Coca-Cola chalkboards posted a warm greeting to the club members.



Steve's Plymouth Satellite and his Dodge Challenger share floor space via a four-post lift.



Noel Eagleson takes a picture as Caroline Brown looks on.



Host Steve Long (right, in black) points out something interesting to Burt Sonenstein.



Steve's collection includes signs, posters, scale models, posters and more. His 1978 Corvette is in the foreground.



At Big Daddy's, Mattie Lee is much more interested in her phone than any words of wisdom from her dad, Peter (foreground).

## Silverhill Show Brings Out the Brits

*photos by Noel Eagleson and Michael King*

May 29 marked the triumphant return of the Silverhill Veteran's Memorial Show, with 209 cars and trucks participating in the fundraiser—not quite a record, but close, according to longtime show organizer Frankie Kucera. Spanning all four corners of the intersections of Ala. Highway 104 and County Road 55, the 2021 version was made poignant by the passing of 15 members of the hosting Gearjammers Car Club, some from COVID, since the last show. Frankie presented their survivors with a commemorative book during the awards ceremony.

"As usual" [*ref. President's article, page 2-Ed.*], SABCC and Mardi Gras MG member **Dick Bishop** and his



*Dick Bishop's MGB, "Brooke," and the trailer he uses to haul all the show accoutrements.*



*Triumph Turf: Dave Roloson's TR4 and Alex Bowab's Spitfire.*

team ensured British cars would have a special place at the show, and about 20 Brits participated. The hosts always include a British class, and this year the judges gave the "Best British" award to a Cobra replica [*more on that in "Weak and Rusty, p. 13-*



*Mike Darby's MGA, foreground, next to a Morgan replica and a big Healey, with Don Pritchett's MGB behind them.*



*Bottom: Elva Courier; Top: Ed.'s Jaguar XFR*

## Welcome New Members

SABCC has not met since February 2020, but the club has continued to grow. When we meet on June 22, not every face will be familiar. Relying on the 2021 membership directory, and VP of Membership **Rich Black's** excellent updates since, here are all the members who joined during our time apart [*Ed. apologizes for any inadvertent errors or omissions*]:

- **Andrea and Michael Bertagnolli** live in Spanish Fort and have a 1976 MGB Roadster. They joined in July.
- **Robert and Dee Carstens** joined in February 2020, just before the Great Darkness descended. They live in Mobile and have a 1979 MG Midget 1500 Roadster, which is for sale (see p. 12).
- **Aaron and Vanessa Graeb** own a 1963 Triumph Spitfire and are in Mobile. They joined in October.
- **Edward and Gina Grouby** also joined last October. They live in Opelika, and they have a 1991 Range Rover Classic and a 1973 Land Rover 100.
- **Janet and David Knott**, who live in Churchula, own a 1960 MGA Roadster. They joined in October.
- **Mark and Sandra Lammon** of Spanish Fort joined in December. They have a 2012 Jaguar XK coupe.
- **Don McDonald**, who joined SABCC in November, lives in Fairhope and manages a 1957 MGA Roadster and a 1962 MGA Mk II Roadster.
- **Cortland and Mary Ann Musgrave**, residents of Bush, La., joined last July. They have a 2005 Jaguar XJ8L and a 1958 Morgan Plus 4 Roadster.
- **Joe and Kara Rose**, owners of a 1994 Jaguar XJS Convertible, joined in September. They live in Daphne.
- **David and Lisa Schosker** from Lillian, owners of a 2017 Lotus Evora 400 2+2, joined in October.
- **Gary and Lynne Scovil** joined in May 2021. From Mobile, they have 2000 and 2005 Jaguar XK8 convertibles.
- **Mike Schiebert and Michelle Patton** of Daphne joined in March 2021. They have a 1973 Jaguar E-Type V12 Roadster.
- **Neal and Shannon Shaw**, residents of Fairhope, have a 1976 TR6 Roadster. They joined in October.
- **Ron Thomas**, who has a 1958 Triumph TR3, joined in January. He lives in Bay Minette.
- **Terry and Meredith Trovato** live in Fairhope and joined in May 2021. They have a long list of cars!

