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Happy New Year!



From the Editor:

Happy New Year Everyone! No self respecting editor would enter a new year without a review of the last year. And we had a great year – the annual Alan & Rachel Rigby Pub Run in January, the April Fool's Bash, Jim & Diane DeRoop's always delightful Dogwood Drive, Springtime in the Smokies in May – our most successful ever (I believe) in terms of funds raised, the ever popular Gary Moss Ice Cream Run in August as well as a new October drive of the Devil's Triangle led by Deborah Todd. And don't forget the Progressive Dinner and the Rigbys (again) with their Christmas Lights Drive.

There is a lot in this newsletter this month. First, you will find a new column, My Thoughts, from our president on page 2 as well as the calendar of events. On page 3 are thoughts about planning meetings and prior months minutes are on page 4 and 5. At long last a Member Car Profile and it is on page 6, meeting info on page 8 and the 2017 Membership form on page 9.

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 hope 2017 is a great year for each of you and look forward to seeing you at the January 5 meeting.

MY THOUGHTS

Not a very clever title but this is a new column for the newsletter. I am John Richard Payne, your new president! Jennifer (our illustrious editor) and I are still very new to Knoxville and the club so we are still learning. Please bear with us. We love it here!

I have owned import cars since 1963 and sports cars since 1964. In addition to the English Auto Society, we belong to the Austin Healey Sports and Touring Club (AHSTC), the Austin Healey Club of America (AHCA), the East TN Region of the Antique Automobile Club of America and also to the Sports Car Club of America (SCCA). In the past I have been the president of the Philadelphia PA chapter of AHSTC and Regional Executive for the SCCA Middle GA Region.

I do not say this to set you up for “big changes”. This is your club and my role is to lead it in a way that benefits all of us. There were several comments at the progressive dinner that people do want to see more activities besides the monthly feed and meeting. Elsewhere in this newsletter, you will see two suggestions for developing this year’s calendar. PLEASE, make your desires known. I am sure we can all come up with a long list of things and places and activities we can do. This is where you can be of help. Give us your ideas and volunteer to organize an activity.

I am looking forward to a year of fun, good fellowship and open roads. Please join with me in making this happen.

Yr Obt Srvt,

J. Payne

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JANUARY:

5th - 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting - Ye Olde Steakhouse – Richard Lockhart

FEBRUARY:

2nd – 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting – Chop House – John & Barbara Rigby

MARCH:

2nd – 6:30 pm Monthly Meeting – Olive Garden – John & Barbara Rigby

2017 PLANNING MEETING(S)

Realizing that trying to get input from everyone on activities/drives/events for 2017 will be challenging there are two opportunities to develop these.

First, is to hold a short planning meeting after the regular monthly meeting on January 5th at Ye Olde Steakhouse. Anyone willing to stay for an extra half hour or so please let John or Jennifer Payne know. Please phone or email – John at easknoxville@gmail.com and Jennifer at easnewslettertn@gmail.com or both at 865-927-5895.

The second opportunity would be a separate meeting. John & Jennifer Payne are willing to host the meeting at their house on either a weeknight or a weekend. Or we can find a place to hold it (thinking one of the Knox County libraries as they have meeting rooms available for public use). If there is a need/desire for this we will determine the date and time at the January 5th month meeting.

Minutes from November 3, 2016 meeting

President Ty called the meeting to order. We had 24 members in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – we have \$1585.96 in checking and after passing the hat we have \$86.10 in the Flower Fund. Dues for 2017 remain at \$25 per household/family.

Old Business:

A quick review of candidates for 2017: John Payne, President; Gary Moss, Vice President; Jennifer Payne, Newsletter; Jim Gray, Paraphernalia. Actual election/voting will occur at the annual meeting on December 3rd.

