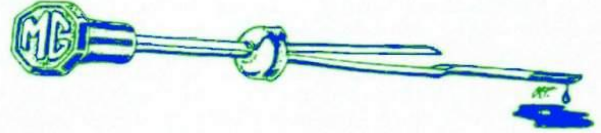




VINTAGE BRITISH CAR CLUB



# THE DIPSTICK



**“It’s Gotta Be Fun”  
Vintage British Car Club of Orion, IL**

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**6 March 2008**

**APRIL Meeting Location: South Park Mall JC Penny, 6pm-9pm, see events calendar.**

### **Presidential Notes, By Gary Owens**

VBCC members, I would like to start by saying I appreciate all the work and interest we are generating in our new club. I really need you to contact your friends who might want to join the club and encourage you all to attend our meetings as often as you can. You are the future of the Club.

- 1.) We had our second officers meeting at Happy Joes in Coal Valley. Members are welcome to attend these meetings.
- 2.) We will not resume club activities until April due to unforeseen schedule problems for key officers.
- 3.) The Club will soon have a New WEB Page with our Newsletter , Events Calendar and Tech info and more.



**VBCC  
Activities**



### **April 7<sup>th</sup> at 6PM VBCC Officers Meeting at Happy Joes, Coal Valley.**

VBCC Officers will have their pre club meeting to take care of the business end of the club. The Officers meetings will be open to all club members.

### **April 19<sup>th</sup>, a New Year and 1<sup>st</sup> kick off Meeting.**

Cruise-in' Saturday, April 19, 6-9:30 p.m. JC Penney Parking Lot, SouthPark Mall Sponsered by the Quad Cities Cruisers. This will be our start to a whole year of fun for the VBCC. We will get there early and block off an area for British cars.

We will have a short meeting when everyone gets there to bring member up to date. This will give our club the visibility it needs to get new members. Hope to see you there.

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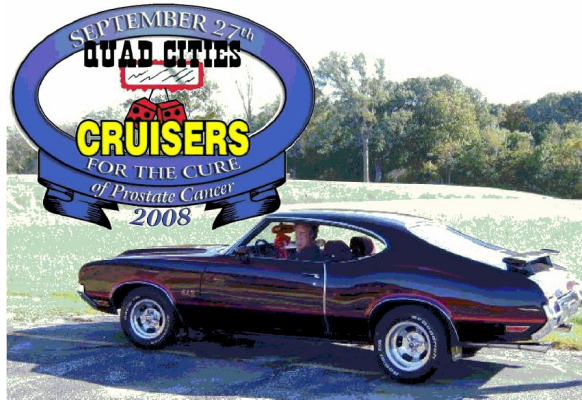
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Other Club  
Events of Interest



### 2008 Cruise-in' Dates

Saturday, April 19, 6-9:30 p.m.  
JC Penney Parking Lot, SouthPark Mall

Saturday, May 17, 6-9:30 p.m.  
JC Penney Parking Lot, SouthPark Mall

Sunday, June 8, CAR SHOW  
JC Penney Parking Lot, SouthPark Mall

Saturday, July 12, 6-9:30 p.m.  
JC Penney Parking Lot, SouthPark Mall

Saturday, August 2, 6-11:30 p.m.  
Isle of Capri • Outdoor Movie  
Saturday, September 27, 6-9:30 p.m.  
JC Penney Parking Lot, SouthPark Mall

"Cruisin' For The Cure."  
Saturday, October 11, 6-9:30 p.m.  
JC Penney Parking Lot, SouthPark Mall

For up-to-date information on all Quad Cities Cruisers events, call our club event phone line at 563-355-0036 and find out where to join the Q C Cruisers for our Rallies to the Cruise-ins.  
[www.quadcitiescruisers.org](http://www.quadcitiescruisers.org)

# DO IT YOURSELF GARAGE

## MGB Interior Installation Instructions

from Victoria British, Ltd.



This is a 12-page instruction (page numbers 4 through 15) with color photos for installation of the interior materials for an MGB. This includes carpeting, kick panels, and seats. Click on the arrow buttons below to turn the pages.

These are scanned image files, a bit fuzzy. If you call Victoria British, they'll mail you an original print copy. It is V.B. part number A-MGIK.

## CARBURETORS

### April 1988 - Chicago Chapter - American MGB Association

Always check the carb damper oil if the car becomes hard to start, check the oil.

The carb dampers use regular engine oil or automatic trans oil.

If the oil always leaks out of Stromber Carbs, the O-ring must be replaced. This O-Ring cost a couple of dollars and takes a few minutes to fix.

The Stromberg carb needle on '75 and later MGBs and Midgets last about 45,000 miles. These needles are expensive, but will have to be replaced.

Stromberg carbs must have the air cleaner installed to work. The engine will rev fine but it won't run over about 2500 RPM on the road.

When adjusting the mixture: clockwise is richer, counter-clockwise is leaner.

The suction chambers and pistons are machined surfaces. Do not clean the inside with abrasive cleaners or you can damage them.

A leaking manifold gasket on '75 and later MGBs will often clog the air filter with black soot.

Spray choke cleaner on the end of SU throttle shafts. If the engine races or dies, the shafts and bushings will have to be replaced.

Use the special tool to adjust Zenith Stromberg carbs. Using just an allen wrench will damage the diaphragm. You can use our thub to hold the piston but that will disrupt the air flow.

Only use a carb sync tool for a few seconds at a time. Rev up the engine every 30 seconds or so.

The needles and seats, AUD 9096, are prone to sticking. Grose Jets are a direct replacement and a better design.

After market fuel pumps often put out too much pressure, 7 to 9 psi, and this will make the carbs overflow.

Overflowing carbs will fill the carbon canisters. Plugged canisters will cause running problems. The canisters can be drained and the gas burned out of the charcoal.

The Stromberg carb rubber diaphragms wear out and develop holes. The car will lack power and run poorly if the diaphragm is bad.

Carb cleaners will ruin the Stromberg carb diaphragm.


The throttle shafts on SU-H-5 carbs are the cause of many carb problems. These shafts wear out and let air bleed past. This causes an inconsistent idle. The carbs can't be adjusted if the shafts are bad.

HIF 4 carbs use O-Rings on the choke barrel body. If the car always wants to run rich, these O-Rings could be the problem.

Clean and lube the carb linkages on a regular basis.

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**MGB valve cover for sale, \$10, MGB Oil Pan, \$8, also a large collection of vintage VW parts, call Gary Owens, 309-234-5156.**



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