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### Directors Drippings

By Ed Blend

It seems to be a long summer, but again as the calendar goes it was the same length as any other summer. We did not really have a lot planned for August and September. September did see the Brits in the Ozarks; I am not sure how many club members attended. We did have somewhat of a scare regarding Ray Overton. Our annual BBQ was planned for the 19<sup>th</sup> right after Ray and Barb returned from a trip to North Dakota. Two days before the event we were informed by Craig Simon that Ray took ill in the North Land and would not be home in time for the event. We did cancel and Ray is OK. Our best wishes go to Ray and Barb and we are all so glad that Ray is OK and back in town.

We did luck out on a beautiful weekend for our new Fall Tune Up event at Steve Vehlewald's house. Again we had a good turn out and Steve selected a fine lunch for us. On display was a fine display of Bob and June Haefner's two new acquisitions, a MGB and a MGTD. Both are in excellent condition and Bob is ecstatic with them. Bob as you all should know, is Steve V's father in law and has been a member for over a year now. Steve, thank you so much for hosting this well received event.

October has a few more things going for it. The Lake Garnet Grand Prix is set up for the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> in Garnett, Kansas. This is the third year for the event that has really become a happening for car people. Each year it has grown and is now a two day event. I hope a good share of us will be able to make it. Also, we are having our annual Chili Supper on the 24<sup>th</sup> at Paul McBride's, details will follow.

We are also planning our Holiday, Christmas Banquet. It will be on our regular meeting night, Thursday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>. The place will be Barley's Brewhaus at 11924 West 119<sup>th</sup> Street. Stay tuned for details to follow. We are also planning our yearly Planning Meeting for January. Remember last year we had some problems getting it off the ground with illness and weather playing a major role in getting the meeting in. Well, I hope that does not happen this year, so the board is deep in the study of Poor Richard to be sure that we pick a calm clear weekend. With that in mind I hope that it does not snow, rain or anything else that will interrupt our plan.

That's it for this issue, I wish everyone happy autumn motoring and good health.

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### Holiday Christmas Banquet

**Barley's Brewhaus, 11924 W. 119th Street, OP, KS**

**Thursday December 3rd, 2015**

**Cocktails 6 to 7 PM & Dinner 7 to 9 PM**

## LAKE GARNETT GRAND PRIX REVIVAL

### October 10 & 11, 2015

For those of you who may not be familiar with Lake Garnett, it was an internationally renowned SCCA race track in which races were held from 1959-1972. Many famous drivers, their teams and cars raced here. The most prolific winner of the Grand Prix was Jack Hinckle driving "birdcage" Maserati's and in the final years a Cooper Monaco. While many other famous cars were driven here, the race that made Lake Garnett truly famous was the first true face off between Don Yenke's Corvettes and Carroll Shelby's Cobras. Needless to say, the Cobras dominated.

For approximately 30 years, the track sat empty except for local use. Two years ago we had a track event open to all comers. The city closed the track for one hour and we were allowed to drive at speed, but without competition. We had a day of events planned, which included one hour of actual driving time. We expected about 30 cars to attend and 67 showed up. The response was over whelming to repeat the event.

A committee was formed to develop the event, we were incorporated, and we were insured. We worked with the city and got the track closed for the entire day. We limited our activities to an autocross, car show, and track event. We expected somewhere in the neighborhood of about 90 cars to attend and a 169 registered by the day of the event.

With the continued support of our city and its officials, this year is our first attempt at a 2 day schedule, because we had too many demands for a one day schedule. This year we will have a car show Saturday morning, a Cobra extravaganza and rides for charity Saturday afternoon (all proceeds to go to our local Big Brothers and Big Sisters). On Sunday, the entire day will be dedicated to the track. All participants drive for fun only, this is not a competition. Each participant chooses the speed group A-E that they wish to enter and cannot exceed that speed (Group E is for race cars only with the approval of the executive board). Each group runs twice during the day. This year for the first time, we have had to set the upper limits for the number of cars participating on the track. The committee determined that 200 cars would be the upper safe limits (40 cars per group), as we are now structured. We filled registrations quota prior to the 1<sup>st</sup> of September. The autocross has currently met their maximum quota. The car show is still open with over 100 cars registered.

Discussions are already beginning to take place to determine ways of increasing next year's size and quality. Sponsorship from both local businesses and national corporations is making it possible for us to grow this event.