New Business:

Annual Holiday Progressive Dinner is scheduled for Saturday, December 3. Jen Payne volunteered to send out invitation with a request to RSVP to event hosts by November 26. Confirmed that Appetizers/Cocktails begin at 3:00 followed by Dinner at 5:00 and then Dessert/Annual Meeting at 7:00.

Upcoming drives and shows were reviewed.

December 5 – European Auto Garage Cars & Coffee

December 10 – annual Lights Drive to be led by Alan & Rachel Rigby but this year will go to Shadrack's rather than Bristol. Meet at 4:30 at Cracker Barrel at Strawberry Plains.

January 14 – Annual Pub Run – more info in December

April 1 – April Fool's Bash – hosted by Plateau British Car Club and will be at Lake Tansy. Early plans are for a Burger & Dogs picnic menu.

Past activities were reviewed:

October 8th British show in Nashville – The Rigbys and Gary Moss attended – about 100 cars

Debra Todd led a fall drive for the club on Sunday, October 16, leaving from Oak Ridge and driving through the Brushy Mountain and Petros areas. 9 cars drove the Devil's Triangle.

The Southern British Car Club annual show at the Choo-Choo in Chattanooga was Oct 21-

23. Our own Don & Ginger Zerrip took 1st place in Lotus division while Alan & Rachel Rigby got a 1st in the Mini group even though they didn't have a car there (it was their registration used for someone else's car!)

The October 23rd Harpers Cars & Coffee at West Town Mall had 20ish British Cars. A reminder that if you plan to attend and show your car and want to be with the British group you MUST be there no later than 7:30 – earlier would be even better. Space is at a premium and space can only be held so long.

Next Meetings:

December 3 – Annual Holiday Progressive Dinner

January 5 – Ye Olde Steakhouse – Richard Lockhart

February 2 – Chop House – John & Barbara Rigby

March 2 – Olive Garden – John & Barbara Rigby

Minutes from December 3, 2016 meeting

President Ty called the meeting to order. We had 23 members, 1 guest, and Lucky in attendance.

Treasurer's Report – no report as Don Zerrip was unable to attend this meeting.

Old Business:

Thank yous to the hosts of this year's Progressive Dinner: John & Jennifer Payne – appetizers; Pat Kessler – dinner venue; Barbara & John Rigby – dinner; Booty & Richard Lockhart – dessert and any/all who contributed food!

Thank yous as well to the 2016 officers of the club: Ty Nemeth, President; John Payne, Vice President; Don Zerrip, Treasurer; Jen Payne, Scribe & Newsletter Editor; Jim & Cathy Gray, Paraphernalia Queen; and Andi Nemeth, Facebook Editor.

New Business:

Candidates for 2017: John Payne, President; Gary Moss, Vice President; Don Zerrip – Treasurer; Jennifer Payne, Newsletter. Jim Gray has advised that he is selling his car and will not renew membership in the club. We need someone to step up as Paraphernalia Queen/King – Deborah Todd volunteered; Facebook Administrator – Rachel Rigby. There were no additional nominations from the floor. The slate was elected by acclamation with a first from John Rigby, a 2nd from Charlie Bunnell and show of hands.

Ty introduced new President, John Payne, and turned the meeting over to him.

Continued New Business:

Name Tags – anyone wanting a name tag, let John Payne know.

2017 Calendar – need Volunteers to plan; will start at January meeting

Reminder to renew your membership for 2017 – forms were available – still \$25 – be sure to review/correct your membership information!

Barbara Rigby reminded everyone that the 2017 Springtime in Smokies event is coming soon and they need T-Shirt ideas!

A request was made to provide a complete membership list to all members. Jen Payne will work with Don Zerrip to get that done.

Short discussion regarding meeting locations. When we go outside Knox county the attendance drops. Let's think about where we like to meet and get that schedule set up now

Upcoming Drives were reviewed.

December 10 – annual Lights Drive to be led by Alan & Rachel Rigby but this year will go to Shadrack's rather than Bristol. Meet at 4:30 at Cracker Barrel at Strawberry Plains.

