



## **CLUB CAR BADGES - ORDER NOW!**

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We now have enough prepaid orders for the handsome Club Emblem car badge that we are in a position to place an order for seventy five this coming week. Fair ladies, would this not be the perfect Christmas present for your little "grease monkey"? Why not order one for every little British car you (they) own? It can be mounted on the grille or a badge bar and for only \$25.00 a piece, how can you go wrong! Make it a Christmas to remember - order them now using the handy dandy order form attached to this newsletter and mail it to:

Roger Phinney,  
10 Wedgewood Ave.  
Halifax, NS  
1997.  
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**DO IT NOW!**

LATE BREAKING NEWS - Badges will be shipped to you by March

### **CAR STORAGE**

If you haven't already found a place to store your car, here is a short list of places that offer indoor dead storage:

Eastern Passage - Contact John Beaulieu (H.A.C.C. Member) Min. \$2.00/ foot,  
min. \$20.00 / month, 876-2820, Cell 471-9535

Exhibition Park, Halifax

Cole Harbour - Bob Davies, 462-6788

### **WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS**

We wish to welcome the following new members who have joined the Club recently:

Bob Annand	Dartmouth, NS	1979 Austin Mini
Neil Lynds	Truro, NS	1978 MGB MK IV
Douglas Steeves	Moncton, NB	1959 Morris Minor Convertible
Richard Petri	Halifax, NS	1986 Lotus Esprit
Stuart Clare	Waverley, NS	1971 MGB
Marc Flinn	Halifax, NS	1965 MGB

We hope you and your spouses will be able to join us for the upcoming Christmas party and we look forward to you touring Nova Scotia with us.

### **MORE FROM THE INTERNET**

Date: Mon., 15 Jul. 1996 09:30:13 -0400  
From: Don Mathis  
Subject: LBC/Female Association

I think that the problem of getting wives/girlfriends/Females to actually look forward to

riding in Little British Cars (LBCs) should be approached in a manner long used by medical psychologists: "Association". For example, it has been found that rats will actually endure rather high electrical shocks in order to obtain a small bit of cheese. The trick is to teach the mouse that the shock ( pain ) is followed by or associated with the cheese (pleasure). Having studied this subject in vivo for over 20 years, I have decided to share my studies in order to do my little part in promoting our Little British Cars.

Since the Female tends to exhibit such overtly strong emotions, I suggest linking or associating the LBC to Female emotions which they consider pleasurable.

I. ROMANCE

\* Buy a picnic basket for the luggage rack and go on picnics. A bottle of wine and a 1/4 lb of Brie cheese will get you a new tonneau cover. (The cheese also does seem profoundly appropriate.)

\* Moonlight rides are always appreciated provided that the subject of conversation is the moon rather than the exhaust note. However; this gives you the opportunity to check out the new tri-pod headlights which were bought for ..... moonlight rides!

II. INTERIOR DECORATING

(This is an emotional subject for females.)

\* Use the LBC as a means to drive to antique shops. The Female will love the excursion, LBCs are easy to park and they WON'T hold the \$2600 sleigh bed. (I found a Rolls Royce Flying Lady radiator mascot on one of these trips.)

III. GOURMET FOOD

\* Drive the LBC to adjacent small towns which include nice restaurants. Females will endure a lot for gourmet food. (I would go light on this one in that the Female can chunk up on you with too much rich food.)

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I am still studying this subject and after 28 years of living with one female, am still a student of the Female psyche. These methods do work however; or it did the last time I tried it.

Don Mathis, Ph.D.  
'61 MGA '37 Bentley

Date: Wed, 3 Jul 1996 16:59:09 -0400 (EDT)  
From: W. Ray Gibbons  
Subject: FAQ (Frequently Asked Questions)

I thought I would begin a frequently asked question list. No, no, don't thank me. At least, not until you read it.

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Q. What does MOWOG mean?

