

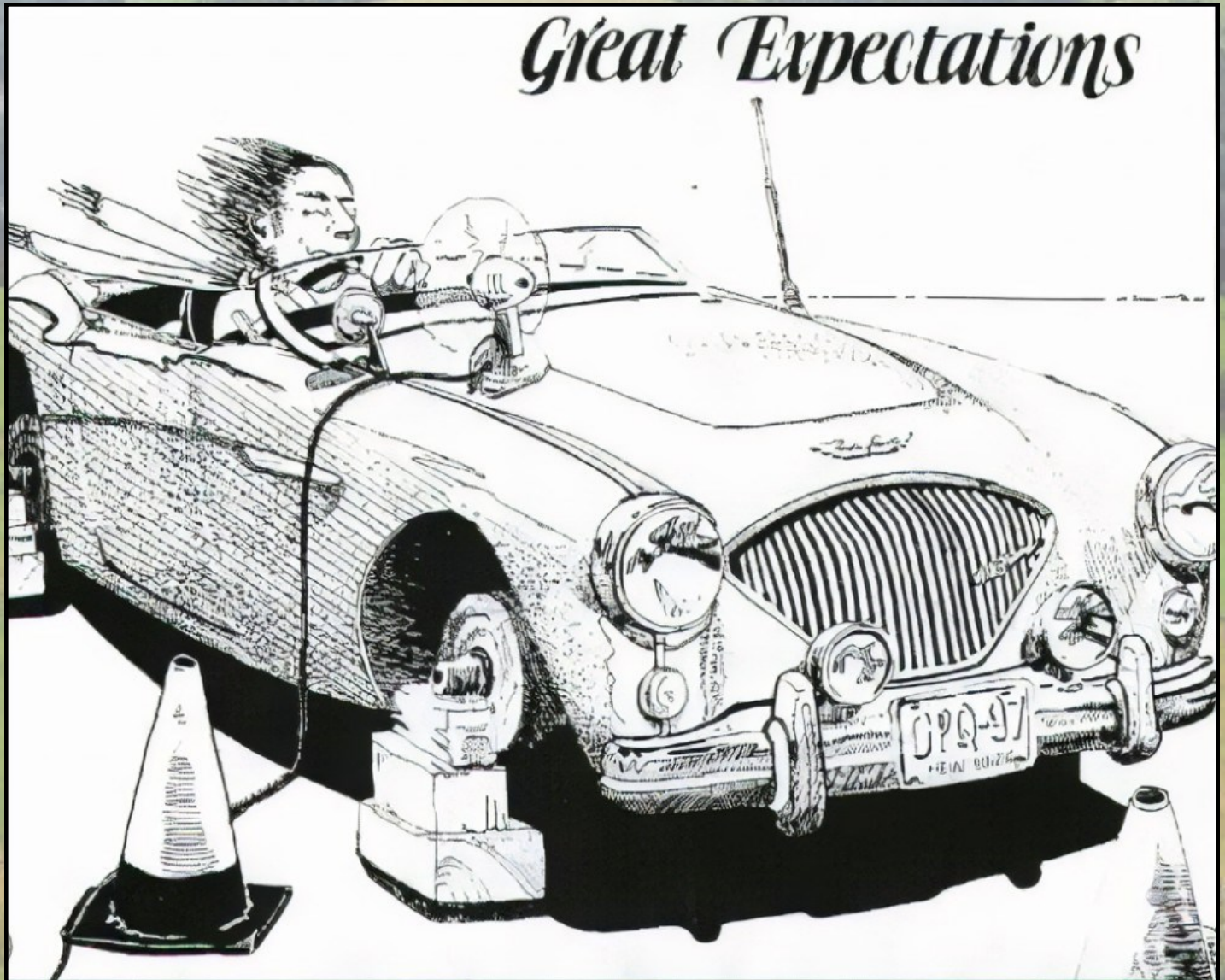
THE OFF-SIDE UNDO



“A gentleman does not motor about after dark.”

Joseph Lucas

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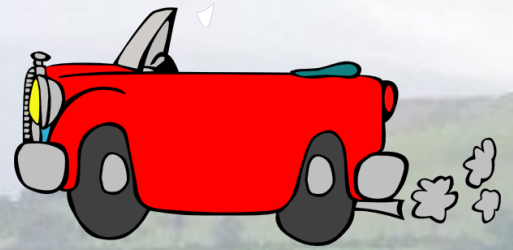


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EXHAUST RATTLES



By Charlie Durning

I found a nice exhaust manifold out in the gold mine that needed a repair to 2 bolt holes. The 2 holes are in one of the flanges where the front pipe attaches. One of those holes had a broken bolt that was rusted in. The other was hogged out to about 7/16". The other 4 holes on the flanges just needed to be cleaned out with a tap.

Luckily, the hole with the broken off stud had a clean break. Even with heat, the broken piece would not budge. Since it was a clean break it was easy to center punch the stud and drill straight through the center. Even though I tried to preserve the threads, it was just not going to happen.

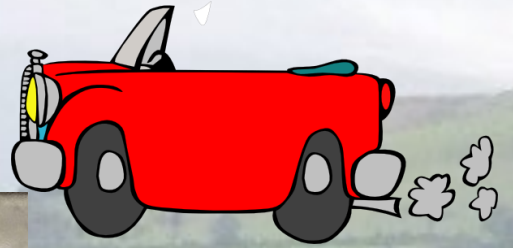
In digging through my tool box, I was able to find my 5/16-18 HeliCoil kit. That size and pitch will match the other holes in the manifold. Both the drill and tap went through the cast iron like it was butter. The HeliCoil installed without incident.