## Farewell to Walter Dunlap

by Tom Renick, SABCC President

It is with great sadness that I report the passing of one of our SABCC members. Walter M. Dunlap III was an interesting and friendly person. While working in banking all his life, he really liked to tinker and enjoyed cars and sailing. The tinkering he got from his father [*who was an engineer with Ford and later, an antique dealer-Ed.*] who left him a tool collection that he would bring around from time to time so we could try to guess what some of them were for. Stumped us most of the time.



Walter enjoying club fellowship at the 2018 Pig Roast

British cars were a favorite of his although he had a 1965 Mustang. After moving to Magnolia Springs, he built a really nice garage with bins and shelves for everything he needed and a place for a lift. He had his Mustang trucked down ready to be restored. But about that time he contracted a serious health problem followed by complications from which he never recovered.

Walter is survived by a son, Walter, IV, and his wife Jeanette Sims. Services and burial will take place in South Carolina, Walter's home. Walter will be missed by all of his club friends.

[*At the time of publication, no online obituary was available for Walter Dunlap. If we obtain more information, we will share it via email-Ed.*]

# Spannering

Advice on Repairs, Parts, and Services



## Stainless Steel Bumpers can be a Great Alternative to Re-plating

by Scott Paradise

As I go through the TR6 it came time to address the chrome. Luckily, a TR6 does not have much! Both bumpers needed attention as well as one tail light casting.

I contacted the local chrome shop in Prichard only to find out that they are so behind that they are not accepting new work. I then contacted Graves Plating in Florence AL. Graves has been the go-to plater for show car stuff since I was a kid. Luckily I was sitting down when they gave me a ballpark figure of \$1750.00 plus shipping, etc. Five years ago I had a TR6 bumper plated locally for \$400.00, so you can understand my shock!

Looking for alternatives, I found that several vendors now offer replacement bumpers in stainless steel. I dwelled on it for a few days...do I really want to send \$1100.00 to England for bumpers made in Vietnam? After doing some research I decided to risk it and ordered the kit.



The new stainless steel bumper on the TR6

(photo by Scott Paradise)

Three weeks later a large package arrives, and holding my breath I open it and unwrap the first piece. I rarely use words like “stunning,” “perfect,” or “OMG that is beautiful,” but I have to say the words describe the workmanship and finish on the bumpers. As Pierre has mentioned in past articles, the quality of pieces and parts from the other side of the world has vastly improved over the years.

## Dry Ice can be a Great Alternative to Media Blasting

shared by Dave Roloson

SABCC member Dave Roloson shared with *Ed*. a quite interesting article on the use of dry ice to remove undercoating from the underside of a car you are restoring [*which is usually where one finds undercoating-Ed.*]. Written by Craig Fitzgerald and [published on the Hagerty Media website](#), the article, while too lengthy to reprint here, is worth the read and includes several photos. Below are “before” (top) and “after” (bottom) pictures from Dave Pickard / ACT Dry Ice Services, which has been using the technology for nearly 25 years.

The article says dry ice will remove “decades of grease, grime, undercoating, and surface rust” without harming the surface—including original paint. Pretty cool, don’t you think? [*Yes, but my pun wasn’t-Ed.*]





# Pierre's Wisdom

Pierre Fontana

## The Very Rich are Different—Even in the Lubrication of their Motorcars

Just a short note, in many years of maintaining old British iron, during the early years I had to improvise or procure special greasing tools to maintain old Rolls or Bentleys and others. The ride was of utmost importance. Flat springs were heavily lubricated to keep the grease "in," and leather gaiters surrounded the springs like a glove. A special clamp-like tool was used to saturate the springs with grease.

