

JUNE 96

## British Car Enthusiast of the Central Valley

### June's Newsletter

**Club Members Next Week is our Meeting at:**

**MAMA LOLY'S PIZZA      6:30pm      Tues June 18th**  
(NEAR YOSEMITE LAKES)

Take Hwy 41 North from Fresno, cross the river and Mama Loly's is about 25 minutes on left just past Rd. 200 same parking lot as the Black Hawk Lodge.

**Club Meetings: ( 3rd Tues of the Month)**

June 18  
July 16  
August 20  
September 17  
October 15  
November 19  
December 8 (Holiday Party)

**Other British Events:**

June 15-16  
MG/Triumph  
Mini/Sprite Challenge  
Buttonwillow Raceway  
Call Moss Motors for info.


July 26-28  
Mossfest  
Call Moss Motors for info.

August 16-18  
Monterey Historic Automobile Races  
Contact SCRAMP for details.

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THE "PROPER" GARAGE AMBIANCE  
FOR YOUR BRITISH MOTORCAR

Submitted by: Marty Hardison

It occurred to me that British cars react to many of the same things as humans. We choose a restaurant for reasons beyond the quality of their food. We call it the "ambiance" or atmosphere. The sounds, the decor, the service: the total package makes for a splendid or a poor dining experience.

And so it is with the British Motorcar. We know that a well prepared car performs and shows better than an ill-prepared car. But, is mechanical expertise enough? What about the place and atmosphere of the garage, and it's ambience? Is your car "happy" parked in the garage? Were all

criteria met to insure you have a happy, and therefore a fine performing English machine? I have prepared a guide that if followed will help you achieve the proper garage ambience for your beloved machine. Not all of the suggestions will work for your car as some are spoiled and need such more pampering than others. Certain financial considerations will have to be addressed to implement many of these ideas. But, ask yourself: can any sacrifice be too great for the true happiness of my British Classic? (e.g., Does my wife need a second dress? Do my children really require "homogenized" milk? Can their school clothes and shoes make it for three more years? etc.). Pay careful attention to all of the following guidelines, for I imagine it may well spell the difference between mediocrity and true excellence in the relationship with your motorcar.

DRIVEWAY & EXTERIOR DESIGN

The driveway leading up to the garage should be sufficiently long enough to provide for several chicanes and banked corners. The driveway must be made only from imported cobblestones. If money is a limiting factor the use of cobblestone pavers may be used (if done discretely).

The garage door should be made to open and close in the same manner as would a castle drawbridge. If money permits, a moat under the bridge would be jolly good, however it need not completely encircle the garage.

The addition of an English Hoors type landscape would be the pinnacle of total external ambience.

PROPER DISPLAY OF THE FLAG

A British Union Jack flag should be pointed in the direction of the British Isles and flown at half-mast. Proper location of the flag should be from the round watchtower attached to your garage. If your garage does not have a watchtower, begin construction without delay.

INTERIOR COLOUR SCHEME

The interior walls should of course be British Racing Green.

SERVICING PROTOCOL

The owner of the British Motorcar may work only if assisted by a bonafide member of the SCCA. Both individuals must always wear Tweed overalls with leather patches on the elbows. No work may be performed without SCCA approved racing gloves.

GARAGE CONVERSATION

All discussions should center around Matins Glen and/or Laguna Seca racing circuits. The mention of Daytona or any other NASCAR raceway is considered not polite, and against all that is British and proper.

SHARING OF THE GARAGE

The garage can NEVER be shared with another automobile unless it is of British pedigree. A life size decoy carved in wood of a 1972 Triumph TR-6 is permissible and would be a nice touch.

ROYALTY

A large portrait of Queen Elizabeth, no smaller than three by four feet, must be displayed directly in front of your Brit and in a position to where the Queen may condescendingly look down upon her subject.

Regardless of their popularity, it is not proper to substitute a Charles or Diana portrait for the Queen's.

If you are absolutely unable to locate a suitable picture of Her Majesty, a snapshot of the current Prime Minister may be used as a temporary substitute.

PLACEMENT OF ADVERTISING POSTERS

Only posters from Castro, Lucas and Duckinghaas are allowed. They must be located on walls to the side of your British car, and must NEVER be displayed on the same wall (heaven forbid!) with the portrait of The Queen Mother.

THE PROPER LIQUORS

The only adult beverage that may be consumed while working on your Classic British auto shall be Guinness Stout. However, if the Guinness runs out and a supply cannot be located, then and only then, may Whitehead or Henley's be substituted. Refrigeration of these ales is blasphemous!!!!

A "Long..Live..The..Queen" toast must be observed before drinking the ale. (WARNING: A toast of "This Bud's For You" to Her Majesty is definitely in poor taste for proper ambience. "Nof said?")

MUSIC

All music played in the garage must be from a BBC short wave radio broadcasts featuring hot tea dancing (a short wave receiver will most likely have to be purchased). If BBC transmissions can't be received, ONLY 78 RPM recordings of the Coldstream Guards Marching Band are acceptable.

PROPER CONVERSATION AT TEA TIME

Tea should always be served promptly at 4:00 o'clock. Tea time conversation should always include superlative adjectives concerning the prowess and performance of the spawn of British Leyland, Standard, Triumph, Jaguar, Morris Garage and the like. BUT, one must NEVER mention "down time", reliability, oil consumption, and for TR-2/3 owners no references to farm equipment or shifting into synchro low.

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This should about "exhaust" the additions and procedures necessary to create the proper garage ambience for your auto. If you can think of any necessary considerations missed in this article, please submit your list to the newsletter editor for publishing.

## BRITISH CAR CLASSIFIEDS:

*Listings will run one month unless renewed.*

'59 Rolls, 3rd owner-15 yrs, from L.A.  
72,000 miles, right hand drive, new tires,  
battery, wood good, black top, silver  
bottom, burgundy interior. (H) 855-4004,  
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