



English Auto Society Knoxville, Tennessee

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From the Editor:

Where did the month of January go? We had some really cold weather and some beautiful spring like weather. Better think about getting that LBC ready for some spring driving.

There is a lot in this newsletter this month. First, you will find the new column, My Thoughts, from our president on page 2 followed by the meeting minutes on page 3. A write up, with photos, about the Annual Pub Run is on pages 4-5 followed by photos from the December Progressive Dinner on pages 6-7. Page 8 has info on the Winter Party hosted by the Blount Club and a car for sale info. Page 9 & 10 is an early all year calendar, February meeting details on page 11 and the 2017 Membership form is on page 12.

Don't forget to renew your membership and, be kind to Don, if you change any of your information highlight it or make a note so it will save him some time and effort.

I look forward to seeing you at the February 3 meeting.

MY THOUGHTS...

2017 is off to a good start. We had a well-attended tour to Gatlinburg with 18 people getting several English cars out for some exercise. On the 27th a group of members attended an annual planning meeting to begin to pull together several activities.

The group decided on an annual meeting schedule which is published somewhere in the newsletter. As suggested, two meeting dates were left open in case someone would like to organize something different. One was immediately picked up for our June meeting as a drive followed by a picnic. More later.

The schedule, while very tentative, has been reduced to remove some of the far out of region events like the Walter Mitty. The reason is these events have traditionally appealed to few if any of our members and are well known and advertised for those who are interested. This way readers can concentrate on events closer to home which tend to interest more members.

New for the year are some thoughts on tech sessions. While fewer and fewer of us are seriously working on our cars, there may be some topics of interest worth exploring.

Thinking about all of this reminds me we are not in Philadelphia anymore and I need to begin getting serious about getting the Bugeye out of hibernation in a little over a month. I am committed to driving it to the April Fools Bash this year. Oh yes, I think there is a Datsun race car hidden somewhere under a big pile of stuff. Yes, spring is coming!

Yr Obt Srvt,

J. Payne

Minutes from January 10, 2017 meeting

President John called the meeting to order. We had 16 members in attendance despite having changed the meeting from the original date of January 5 due to inclement weather. Thanks to Richard Lockhart for coordinating the meeting place.

Treasurer's Report:

Don reported that we have \$86.10 in the Flower Fund and \$1705.96 in the checking account plus about \$175 to be deposited from membership dues. So far we have 13 paid memberships for 2017. Pending expenses for the Progressive dinner and our insurance is due in March. The website domain name is paid through 2018 as is our website host.

Old Business:

Name tags – see President John if want to order one.

Barbara Rigby reminded everyone that it is time to submit your design ideas for the Springtime in the Smokies car show t-shirt. This is the 30th year of the event. Also we need to decide on charities we will support so that we can advertise this and work with the charities for their support of the show.

Ongoing old business item is where to have meetings. Discussion was had about setting up a rotation between 3 or 4 of the places we know and leaving a couple of open spots to try new places as we find them. Necessary criteria for a meeting place: No charge or a very low minimum for meeting there (we don't want to pay for a room) and a room we can have to ourselves along with decent parking.

New Business:

President John asked to have a copy of the by-laws. After some discussion it was determined that there really are no by-laws. We're just an ad-hoc group of car enthusiasts who get together under a club name. We also are not a 501.3.c. Don Zerrip advised he has researched and we do not meet any criteria for having to file with the IRS.

A motion was made, seconded & passed to pay Barbara Rigby \$50 towards food costs for cooking the main meal of the Progressive Dinner.

Activity Reports:

The Christmas Lights drive in early December only had 2 cars so it was, also, the last Christmas Lights drive. A big thank you to Alan & Rachel Rigby for hosting this drive for the last few years.

The annual Pub Run will be on Saturday, January 14 to the Fox & Parrot Pub in Gatlinburg. Will meet at Puleo's Grille in Alcoa and depart at 1:30. Thanks again to Alan & Rachel Rigby for leading and coordinating this drive/event.

Don Zerrip advised that Mike McMillan was willing to host a drive through Blount County possibly in late March. Don will have Mike contact Jen Payne with details.

Next Meetings:

February 2 – Olive Garden – John & Barbara Rigby

March 2 – Chop House – John & Barbara Rigby

PUB RUN FIRST OUTING OF THE YEAR

Saturday January 14 kicked off the activity schedule of the year with 18 EAS people and ten cars making the drive from Alcoa to Gatlinburg. Our tour leaders, Alan and Rachel Rigby, arranged for ideal weather and interesting roads. The most interesting feature of the drive was a nicely placed Fed-Ex truck on the right hand side of a single lane back road. I understand this was done on purpose to give a most English feel to the drive creating a typical back road obstacle we would have found in the “old country”.

Typical for first outings with English cars we were not without “challenges”. One car, belonging to our lone Mini Club driver had to be exchanged from their intended Mini driver for another Mini car as the steering rack broke on the intended ride. Fortunately, this was discovered before starting the drive. Of course Joseph Lucas played a part with John and Barbara Rigby’s alternator deciding to act up just as it started getting dark. Oh, your intrepid president hit something which necessitated nursing two damaged tired back to scenic Solway Drive.