Rolls did not use Zerk fittings like our cars, but they can be modified to do so. The small brass adapter



*Photo courtesy Pierre Fontana*

was specially made to use with an American grease gun on Rolls fittings, while the flexible line is made to lock on some of the British grease fittings. [*When you build the world's finest motorcars, you can grease them however you want-Ed.*]



# Just Around the Bend

## Upcoming Events of Interest



### Club Meeting—June 22

That's right, folks, for the first time in 16 months, SABCC will be holding a club meeting. In case you've forgotten, or have never been to one of our meetings, here are a few important details:

- We meet at Don Carlos Mexican Restaurant in on Highway 181 in Daphne. It's on the west side of the highway, just north of Highway 90.
- For you navigation system, Waze, or Google Maps types, Don Carlos' address is 29669 AL-181, Daphne, AL 36526.
- Our usual meeting spot is a separate room on the north side of the restaurant (to your right if you come in the main entrance, or enter via the "To Go" door on the north side of the building).
- We eat at 6:00 p.m., and the meeting starts promptly at 7:00. If you plan to eat, please arrive early enough that the servers can get your meal to you before 7:00.
- The meal cost is on you.
- Throwing food is generally discouraged.
- Bring a couple of extra bucks—we do a "split the pot" drawing. You also might win a door prize (no cost for door prize tickets).
- The meeting rarely lasts more than an hour.

### Schmitz Pig Roast—July 18

SABCC's July feature event is the tri-club Pig Roast, graciously hosted by **Tom Schmitz** at his home on Soldier's Creek in Lillian. Here are a few reasons why you do not want to miss this event:

- Roast pork—'nuff said
- Lots of great side dishes and desserts, supplied by you and other attendees. Bring one item, and

your personal supply of your preferred beverage, and you get to try everyone else's food.

- Tom's large garage with several British cars, and a huge collection of scale models in the house
- The opportunity to meet and mingle with members of all three area British car clubs, in the house or poolside
- Roast pork (worth mentioning again)

Watch your email for more details and directions.

### British Car Festival—Oct. 23

Planning for the 31st British Car Festival continues. We now have a supply of postcards that you can distribute to fellow car enthusiasts. A card will also be mailed to everyone who's registered a car in the past several years.

Now is **not** too early to reach out to sponsors. We sell class sponsorships for \$40, and general sponsorships for \$200. General sponsors get three classes, as well as their logo on the Festival shirt. You can download or print a [sponsorship form here](#). We're also accepting [registration forms](#), and as long as you register before Oct. 16, the fee is only \$25.

### Other 2021 Events

These events were listed in the May *Spark & Spanner*, but if you failed to note the dates, here they are again:

- [Brits on the Bluff](#), Sep. 17-18, 2021, Natchez, MS
- [Euro-Fest Ridgeland](#) (MS), Oct. 1-2, 2021
- The [Auto Jumble](#) in November, at Tom Schmitz's car storage facility in Lillian
- [Christmas Dinner](#), Dec. 12, 2001, Rock Creek

As always, we will send more details in upcoming *Spark & Spanner* issues, as well as email missives.

# Spare Parts

## General News and Information

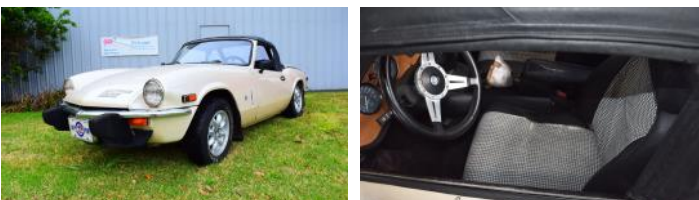
### Auction Roundup

#### 2000 Jaguar XKR Coupe



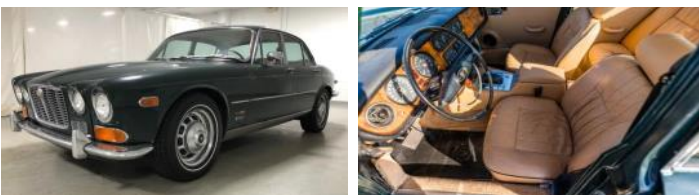
**Sold** for \$19,250 on Bring a Trailer  
*Right colors (Phoenix Red over Cashmere), right miles (47,000), right configuration (rare super-charged coupe) and right service history (the timing chain tensioners, which can implode the engine, were replaced), this car checked all the boxes.*

#### 1978 Triumph Spitfire



**Sold** for \$5,500 on Hemmings  
*The owner of this pearl white over black and white houndstooth Spitfire spent more than \$3700 on repairs and upgrades in three years of ownership. Described as a solid driver, the car was in Pensacola. Does anyone recognize it?*

#### 1972 Jaguar XJ6



**Sold** for \$3,300 on Bring a Trailer  
*Would this Series I XJ6 have done better if it had not had "areas of rust, distressed paint, and other blemishes?" Or if the headliner and some interior panels were not missing? Or was the Chevy V8, with the "5.7L LT1" badging, the real problem?*



### 500 British Cars for Sale

From Hemmings, the leading authority on the old car hobby, comes a story of the impending auction of an entire museum, and not just any museum. Located in New Zealand, this museum is known as the world's largest collection of British motor vehicles.