A. Nothing. The man who made the wood forms for castings liked subtle practical jokes.

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Q. Should I use silicon break fluid in my car?

A: Of course. Since silicon is essentially sand, it does not absorb water as readily as standard

brake (note spelling for future reference) fluid. It is easy on paint, provided you don't blow it at the paint at high velocity, or stick it on paper and rub it across the paint.

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Q. I have read that rubber break seals swell up in DOT 3. Is that right?

A: Yup. Look like gummy bears in a day or so and leak like crazy nuts. In DOT 5, on the other hand, they don't swell up quite enough, and leak like crazy nuts. In DOT 4, however, they swell up \*just\* enough. It is called the Goldilocks principle. Interestingly, gummy bears soaked in DOT 3 are perfectly preserved, but they taste terrible. And for future reference, it is brake, not break.

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Q. Is it true you should not store batteries on concrete?

A. Nope. It is perfectly ok to store batteries on concrete. It is not considered proper, however, to repair the rust holes in the battery tray of your car with concrete. Take it to a body shop and have it repaired properly with aluminum and rivets.

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Q. Has anyone heard of this Moss Motors place?

A. Yes.

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Q. What size tires should I put on my MGB?

Use 195/70 SR 14 on the driver's side, and 175/70 SR 14 on the passenger's side. This combination compensates nicely for the different settling of the springs on the two sides. Do not get confused and put the two larger tires on the front; the constant struggle to go uphill will substantially reduce performance.

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Q. What color British Racing Green should I use to match my original paint?

A. 94 subtly different British Racing Green were used on MGB's. Most people give up and paint their car Porsche red. If you are trying to match the original paint with BRG and have a problem, consider the possibility your car may have originally been yellow or white. It may be tough to get an exact match to either of these with BRG, but it should be close enough for most practical purposes.

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Q. On my way to work today I saw 6 Miatas with their tops up. Why is that?

A. It is not well known, but the Miata isn't actually a convertible. It has a fixed head, cunningly covered with cloth to resemble a convertible, like many Lincoln Town Cars. Any you see with the top actually down are custom conversion jobs.

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Q. I have a really bad leak from my gas tank. Is it OK if I get some plumber's solder and a propane torch and solder up the hole?

A. It's OK with us. In the interest of preserving your car for future generations to enjoy, remove the tank first and perform the soldering operation some distance from the car. Adios.

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Q. My car overheats all the time. My mechanic said the water is moving through the radiator too fast to get cooled off. Is this right?

A. Well, although it makes no physical sense whatever, racers and mechanics everywhere agree completely that one way to improve the cooling of your car is to slow down the flow

through the radiator. Many owners swear that this has worked for them. British cars, it seems, are so nearly human that they succumb to the placebo effect. It is probably worth noting that the owners of british cars are nearly human, too.

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From: Professor Tom O'Hare <tohare@mail.utexas.edu>  
Subject: Mil. Specs  
Date: Wed, 25 Sep 1996 00:00 EDT

How Mil Specs Live Forever

The US Standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number. Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and the US railroads were built by English expatriates.

Why did the English people build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-railroad tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Okay! Why did the wagons use that odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing the wagons would break on some of the old, long distance roads, because that's the spacing of the old wheel ruts.

So who built these old rutted roads? The first long distance roads in Europe were built by Imperial Rome for the benefit of their legions. The roads have been used ever since. And the ruts? The initial ruts, which everyone else had to match for fear of destroying their wagons, were first made by Roman war chariots. Since the chariots were made for or by Imperial Rome they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing.

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Thus, we have the answer to the original questions. The United State standard railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches derives from the original specification (Military Spec) for an Imperial Roman army war chariot. MilSpecs and Bureaucracies live forever.

So, the next time you are handed a specification and wonder what horse's ass came up with it, you may be exactly right. Because the Imperial Roman chariots were made to be just wide enough to accommodate the back-ends of two war horses.

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