



# The Oil Spot

The Oil Spot is the monthly Newsletter of the Birmingham British Motoring Club  
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## Positively Grounded—The President's Message, Alan Apel

Positively Grounded; January 2012:

This was a short but still an eventful year. Short for the Board because we were not elected until the last quarter of 2010 so we only had 7 to 8 months to "make it happen" in 2011. Here are some things that happened:

Although it was 9-27-2010, the Board met the 1<sup>st</sup> time and thus began the Journey:



This is the original Board Agenda items in red have either been tabled or not realized, all others have made progress:

Some Brainstorming Ideas to move forward::

a. Calendar

- Would like to make a more detailed calendar on-line with a "more info" link like the Montgomery Club so people will know event details , where we will meet to go etc.

- Since not all members are interested in the same things, the calendar can be populated with diverse elements; BBMC car show, other car shows we plan to go to as a club, drives and driving skill sessions (rallies, gym-khanas etc.)

- A Club member directory of members, their car and skills and services they can offer others

Hoped for result:

- More Participation in more diverse events, get rid of the debate about shows vs. racing venues, British only vs. Sports Cars venues by offering something for all.



b. Enhancing the All British Car Show Fix.

- Emphasize participation in area car club shows. Like Montgomery on the 9<sup>th</sup> of October, Rome, Chattanooga, Shoals, etc, and for the adventurous Pensacola.
- These can also double as drive events

Hoped for result:

More Participation in our car show here in Birmingham by other clubs so we can have a real and diverse British show here.

c. Introducing driving skill events – some ideas.

- Parking lot events: autocross, gymkhanas, time trials (for fun only) were at the SCCA as guests
  - Could have a “standard” track and we could keep time records for each member like others in the reasonably priced car. (Must keep Safety First!)
- Renting the Talladega Gran Prix Track for a Saturday for a larger time trial venue paid all or mostly by participants perhaps some club funding if needed.

Hoped for result:

A time for all out fun and bonding, a chance to “tune” cars for better performance....

- Oct. 9 Montgomery Car Show
- Oct 16 BBMC Picnic at Oliver and Zonias
- Oct 22-24 Car Show and Color Drive to Chattanooga - R. Greenwood organized
- Nov. fall color drive headed by David Boger near Lake Martin – Coosa River
- Dec 11, Christmas Party at Regions Hangar Host Paul Maupin
- Jan 2011, Dues amount to be raised passed. - Jack Wiess and Phillip Eggers Join BBMC
- Jan 2011 Purchased the Reasonably Priced Sports Car a 67 MGB-GT
- Jan 15. Winterfahrt Drive takes place of Polar Bear this year – w/ PCA Jim Roberts route modified by David Boger. Gerald Coker and Matt Coker Join BBMC
- Feb Poker Run Drive Orga-



nized by Howard Beckner and Jason Jones

- Feb By-Laws changes proposed and published
- March: B17 Drive to Shelby Airport – By Laws Passed
- April Indy Gran Prix at Barbers, Great cars in the Car Corral!
- April Moundville Archaeological Trip – Montgomery show, coordination Ruben Greenwood
- May 20-23 Legends of Motorsports and BBMC Car show at Barbers Motorsports
- June : MGB-GT Affordable Sports Car Tech-Session at Micheal Tedder's. BBMC Auto –Cross
- July "Bye" month for the Oil Spot TOO HOT
- August Senna Movie Aug 28<sup>th</sup> – Organized John Viviani
- September 17, BBMC Hosted Picnic Show - - Sports And Classics at the Creek
- September 18th SCCA Event at Verizon BBMC Special Guests
- October 1 – Montgomery British and European Show
- October 15<sup>th</sup> Drive-In Movie Night organized by John Viviani
- October 23<sup>rd</sup> Tuscaloosa Dreamland Drive organized by Howard Beckner
- Nov 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Chattanooga Car show and Drive Organized by Scott and Walt Anderson
- Dec 10 BBMC Christmas Party – Host Paul Maupin

While we were not able to achieve all of our hopes and dreams we had at least a good percentage of success, and as I have said before; mostly because the members step up and make things happen.

We have much planned for 2012, some of which you have seen in the announcements via e-mail. We will start with the WinterFahrt on the 14<sup>th</sup>, a poker run is planned and other things, the reasonably priced sports car will be ready too. Stay tuned! Renew your membership if you are due to do so!

## Calendar of Events

### January

- 10—BBMC Meeting
- 14-Winterfhart

### February

- 14—BBMC Meeting
- 19-Poker Run

# 2011—BBMC Christmas Party



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## Christmas Parades-Howard Beckner



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## Soda - Automotive Applications

by Don Schmidt—Tally Ho

Scotch and Soda is a concoction with a social application seldom used in a garage setting. Soda Pop is a Yankee soft drink imbibed in when Barley Pop is not available. Baking soda is found in most kitchen cabinets (sometimes in the fridg ) in a little yellow box.

### Baking Soda uses:

- 1) 1 table spoon per pt of water to neutralize Battery terminal corrosion
- 2) 1 tablespoon per pt. of water to neutralize acid on battery cases and trays
- 3) Neutralizing acid on hands and clothing
- 4) Use on a damp sponge as an abrasive to remove bugs from paint and glass
- 5) Use on a damp sponge to remove dead rubber from wiper blades
- 6) Add a teaspoon of soda dissolved in Qt. windshield washer water
- 7) Use as a dry scrub for greasy hands

After each of the above applications rinse the affected area with fresh water.

### Washing Soda uses:

Washing soda is not widely known (but it is a stronger alkali than baking soda) it is available from the laundry section at most grocery stores.

- 1) Use half pound dissolved in two gallons water to flush automotive radiator. Run engine for 20 minutes drain and refill as normal.
- 2) Dampen a sponge in mix of three tablespoons per qt. of water to clean vinyl and plastic upholstery. Rinse with fresh water on wet towel or sponge.
- 3) Clean white wall tires with a wet brush dipped in dry soda. Rinse with water.
- 4) Add three table spoons of washing soda to laundry soap and two gallons hot water to soak shop cloths prior to washing.

### WARNING

Your Significant Other may let you live if you use her washing machine to wash shop towels. Then again she may not.

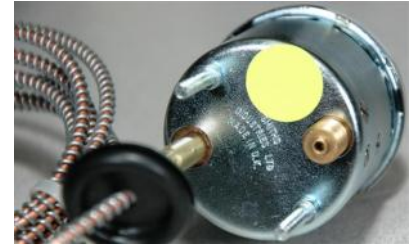
## Classifieds

### Dual Oil and Water Gauge Jaeger GD.1501/01 Fahrenheit

This is a fully reconditioned instrument with new capillary tube, new glass, and new chrome rim as standard.

\$ 150.00

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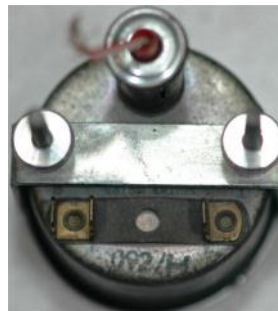


### JAEGER WATER TEMPERATURE GAUGE

This is an original JAEGER WATER TEMPERATURE GAUGE, ELECTRIC, this gauge is early moving coil type, the later types are bi-metal with a steady needle, early cars, mga and many early classics used this type of gauge; NEW HALF V CHROME bezel---NEW GLASS--NEW NEOPRENE SEALS,--ZINC AND YELLOW PASSIVATED CASE AND BRACKET--REPAINTED INTERNALLY IN MATT WHITE-- INCLUDES BRACKET, FIXING NUTS and LIGHT FITTING

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