Assembled by Ian Hope, a mechanic by trade, the collection began in the mid-1990's "with 36 cars, many of them Morris Minors, he'd obtained from family, friends, and neighbors." Over the next thirty-some years, until Hope's death in 2019, he would assemble nearly 520 cars, housing them in a former kiwi fruit processing plant. The cars were double-stacked in the 38,750-square-foot facility, and the trustees are still finding more.

The cars are in unrestored, as-found condition, and include, along with Morris Minors, "Jaguars, Vauxhalls, Rover, Hillmans, Triumphs, Fords, Rolls-Royces, Bentleys, and even some British trucks." Bids will be accepted through July 7. For more information, visit [NAIHarcourts.co.nz](http://NAIHarcourts.co.nz).



*See something you might want? With more than 500 British cars in this collection, surely there's something for everyone here!*

# Classified Ads

[No new classifieds were received so we are re-running May's. Sorry if any are sold. Move faster next time-Ed.]

## MGAs for Sale

I have a 1957 and 1962 MGA, both for sale. Owned for about 8 years and they are both a little run down and need TLC (plus). Both are sold and complete. Extra 1800 rebuilt engine. Come see and make offer.

**David Kennedy, 251-802-1700**

## 1967 Rolls-Royce Silver Shadow

Strong engine, excellent silver and black paint.

NEW: Red leather interior, carpet, tires, fuel pump, AC compressor, battery.



NEEDS: Windshield wiper mechanism installed (parts furnished).

Health and age restrict my enjoyment of a luxury Rolls Royce drive.

**Cecil L. Pugh, 251-342-3404**

## 1979 MG Midget 1500

Russet Brown, 53,229 miles, parked since 1987. VIN: GAN6UL217115G, Build Date: Oct. 1978 Always garaged, no rust in the usual places. This is not a Frankenstein waiting for reanimation. It is a very solid car used daily used for eight years in need of TLC from an enthusiast for a second life. Some parts available; \$2500 for the car and negotiable pricing on the parts which include wheels, shocks, leaf springs, carburetor, (all name-brand), etc. Pictures available.

**Robert Carstens, roedward@hotmail.com**

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## 1976 Triumph TR6

Maroon with black top. \$15,500 or best offer. VIN number is CF56955U, 97,948 miles. Refurbished interiors to include new crash panel, door panels, carpet, seats and seat leather seat covers. Radio included but not installed. Top is



new condition as the exterior paint. Tires are in good shape and the car is in good running condition but is not driven a lot. Engine overhauled at 97,721 miles. Some spare parts will go with the sale. [Car is in Texas-Ed.]

**Richard Godeke, 281-684-7651, djgodeke@aol.com**

## Triumph TR 7 Monza Exhaust System

Still available, a brand new Monza exhaust system for TR7's years 1975 - 80. Make offer. Additional TR7 parts new in packages. Please call after 5:00 p.m.



**Robert Reichert, 251- 979-1849**

**Need Spitfire parts? SABCC member Alan McDonald spotted these at Barry's U-Pull-It in Theodore.**



# Weak and Rusty

Michael King, Editor, *Spark & Spanner*



## The Hazards of Car Shows

I am a hypocrite.

Now, you're probably wondering why I've made this stunning revelation, or perhaps you're saying "I'm glad that hypocrite is finally admitting it."

In this case, my hypocrisy stems from the recent Silverhill Veteran's Memorial Car Show. Allow me to begin by saying that this event was well-organized, well-attended, and brought out some very fine cars and trucks, including many I saw for the first time. Besides the British cars, I was particularly impressed by a 1956 Lincoln, resplendent in red and white inside and out—but maybe that's just me.

