

# THE OFF-SIDE UNDO



**“A gentleman does not motor about after dark.”**

**Joseph Lucas**

**October/November 2023**



***In Memory of Terry Trovato (1941-2023)***



**Hughes Funeral  
Home Tribute to Ter-  
ry:**

**[https://  
hughesfuner-  
alhome.org/tribute/  
terry-d-trovato/](https://hughesfuneralhome.org/tribute/terry-d-trovato/)**

**Country & Roads Article on Terry's Work on Jamie's Car:**

**[https://countryroadsmagazine.com/art-and-culture/  
history/natchez-car-buff-restores-austin-healey/](https://countryroadsmagazine.com/art-and-culture/history/natchez-car-buff-restores-austin-healey/)**

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# BRITS ON THE BLUFF 2023

## A Note from Gene Johnston

With the curve balls that we got this year I think that we did very well. One of the highest number of car counts that I recall in the 20+ years that I've attended. BMCNO's valve cover races were a definite + to the show and should be recognized during our January meeting. I think that I heard that 17 of the cars entered were from the BMCNO. Thanks to Richard Greene for his appearance as Bobby Bobby Bobby. He created a lot of interest and fun for all. Keep an eye out, I bet he shows up in the Peachtree MG Club's newsletter. Thanks to everyone that manned the tables, counted and gave out awards during the show. Thanks to all that assisted with a successful BotB for 2023!







**Mississippi British Car Club**  
**Natchez**  
**Brits on the Bluff**  
**SHOW VIOLATION**

YOU ARE HEREBY CITED FOR THE FOLLOWING OFFENSE(S) AGAINST PROPER SHOW PROCEDURES. YOU MUST ANSWER TO CLUB PRESIDENT TO THIS SUMMONS. FOR ALL SUSPECTS ARE GUILTY UNTIL PROVEN INNOCENT.

Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 7/17/12

**OFFENSE**

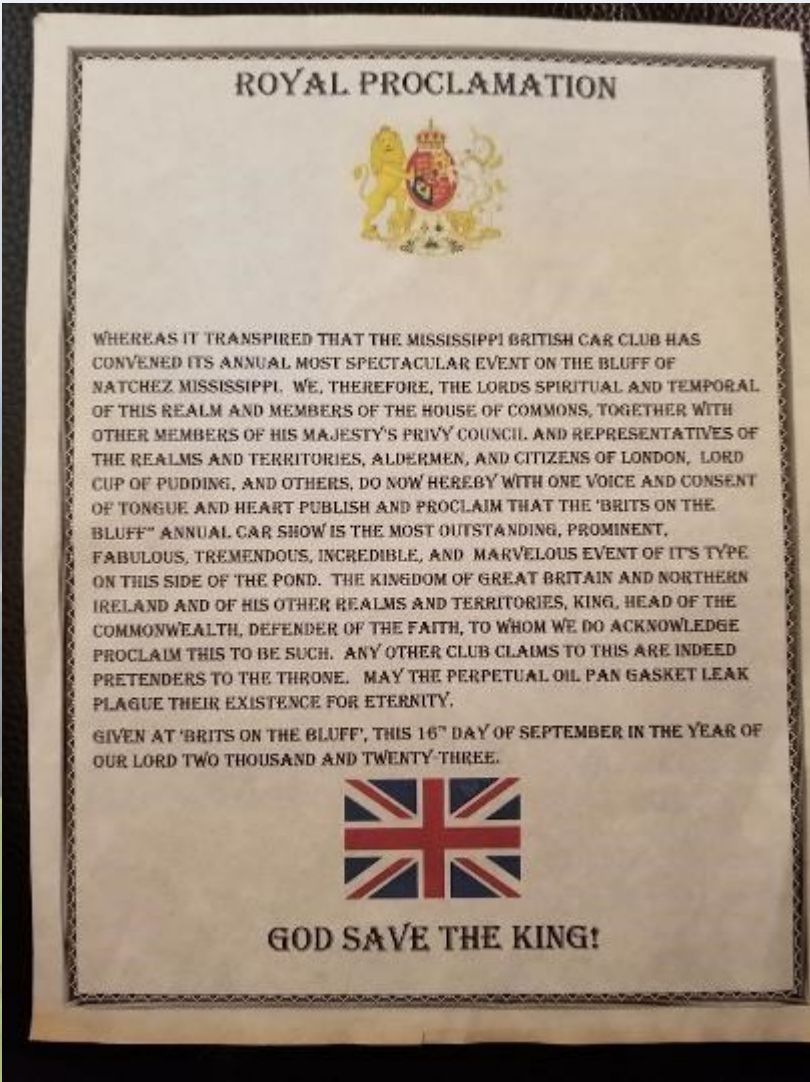
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ALL FINES ARE IN EACH AMERICAN DOLL AT END OF SHOW

*R. Brown*











## BRITS ON THE BLUFF 2023

**Best of Show:** Dennis Norris, Silver 1956 MGA

**Awards received by MSEMC members included:**

Richard Harriss for his BRG 1959 Austin Healy BN-1 in 2nd place in the Austin Healy category

Pat & Barbara Cashman for their black 1963 Jaguar E-type in 2nd place in the Jaguar X Series to 1974 category

Keith Andersen for his black 1967 Jaguar E-type in 1st place in the Jaguar X Series to 1974 category

John Turbeville for his BRG Mini Cooper in 1st place in the Mini Classic category

Stephen Turner for his 2004 Mini Cooper S in 1st place in the Mini New category

Richard Greene for his gray 2005 Lotus Elise in 2nd place in the Empire Roadster/Convertible category



# What Was I Thinking?

## Not Clearly, For Sure Part 2

By Richard Greene

And the beat goes on. With the hot weather and the high humidity in the air I have slowed down on the Metro progress. Also, I had a couple of distractions that required my time. Drinking beer is not a distraction in my book. The biggest issue was one of the garage door springs broke and the door wouldn't open. Not a good situation for working in the garage doing mostly bodywork.