The route took us through some of the burned out areas in the Smokies which provided a sobering moment to the drive. Our route took us through Gatlinburg. Since this was a beautiful day Gatlinburg was very crowded. Don Zerrip’s Lotus attracted A LOT of attention as did John and Barbara Rigby’s right hand drive 1974 Reliant. It was a slow moving car show that people did not realize they were in for. The drive turned out of town into the country once again to an English Pub which served good food and some interesting adult beverages. We virtually had the place to ourselves which allowed for some good conversation.

Not bad for the first outing of the year! Thanks to Alan and Rachel for leading this drive.





Photos from the Progressive Dinner





WINTER PARTY!

From: Jim Watson [mailto:spridget@charter.net]

Sent: Wednesday, January 18, 2017 8:00 PM

Subject: Winter Party - Greenville, Tn - City Garage

Club Members –

I am looking for people who are interested in going to Greenville, Tn, City Garage Museum for the annual winter party. We have been doing this for 4 or 5 years now, maybe more.

This year it will be Saturday, February 4, 2017. We will meet and greet, have lunch and this year we are looking to have a program. We will also talk about upcoming events for 2017.

Therefore if you are interested in the Greenville City Garage Museum winter party please RSVP me as soon as possible and no later than Tuesday, January 24, 2017. If we do not get enough people interested, we will not be doing the party.

RSVP to:

[Jim Watsonspridget@charter.net](mailto:JimWatsonspridget@charter.net)

[865-599-4305](tel:865-599-4305)

For Sale: 1987 Jaguar XJ6; 131,000 actual miles, Looks and runs good. Even the air conditioner works; Asking \$5,000. Contact Wayne at [865-216-0264](tel:865-216-0264)



2017 Calendar – English Auto Society

(Monthly meetings are the 1st Thursday of each month at 6:30 PM as long as there's a quorum of 6+ members)

(See the latest [Newsletter](#) for more information about these events)

January:

1 – Membership Renewals due. Send to Don Zerrip (address on membership form)

5 - 6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, Ye Olde Steak House, Knoxville

14– EAS Pub Run/Gatlinburg Lights to Fox & Parrot, leave Puleo's, Maryville, TN at 1PM (Rachel & Alan Rigby – leaders)

February:

2 – 6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, Olive Garden, Kingston Pike

4 - Winter Party, at the Greenville Car Museum in Greenville, TN. (RSVP to Jim Watson)

March:

2 - 6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, Chop House, Kingston Pike

4 - European Auto Garage Cars & Coffee, Knoxville, TN

April:

1 – April Fool's Bash – sponsored by the Plateau BCC – location TBD

6 – 6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, Puleo's Restaurant, Merchants Road

TBD - The Crappy Rally, Crossville, TN – Plateau British Car Club

30 - Harper's Cars & Coffee, West Town Mall

TBD - Dogwood Drive with Jim DeRoop

May:

4 - 6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, TBD

12-13 – EAS & BBCC “Springtime in the Smokies” at the Tally Ho Inn, Townsend TN See: [Registration Form](#)

27– June 4 “Drive Your British Car Week”

27 – British Car Show, Greenville Scottish Games at Furman University

June:

4 – 2:00pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, (Yes SUNDAY, not Thursday) – picnic @ Nemeths – details to follow

10 – Antique Street Fair & Car Show, Rugby, TN

10 – Secret City Festival & Car Show, Oak Ridge, TN

July:

6 - 6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, TBD

TBD – Ice Cream Run sponsored by Plateau Brit Car Club, www.events@pbcctbn.org

August:

3 -6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, Olive Garden, Kingston Pike

5 - Ice Cream Run (Gary Moss?)

26 - Rugby British Motorcar and Motorbike Extravaganza, sponsored by -Plateau British Car Club, www.events@pbcctn.org

September:

7- 6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, Chop House, Kingston Pike

October:

5 - 6:30pm, EAS Monthly Meeting, TBD

7– Allardt Pumpkinfest Auto & Motorcycle Show, www.allardtpumpkinfestival.com

26 – 29 - Southern British Car Club, Chattanooga, TN at the Choo-Choo(?)

TBD - Euro Festival in Greenville, SC (British roadsters)

November:

2 - 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting, Puleo's, Merchants Road

December:

2- EAS Holiday Progressive Dinner (locations & times TBD)



Paraphernalia

All paraphernalia (car badges, t shirts, key fobs etc) can be ordered from
Deborah Todd
easknoxville@gmail.com

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**FEBRUARY MEETING
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 2017
6:30 PM**

**OLIVE GARDEN
7206 Kingston Pike
Knoxville, TN 37920
865-896-9059**



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2017 Membership Application - \$25.00 per family

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

Phone (Home): _____

(Cell): _____

Email: _____

Cars: _____

Check if you wish your information not be included in a membership listing.

Dues are due in January of each year.
Please mail your check payable to English Auto Society and send completed form to:
Don Zerrip, 1565 Holland Trail, Lenoir City, TN 37772