Below is an email message from Lee Jacobsen regarding a devastating burglary involving some rare British cars and parts. Club member Bob Leinen passed on the message, here is some of what Bob had to say:

> *" …Lee Jacobsen restores his own British cars. Lee is a hell of a nice guy and an active participant in local British car shows. You may have seen his sky blue MGTA Tickford at numerous "Battle of the Brits" as well as, his original BRG XK-120 Jaguar… Lee has two 1930s vintage MG SAs undergoing restoration. There are probably only five SAs in the US; therefore, the Detroit Police response of "get over it and file a claim" just doesn't hack it! This is more than a case of money - items like radiators and radiator shells for a rare model 1930s MG just aren't readily available… Any help or suggestions from the membership would be greatly appreciated!"*

"Hi John and British enthusiasts,

Tuesday, Oct 9, 2007 my warehouse at 10301 Joy Rd in Detroit was broken into and many British car parts stolen. A vehicle was used to ram through steel doors. The alarm was disabled. Anything copper, brass, aluminium, or dense steel was stolen along with all tools, grinders, floor jacks, drill press, batteries, etc. Neighbours called police, but none came in time to prevent a lot of damage. Eight British cars were vandalized for their metal and one was stolen. Cars were, 45TC, 53TD, 55TF, 57MGA coupe, 63TR3-B, 37MGSA, 38MGSA, 52XK120 JAG roadster, and 1970 MGB roadster.

Items taken include, 1970 MGB roadster, tartan red, VIN GHN5UA195022G, broken tail lamp lens recovered, radiators and shells from TC, TD, 37MGSA (mint shell not restored), 38MGSA (concours shell), radiators from MGA, TR3-B, 52 JAG all via crowbar and tools, the TF radiator & shell they could not get but destroyed in process. Spare tire knockoffs were taken from the TC and TD. The most valuable parts were taken from the prewar SAs, all parts restored but in boxes including Carbs, 2 brass SU fuel pumps and copper lines, 4 chrome window channels (these are each 24" long), aluminized exhaust manifolds, stainless sleeved M/C and wheel cylinders, brass fuel lines, boxes of small chrome brass parts such as latches, brass fittings, etc. They left a lot behind before the police arrived, but took so much. Non automotive included 30 rolls of 10" wide aluminium foil, 14" dia., each weighing 150 lbs. Hard to explain finding this on the street so may lead to the SA parts if the aluminium is traced. Low-lifes? These cretins used the floor instead of the toilet. The warehouse was divided into 3 inner sections with locked steel doors.

The MGB [pictured at bottom] *was used as a ram to break these 3 inner doors. A testimony to MGBs that is was still drivable and stolen. I could go on and on but can't right now.*

Any assistance to recover these parts, especially the SA parts, would be greatly appreciated.

Contact Detective Kevin Payton 313-596-5640, Complaint # 0710100147 if you have any leads.
Please copy my voicemail at 734-591-6111 x101 as well.

I have put the word out on the street that a reward of $1000 for information leading to the recovery of the SA radiators is offered, but odds are slim according to police. Scrap yards are tight-lipped.

Thank you for your help and support. Pics attached.

Lee Jacobsen, Dearborn, MI."