While many of you have driven in previous years, some have not attended. We invite you to come this year, if for no other reason than to see what it's about. This event is growing more rapidly than any other sports car event in our region. We added a group of race cars in a noncompetitive demonstration category, which is also growing rapidly. Other entities in the race car



### Lake Garnett Grand Prix Revival - Schedule of Events

Friday, 9th	Evening	BBQ Social	6:00 p.m.	At Garnett Inn at Prairie Plaza & Highway 169 Registration opens	
Saturday, 10th	Morning	Registrsation	8:00 a.m.- Noon	At Downtown Garnett 4th and Oak Streets All morning. Look for Registration Banner	
		Car Show	8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	At Downtown Garnett 4th and Oak Streets Entrants should arrive downtown Garnett National Anthem Voting ends Awards	
		Parade	Noon	Noon from Downtown to "The Track" at North Lake Park	
		Autocross	9:45 a.m.	At the Anderson County JR/SR High School Driver Meeting & Course Walk.	
		Afternoon	Autocross	1:00 p.m.	At the Anderson County JR/SR High School Driver Meeting and Course Walk
			Track Events	12:45 p.m. 1:00 p.m. to 4:00	At the World Famous Lake Garnett Track Drivers Meeting at The Track Heats for Cobra Extravaganza, Race Cars and Ride-Alongs for Charity. Ride-Alongs 4 Charity benefitting Big Brothers Big Sisters. \$10 donation is greatly appreciated.
	Evening	Beer Garden and DJ	5:00 p.m. to 7:00	At Donna Harris Park in downtown Garnett	
	Sunday, 11th	Morning	Track Events	8:00a.m. to 9:30 9:25 a.m. 9:30 a.m. SHARP 10:00 a.m.	At the World Famous Lake Garnett Track Registration at the East Shelter House National Anthem MANDATORY Driver meeting at The Track Staging for Parade Laps around The Track Led by the official BECKMAN MOTORS Pace Car.
			10:45 a.m.	Morning Track Sessions begin - Groups A, B, C & D. BREAKFAST AND LUNCH AVAILABLE AT THE TRACK	
Afternoon			Track Events	1:00 p.m. 2:00 p.m.	At the World Famous Lake Garnett Track Race Car Exhibition – Group E. Afternoon Track Sessions begin - Groups A, B, C & D.

world, such as NASA and Heartland Vintage Racing (HVR) have expressed interest in our event.

Included below you will find the schedule of events as currently planned for this year, which are subject to change. Please check our website [lggpr.org](http://lggpr.org) for the most current information.

Hope to see you there,

CB Harris  
Chairman, LGGPR

## Kansas City Triumph Chili Supper

**Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>, 2015. 5:00-  
10:00 PM**

**Paul & Margaret McBride's Residence**

**22714 W. 51<sup>st</sup> Street Shawnee, KS.**

Please bring your favorite chili, side dish, or desert.

BYOB. Club will provide soft drinks.

**Directions:** We are in the vicinity of Johnson Drive & K-7 Highway.

**From I-435** exit at Johnson Dr. and proceed West over Hill & Dale past the 13 Million Dollar Deffenbaugh Estate (it's for sale) the Sports Valley (Baseball diamonds, Beach Volleyball, Ice skating, softball) to the Stop sign at Casey's. Then straight ahead to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Stoplight. Turn right (North) on Woodsonia Drive and proceed to 51<sup>st</sup> Street.

**From K-7**, exit at Johnson Dr. and proceed through a very English "round-a-bout" to the Stop Light at Woodsonia Drive and turn left to proceed north to 51<sup>st</sup> Street.

The Grey House on the corner is your destination!

-Paul & Margaret McBride 913-441-0499

## WEDGE WORDS

By Steve Olson

For the most part our Summer has been cool and wet making it OK for driving our fun cars but not great for topless driving. As a result my cars have been consuming a lot less petrol than usual. And now that it is finally heating up and drying out some it makes me wish I had gotten the factory air conditioning in my TR8 working again. Laziness is all is holding me back. A year ago I bought a new compressor to replace the General Motors unit that came on the car from the factory. Well I did replace that compressor and the dryer a few years back but with original type ones from a local parts house. The compressor has again failed so I decided I would upgrade to a more modern one. That of course means different hose connections and the mounting brackets will need some slight modification and fabrication. And a few months ago I bought a hose and fitting kit. A friend even has a crimper to allow me to make up the new hoses. It looks to be just a one day job. But I have been busy/lazy.

Nostalgic AC and probably many others online sell the parts needed to repair or replace the AC on cars, trucks, and hot rods. Moss Motors and some others offer complete kits for popular cars like the TR6 or MGB. Installing them isn't rocket science, just following instructions and using some common tools and common sense. I have seen it done and even helped out a couple times. It will cost you some dollars and some time and perhaps a few scraped knuckles but your car could be blowing cold air on those hot days.

Now I know some of you purists are thinking you bought the car to enjoy top down driving and with the wind blowing what hair you still have. You can survive a little heat. And that is true or at least it was when you and your navigator were a few decades younger. And on those perfect days we should all continue to enjoy our cars that way. But on those hot afternoons when there are no clouds to dim the Sun's rays and the temperature and humidity are racing to see which one can hit triple digits first, some cool air blowing in your face might be considered priceless. Something to think about for next Summer.

Steve Olson

P.S. I now have completed the job and the AC blows ice cold air!

