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## This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

March was a busy month for the club. The weather cooperated nicely for our 2 events. On March 2nd, **Editor Charlie** led a drive via the back roads to **Leatha's BBQ** for lunch. The weather was pleasant, making for a nice drive. And **Tops Down at Rocky Springs** was well attended. Again, the nice weather was just what we needed for a delightful St. Patrick's Day celebration! An additional adventure was planned by **Pres. John** to visit the remains of a MGTD, which was also well attended.

The **BMCNO** show was another day well spent.



Eleven Club members made the show and brought home some loot. The New Orleans club always goes all out to make sure everyone has a good time. We thank them for their hospitality!



# NATCHEZ EURO FEST

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 5-6, 2019

**Mike Marsh** has announced that the dates for Natchez Euro-Fest will be **April 5-6, 2019**. Here is a link to the website. *The rain date will be the following weekend. Please check the Euro Fest website for updates.*

<http://www.euro-fest.net/natchez/index.php>

Here is a link to the entry form. Be sure to get your entries in soon so he can get an accurate head count.



### PRESENTING SPONSORS



# A Drive to Leatha's BBQ


## March 2, 2019

### By Charlie Durning



Though the sky looked gloomy,  It actually turned out to be a nice day for a drive. With a prompt 8:30 departure from the Cracker Barrel,  Editor Charlie and Richard Greene headed south.



The route was via the 2 lane backroads. Part of the route was along some new roads, while the rest were familiar. Some were twisty and fun  while others were straight as an arrow.



The bonus was zero traffic. The point here was to avoid travel on Hwy 49 and all of the construction mess along the way. The drive was pleasant and the weather was perfect.

As chance would have it, Dr. Doug Thomas arrived at the same time we arrived. Perfect timing. Dr. Thomas always has something interesting to talk about.

As always the food at Leatha's was outstanding. I had the beef ribs, YUM.



Doug Thomas, Carol our server, Richard Greene



Richard Greene

# BMCNO SHOW

By Charlie Durning

As reported by Penny Schooler, the weekend began with the New Orleans group hosting a wonderful reception on Friday evening with amazing assortments of salads/casseroles/desserts and several door prizes for all.

Saturday was a beautiful day for a show. The folks at BMCNO pulled out all of the stops. Since I had to make a blitz trip, I drove the MGB GT. The time in transit would be much faster than with the Morris. It was a pleasant, sunny day and the temps were just right for a nice drive.

In attendance from EMC were **Bro Clay & Debbie Johnston, Bro Gene & Martha Johnston, Roy & Penny Schooler, Mike & Alice Glore with their new WSM Sprite, and me.** The Glore's WSM is a stunning car. I'm sure we will see it at our future events.

## EMC awardees:

**Gene Johnston 1st in Class**

**Clay Johnston 2nd in Class**

**Bill Silhan 1st in Class and President's Award**

**Mike Glore 1st in Class and Best of Show**



Left: Karen Murray of BMCNO and Mike Glore

Above: Mike's WSM Sprite—1st in Class and Best of Show





Gene Johnston



Bill Silhan and Karen Murray



Clay Johnston



# Exhaust Rattles

By Charlie Durning

## Pres John Gets a New Front End

Pres John and Bro Clay descended upon Editor Charlie's shop to repair Pres John's front end problem with his beautiful MGB. Pres John had multiple concerns. Among those there was an irritating clunk in the front end caused by worn out sub-frame bushings and a dragging right front brake. Though a challenge, all was accomplished in only one day. The best part is Editor Charlie was able to serve as the supervisor, as Pres John and Bro Clay did all of the work.



# Tops Down at Rocky Springs

## By Charlie Durning

**Tops Down at Rocky Springs Park** was another success. Twenty-one folks were in attendance, as well as 14 cars. The day did start out a bit chilly, so no one arrived with tops down. However, as the day progressed it warmed up nicely and jackets came off.

The arrivals started about 11 am and within a short time the lawn chairs were out, conversations began, and there was a lot of shuffling in the dirt. By noon **Pres John** called us all to order and blessed the food and the gathering. **Pres John** also gave instruction that there would be no pushing or shoving in the food line. All proceeded in an orderly fashion.

After things had settled down **Pres John** brought a business meeting to order. **Bro Clay** said we still have money in the bank. **Bro Gene** went over the calendar of up and coming events. The next 2 events are the show in New Orleans sponsored by our friends at BMCNO and the Natchez Euro-Fest headed up by **Mike Marsh**. **Editor Charlie** announced that he will be putting together another drive to the **Pineville Store** for lunch. Date and time to be announced.

After the festivities were over we all said our good byes and farewells and departed the beloved picnic spot. It should be noted that **Brian Anderson** showed his bravery by lowering the top on his E-Type Jag. Not sure how long it stayed that way.