I forced the door open and decided to proceed to a lesser extent. With the hood (bonnet), truck lid (boot), and the wheels (round things) removed from the car I thought I would work on them. I went ahead and painted the underside of the truck (boot) and

the hood (bonnet) and the inside of the wheels that don't show.

I was able to do this in the yard, as I didn't want to move any car out of the garage due to the door being manual and heavy as a British duchess. I used rattle can paint as I didn't want to get out my spray paint equipment for just what is mostly unseen

areas. Rustoleum spray paint has a very close match to the Sunburst Yellow that I will paint the car with. My next step will be to paint the outside of the rims, the hood and trunk with my HVLP equipment. I will be trying a new paint mixture and this will give me a chance to practice before moving on the main body of the car.



Further, the humidity here in Mississippi has been pretty high and not very ideal for painting. I think it took 2 days for the inside rims to dry with the rattle can paint. Definitely will use a hardener and some Japan Dryer when I use my HVLP. I will be going with single stage paint since originally the Metros were painted this way.

To be continued and continued and continued and continued and continued!





# KICK OFF TO THE FALL DRIVING SEASON

By Charlie Durning

The day couldn't have been better for a spirited drive to Shady Acres for lunch. The temps were perfect, the skies were clear and the traffic was light to non-existent. 7 brave souls gathered in 7 cars. 3 MGBs, 1 TR6, 1 Alfa, 1 Corvette, and 1 Miata.

During the driver's meeting it was decided to make this an exuberant drive. Well I had to oblige. Of course we kept our speeds to somewhere near the speed limit for the roads travelled. All of the roads were in good condition. The roads less travelled were a pleasing mixture of rural scenery, twisty turns, and some elevation changes to make it an interesting and fun drive. To add to the adventure the route was changed up from before in order to add more fun. The drive and arrival to Shady Acres was without incident. All of the drivers were energized from the spirited driving experience.

The folks at Shady Acres were expecting a rowdy bunch so they reserved an area at the back of the restaurant just for us. The daily cuisine was assorted BBQ and fix'ns. All yummy and well worth the drive down. The drive back to Magee was by a modified route, just to add more interest. Our final destination was the Dairy Queen in Magee where we recapped the adventure and said our good byes. All in all a day well spent with friends in our little cars. Total mileage, Magee to Shady Acres and back to Magee was 102 miles of just plain fun. Hopefully you all will be able to join us for our next drive. There are more in the works.





# NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION

## MGB Clutch Alignment Tool

By Charlie Durning



A few months ago I had the engine and transmission out of the MGB GT. During the process I decided to install a new clutch since I had no history about the clutch that was in the car. Along with the new clutch was a “cheezy” plastic alignment tool. I didn’t really like the fit of that tool in the splines of the disc or the pilot bushing. That tool did have a benefit in that it could be used to align the clutch disc before the clutch cover is installed. Then I would have to fish out the tool through the ring on the clutch cover.

At that time I had a 1<sup>st</sup> motion shaft out of a transmission that I scrapped several years ago. The shaft had a much better fit but I didn’t like the size or weight of the gear hanging off of the end. Another issue is with that gear I couldn’t use the 1<sup>st</sup> motion shaft to align the disc until the clutch cover was attached to the flywheel.

The solution is to cut off the gear. Now the disc can be aligned and then the cover passed over the shaft and then attached to the flywheel. With the gear cut off I then welded a long bolt to the cut off end of the shaft. With the long bolt attached I can now grab the shaft with my whole hand for better control. Since then Bro Clay and I had scrapped more transmissions. That was an opportunity to make a few more tools to keep on hand.









# UPCOMING EVENTS

**November 4, 2023 – EMC Tech Session / Ridgeland, MS** – We'll have the chili on the stove and a wrench ready for stirring. Come on by and grab a bowl and chew the fat with car loving friends. The garage opens at 11:00am and lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Gene / Martha Johnston (601) 941 – 4892.

**December 2, 2023 – EMC Christmas Party / Clinton, MS** – The EMC has been invited to the home of Will and Jennifer Duncan for the year end 2023 Christmas Party. Make plans to join us to wind down 2023 with the EMCs year end gathering. Details: Will / Jennifer Duncan [JenniferLongmireDuncan@outlook.com](mailto:JenniferLongmireDuncan@outlook.com).





Save the  
Date!

# British Motoring Festival

## Covington Trailhead

March 23, 2024



## British Motoring Festival March 23, 2024

BMCNO invites you to our British Motoring Festival on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Tammany Trace Covington Trailhead and Firehouse Events Center in Covington, Louisiana! British Motoring Club New Orleans celebrates the interest, ownership, restoration and driving of British cars and motorcycles. We hope you'll be a part of our 32<sup>nd</sup> annual show by entering your British car or bike, or come by to visit! Registration info coming soon at [bmcno.org](http://bmcno.org).