## 2015 Kansas City All British Car Show Winners

A. BIG HEALEY

1. Dave Wirkin
2. Joe Samayoa
3. Cheryl Sharkey

B. FROGEYE SPRITE

1. Joe Richardson
2. Sue Carroll
3. Joe Hallauer

C. MGA

1. Don Craig
2. Tom Berry
3. Chris Armacost

D. MGB/MGC CHROME BUMPER

1. Tom Sim
2. Robert Holmes
3. Denny Hale

E. MGB BLACK BUMPER

1. John Lawson
2. Rick Dyer
3. Jim Hager

F. GT SERIES AND PRE-WAR

1. Stewart Koesten
2. Jerry Vinson
- 3.

G. MG MIDGET AND BOX SPRITE

1. Al Calon
2. Phil Nicholson
- 3.

H. MGB GT, MGC GT

1. Rick Mills
2. Brian Goldsmith
3. Ron Branson

J. TR2 & TR3

1. Larry Taylor
2. Mark Meyer
3. Ed Curry / Guthrie Carrol

K. TR4, TR4A, TR250

1. Steve Peak
2. Pat Fischer
3. Bill Fisher

L1. TR6

1. Dave Mackintosh
2. Jim Nye
3. Art Graves

M. SPITFIRE

1. Will Burky
2. Doug Eble
3. Ed Blend

N. TR7, TR8, STAG

1. Richard Woody
2. Steve Olson
- 3.

O1. JAGUAR SPORTS

1. Kris Gamble
2. Bill Creswell
3. John Riley IV

O2. JAGUAR SALOON

1. Bob Gilmore
- 2.
- 3.

P1. MINI CLASSIC

1. Jim Allen
2. Don Ipock
3. D. Craven

P2. MINI BMW

1. Bob Friton
- 2.
- 3.

R. LOTUS

1. Russ Amos
2. John Styers
3. Chris Coulter

S. BRITISH SALOON

1. Bob Frey
2. Terry Swope
3. Vince Von Frese

T. BRITISH SPORT

1. Bob Sparks
2. Craig Vaughn
- 3.

W. BRITISH CYCLE

1. Kenny Howard 135
2. Jim Keeler
3. Fred Sweeney / Kenny Howard 137

X. AC, AC COBRA (INCL KITS)

1. Gar Stovin
2. Wayne O'Blair
- 3.

Z1. ITALIAN CARS

1. Barb Beckerdite
2. John Justice
3. Darren Watson

Z2. SWEDISH CARS

1. Bart Klein 142
2. Phil Turner
3. Bart Klein 143

Z3. Electric cars

1. Dean West

Auto Rodeo

1. Joe Richardson
2. Austin Jester



## 2015 Kansas City All British Car Show

The number of Triumphs in this year's show were: 5 TR-3s; 4 TR-4s; 1 TR-250; 8 TR-6s; 5 Spitfires; and 2 TR-8s.





## 2015 Kansas City All British Car Show (Continued)





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## 2015 Kansas City All British Car Show (Continued)



Gregory & Kelly Morgan: 1971 Spitfire

Jim & Charlene Nye: 1976 TR-6

Ben Rust: 1970 TR-6

Robert Wilson: 1959 TR-3A

Warren & Loretta Wood: 1972 TR6

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## 2015 KC Triumphs Calendar of Events

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Lead Person</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Notes</u>
10/1	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
10/10-11	Lake Garnett Grand Prix			Garnett, KS	www.lggpr.org
10/24	Chili Supper	5:00 PM	Paul & Margret McBride	22714 W 51st Street Shawnee Mission, KS 66226	
10/24-25	Fat Run		KC MG Club		
10/29	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		Birdies	All Members Welcome
11/5	Club Night Out	6:30 PM		Birdies	
11/19	Board Meeting	6:00 PM		Birdies	All Members Welcome. Moved because of Thanksgiving
11/24	Harvesters	6 to 8 PM	Jack Edwards	Harvesters	jackedwards@gmail.com
12/3	Holiday Banquet	6 to 9 PM	Steve Vehlewald	Barley's Brewhaus 11924 W. 119th St OP, KS	
TBA	Board Meeting	TBA		Birdies	All Members Welcome. Moved because of New Years Eve.

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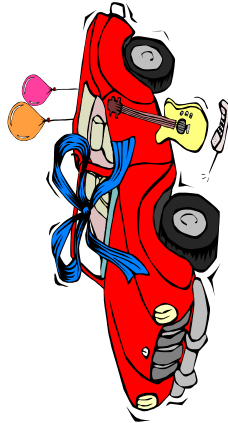


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## Boys & Their Toys

On September 12th Club Members gathered at Steve Vehlewald's house for a Fall Tune Up session. It was a great gathering with a lot of expertise on hand. The club provided lunch and Steve provided a power lift. Sure makes working on the bottom side of the car a heck of lot easier. We're looking forward to the Spring Tune Up Steve!





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