### Visit to see an MGTD

After Tops Down, **Pres John** invited all who were interested to see the remains of a dejected MGTD. The owner has started the teardown for a full restoration, but, unfortunately passed away before any restoration work could be started. Pres John has the information if someone is interested in a challenge. Contact Pres John through the club website.







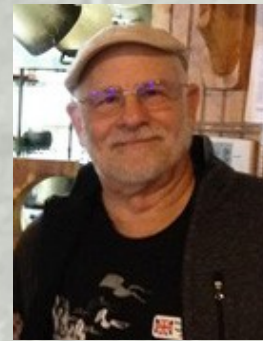
MGTD

# A Drive Thru History from Brandon to Pineville

## Upcoming Event!

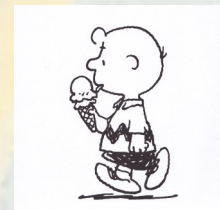
Please join us on May 18 for a nice drive from Brandon to the **Pineville General Store** for lunch. **Roy and Penny Schooler, along with Editor Charlie**, have chosen a route via the scenic 2 lane roads. In addition, Penny is putting together a little history about the points of interest along the way. It will be a fun day. Meet at the Ramey's Market place 212 E Government St, next to the statue in downtown Brandon, at 9:45 am with a prompt departure at 10:15. A head count is requested, but not required. For more information contact **Charlie Durning 601-668-7909** or **Roy Schooler 601-572-7091**.

## *Tech Tip from Richard Greene*



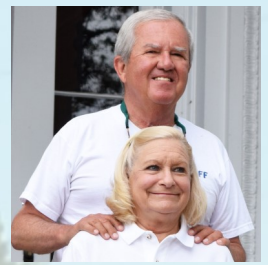
I (Editor Charlie) was at **Richard Greene's** house the other day. We were in the process of mending an obstructed choke cable housing. In the process we cut the housing into 2 pieces. To rejoin the 2 pieces we found that a #10 butt connector was the right size. The challenge was how to attach the butt connector to the cable housing.

Richard had a slick trick - use super glue. I was thinking that may not work out, but, Richard said to watch and learn. After pushing the cable housing into the butt connector he squirted a little super glue into the gap. He then immediately covered the super glue with baking soda. The chemical reaction caused by adding the baking soda caused the super glue to set up immediately and make a very strong bond. I was very impressed. Baking soda will now have a presence in the garage.



If this doesn't work for you, Charlie suggests **ice cream...**

# Blast from the Past



By Terry & Merideth Trovato

When purchasing a vintage British automobile, it's always nice to know about the car's background and from whence, and who, it came. When the EMC visited the **Gene Ponder** museum some 17 years ago, no one had to look very far to find the background of a handsome red Aston-Martin. The previous owner's name was emblazoned at the top of the driver's side door: **His Royal Highness King Hussein of Jordan.**



# From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



## June Cleaver's Worst Nightmare

*This article illustrates some of the trials and tribulations of owning a little old British car....*

Poor June Cleaver...She had a PERFECT dream that her whole house was clean. Then, the nightmare started. Ward came home and announced that he had bought a Little British Car. He said it would ONLY require repairs every weekend. He said that since he didn't have a suitable garage, he would have to work on it in the driveway or the front yard. But he was certain she would understand.



Then things began to escalate. She realized that Ward, who was once a snappy dresser, had grease all over his clothes and his face! Not only that...He had left his greasy footprints on her freshly mopped floor! Just as she was heading to get the mop, she spotted dirty car parts in the pristine kitchen sink. Later that afternoon, she was about to put the apple pie in the oven, and found painted car parts being cured in her Hot Point oven.

That is the day June Cleaver snapped. After years of being the perfect homemaker, all of her efforts had ended with the purchase of one Little British Car.



Just as June was about to pull the trigger and shoot up the LBC, she woke up and realized she had been dreaming. She knew she could never deprive Ward and the boys of the car they loved. So the family agreed that **no more grease** was to come into the house, and they all lived happily ever after.

*Editor's Note: Characters are fictional. Any resemblance to actual people you may know is purely coincidence.-DD*



# Upcoming Events

## English Motoring Club 2019 Calendar

These are calendar entries that have been posted to the EMC web site [www.msemc.org](http://www.msemc.org) for the next 60 - 90 days.

Please note: The date for the February EMC Tech Session has been changed from the 16th to the 23rd.

Those dates highlighted in red are EMC hosted dates. Of course friends, relatives and visitors are welcome as always.

**April 5 - 6, 2019 Natchez Euro Fest / Natchez MS** Ring leader extraordinaire Mike Marsh has put together an outing for lovers of everything automotive. Show site will be on the grounds of Rosalie overlooking the Mississippi and Mike has arranged a weekend full of activities. The featured Marque for 2019 is Alfa Romeo. Details: [www.euro-fest.net](http://www.euro-fest.net) or Mike Marsh (601) 946 - 1950.

The EMC is looking forward to a great spring driving season so be sure that you're getting maintenance attended to now.

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Happy Motoring!