I was also very impressed with the **Mardi Gras MG Club**, whose members once again secured the southeast corner of Highways 104 and 55 in the name of Her Majesty, and set up canopies, flags, chairs and light refreshments for the British car contingent. Of the 209 cars at the show, about ten percent were of our ilk, and attendees seemed to really enjoy seeing something other than Fords and Chevys that tend to predominate at open shows.

So why am I a hypocrite? Well, at the end of the day, when awards were distributed, the sole British prize went to a Cobra replica. Horrors! That's not even a "real" British car! What about **Tom Schmitz's** pristine primrose yellow 1965 MGB? Or the very rare Elva Courier, of which only about 500 were built? Or even, dare I say, a nice 2011 XFR with just 26,000 miles? [*Dare not-Ed.*]

After the show, I did my share of grumbling. I might have even compared this "indignity" to awarding the "Best Diamond Ring" award at a jewelry show to a cubic zirconia.

But, when I thought more about it, I had to admit these hard truths. First, if a Cobra replica came to

the SABCC British Car Festival, we would register it. It would be entered in the "Open Britannia" class (as would a "real" Cobra) and it would be eligible for a class award and even the Cunningham Memorial trophy, since the latter is by the vote of the registrants. The Shelby Cobra is, after all, based on the AC Ace, a lovely British roadster.

Second, Silverhill is a judged show. Cars are reviewed by a team of volunteer judges, and while I did not see their scoring sheet, I presume it's much like most judged shows which rate cars on paint, interior, engine bay, chrome, glass, and other appearance factors. I did not see the Cobra (it was parked away from our group) but I presume its presentation was outstanding.

Third, my opinion doesn't really matter to the show organizers. It's their show and they can run it as they want—and they run it quite well, and have done so for many years. They also raised money for a very worthy cause, to add names to their war memorial.

As I've gotten old(er), my positions on many issues, including politics, religion, race, individual rights, and the sanctity of classic cars, have moderated. I appreciate the relaxed attitude of most in the British car hobby toward modifications, including non-original powertrains, color schemes that vary from what the factories offered, fitment of components to make an older car safer and more pleasant to drive, and other expressions of individuality.

So, congratulations, Cobra replica owner. Enjoy your prize—but watch out next year. The British are coming—again.

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## SABCC Grille Badges

The South Alabama British Car Club commissioned a grille badge featuring our fabulous club logo. These heavy enameled, 3-1/2 inch high badges on chrome plated metal are the perfect companion for your British car. The club has subsidized the cost so that the member price is only \$20.00.



Since we're not having meetings, send an email [SparkSpanner@gmail.com](mailto:SparkSpanner@gmail.com) and we'll make arrangements to get one to you-.



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## Spark & Spanner Submissions

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- **Activities Calendar:** SABCC events, local and national car shows, and other events worth noting
- **Sparks:** news about club members, activities, and events
- **Spannering:** stories on car repairs, restoration projects, tips and tricks, and a new subcategory - ideas on prepping a car for a show
- **Spare Parts:** Auction Roundup, news items on the British car industry, the collector car hobby, and anything else *Ed.* Finds interesting

When material is submitted, these sections will be included:

- **Gotcha!:** stories of how members acquired their cars
- **Just Around the Bend:** Synopses of upcoming car shows and other events
- **Feature Stories:** Longer submissions of general interest, such as the Dezerland story in this issue
- **Classifieds:** Sell your car or car parts - or let other members know what you'd like to buy

**Submissions should be sent to [SparkSpanner@gmail.com](mailto:SparkSpanner@gmail.com). Almost any text format is acceptable. Please include relevant photos.**

### Special Request

A club member has suggested building a resource database. This could include parts suppliers, services, sources of information, or any other resource you've found helpful to restore, repair, maintain, or enjoy your British car. Please send the name, contact information, brief description, and comments to [SparkSpanner@gmail.com](mailto:SparkSpanner@gmail.com). *Ed.* will publish the directory in an upcoming issue.

And now, for something completely different . . .



*Friends do not let friends do this to Jaguars, and the plate only makes it worse. Ed. declines to thank Peter Lee for this photo.*

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