January 14 – Annual Pub Run to the Fox & Parrot in Gatlinburg. Meet at 1:30 at Puleo's Grille in Alcoa, TN – hosted by Alan & Rachel Rigby

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MEMBER CAR PROFILE

By John Payne



Yep, that is my 1959 Austin Healey Mk 1(aka Bugeye) Sprite. It is one of 3 that Jennifer and I have owned in our 42 years together.

The first was a BRG 1960 bought in Ohio and “restored” in Healey blue with a tan interior keeping its 948 cc engine and smooth case transmission. Kept it for about 6 month and traded it for something else.

The current car (above) was purchased at the spring Hershey car show from an import dealer in Highspire, PA for the princely sum of \$3000. It was painted the correct cherry red and was stock in all forms. I drove it as my summer back and forth to work car for 4 years alternating with my 1967 Austin 850 Mini in winter.

I drove it in its original condition until 2000 only replacing the stock wheels with the Minilites pictured here. I bought those off an ex racer for \$75 apiece. In 2000 it was “awarded” the Diamond in the (very) Rough class trophy at Encounter in New Jersey (the annual convention for the Austin-Healey Sports & Touring Club). I also was awarded for killing the most mosquitos for the meet weekend. That, plus the fact the wiring harness was now 49 years old and having problems keeping everything lit and running, persuaded me to restore the car. The car was stripped to bare chassis. I bought a 1275 engine and rib case gearbox and set about to rebuild them. I also replaced the differential with a 3.9 gear set that drops touring RPM’s to a more reasonable level. Had the body soda blasted and repainted in the proper color according to our Heritage Certificate. During this time I saw a picture of a later Midget with tan interior piece and thought that would make a richer looking finished product and had a tradesman in the UK produce a set of 948 correct seats and interior pieces. In March of 2004, it made its maiden run. I did all the work except for body repairs which included the usual floor pans and sills and paint.

Then I drove it weekly in PA until we retired down here where it sat for 2 ½ years until needed repairs could be made to make it ready for driving. That included a new engine and replacing all the wheel cylinders. Yes, it still has its 4 wheel drum brakes.



Oh yes, Sprite #3 (pictured above) was also purchased in 1984 from a racer who had put the car on the pole in H Production at Road Atlanta for the national championship the year before. No I did not get the “good stuff” with it. Just a concoction of parts to make a starter engine. That lasted through the first season and then I went to a guy named Bob Griffith to have two 948 engines created that would be competitive for regional racing. We (yes Jennifer had a competition license for a while, too) raced it for 16 years before selling it to buy my Datsun 1200. I had great deal of success with the car, winning 3 season championships and 15 races, during its life time. It now resides with a young lady in Florida.
Yep, Bugeyes have been a major part of our lives. What is your story?

CARS FOR SALE:

Hello,

My Father and I never really got involved with the Club, but did show up to a show or 2, as I am busy with little ones and he was retiring to Florida.

Dad passed away last year and I have a couple of his Autos to try and get rid of. We are selling our warehouse space and need to get them moved on. We have decided to only keep his TR3, and would like to sell the AH Sprite and 2 big Healeys (one is a V* conversion, and the other is a Stock project about 85% complete) also need all the extra parts and bits gone as well

Here is a link with some pics

<https://goo.gl/photos/kdUFXeGWePoCvdso8>

Ideally I would like to see 50K for all 3 plus the bits.

This is for my Mother not for me or Siblings, I am trying to help Her get more liquid cash. If there is any help or guidance you could provide it would greatly appreciated.

Thank you!!

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Paraphernalia

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

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**JANUARY MEETING
THURSDAY, JANUARY 5, 2017
6:30 PM**

**YE OLDE STEAKHOUSE
6838 Chapman Highway
Knoxville, TN 37920
865-577-9328**

<http://yeoldesteakhouse.com>



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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