The other hole was a different challenge. It was too big for a 5/16" Heli-Coil and finding a stepped stud to fit the hole was impossible anywhere. Next option was to find a thread insert. Those can be found, just not in Mississippi. HMMM, I went on to another project to reflect. After some pondering, I decided to dig through the small parts gold mine. Bingo, I found a hollow bolt for an MGB rocker cover. Now that has possibilities.

I did have to drill out the offending hole slightly so the stem of the hollow bolt could be a press fit in the manifold. The hollow bolt had to be shortened by about 3/8" and the stud on top was cut off. With a few smart and assertive smacks with a punch and a mallet and the hollow bolt was driven home. All that is left to do is clean up the rust and give a paint job with high temp paint.



EXHAUST RATTLES





DRIVE TO LOUISE'S BBQ

By Charlie Durning

We could not have picked a better day for a scenic drive. Earlier in the week the weather man was saying there could be rain. As the week progressed the forecasted rain was moved later and later into the day. When it came time for the drive, the sky was overcast and the temps were pleasant. A perfect day for a drive.

The departure time was supposed to be at 10:30. Unfortunately, several folks got hung up in construction traffic on Hwy 49. Once all were gathered, we departed from the JR Food Mart in Florence for our scenic drive. The roads on the way to our destination were in good condition and the traffic was light to non-existent. The drive was without any incident.

Upon arrival at Louise's BBQ we had to gather around the cars and converse about the drive. Then a nice young lady approached. She and her husband saw a post about the drive in Facebook. They decided to join us. What a pleasant surprise. As it turns out, they own a modern MINI. They were recruited to join the club. Hopefully they will.

The folks at Louise's BBQ were prepared for our visit. The wait staff were kind and the food was great. Of course, the most important part of the day was the lively conversation taking place at all of the tables. There was a bit of excitement. Jim Hart decided to celebrate his birthday with us. Of course we had to sing Happy Birthday to Jim.

When it was time to leave, we had 3 options: 1) To visit Jim Trunser's new shop. 2) To return to the Jackson area via I-55. And 3) Return to Florence via a different route. There were takers for each option. All in all, this was a day well spent. It was a little early to see the trees in full bloom. Perhaps we will revisit this drive in the Spring or Fall. In attendance were 12 folks and 9 cars.

Be on the lookout for more fun drives.





THE PERFECT PICNIC: MENU NO. 3

From Hilda Level's *The Perfect Picnic*



Menu No. 3

Glazed Cucumber

Cream of Rabbit

Spaghetti & Truffle Salad

Apple Cake

Glazed Cucumber

Choose a cucumber without seeds, split it and divide into pieces about three inches, and then put into a pan with an ounce of butter and about three-quarters of a pint of good stock, a pinch of salt and a teaspoonful of sugar. Do not cover, but cook gently, shaking them occasionally to prevent them burning, Season well and in about half an hour they should be well glazed. Serve cold.

Cream of Rabbit

Bone a young rabbit, chop the flesh finely and put it through a mincer, and pound it in a mortar till smooth. Work in a raw egg, season it well with cayenne, salt, and pepper. Pass the mixture through a sieve, then put it in a saucepan with some good white stock, add a little flour and stir till it is of the consistency of cream. Serve cold with a border of tiny white onions and an outer border of Patna rice.

Spaghetti & Truffle Salad

Cook the spaghetti, drain it, season it well with pepper and salt and chop the truffles and mix with it. Cover with good tomato sauce. Instead of truffles, cold chopped mushrooms could be used or some chopped chicken liver cooked in stock or water.

BREAKING NEWS!

Sent in by Penny Schooler



**CAR FAINTS AFTER SEEING
THE PRICE OF FUEL**

FROM THE PASSENGER SEAT

By Kelly Turner

For this month's newsletter, I thought I'd feature a British automotive artist whose work is more than just about drawing and painting cars — The work of Alan Fearnley is also captures the lives in which those cars belong. Although classic European and iconic cars became the focal point in the later half of Alan Fearnley's career, he started out doing landscape and semi-abstract painting, which sometimes sneaks into his automotive pieces. His automotive paintings range from sunny race scenes to the family car nestled next to a quiet cottage, or rusted out in a dark garage.

A few links with more information and his artwork:

[Alan Fearnley | Automotive painter | The Gallerist](#)

[Gallery | test-1 \(alanfearnleystudio.com\)](#)

[Alan Fearnley Limited Edition Prints | Freck's Auto Art \(frecksautoart.com\)](#)



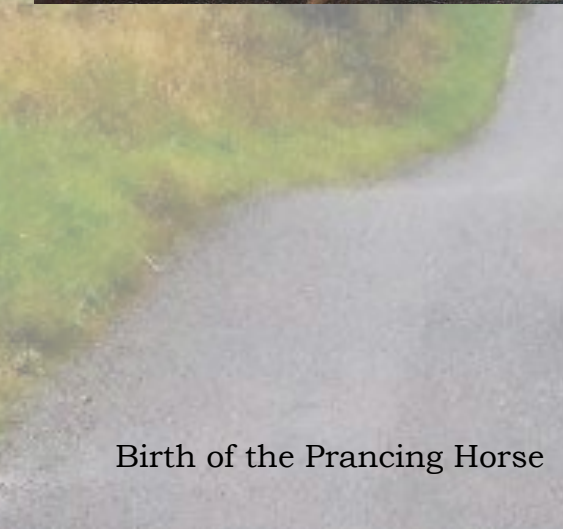
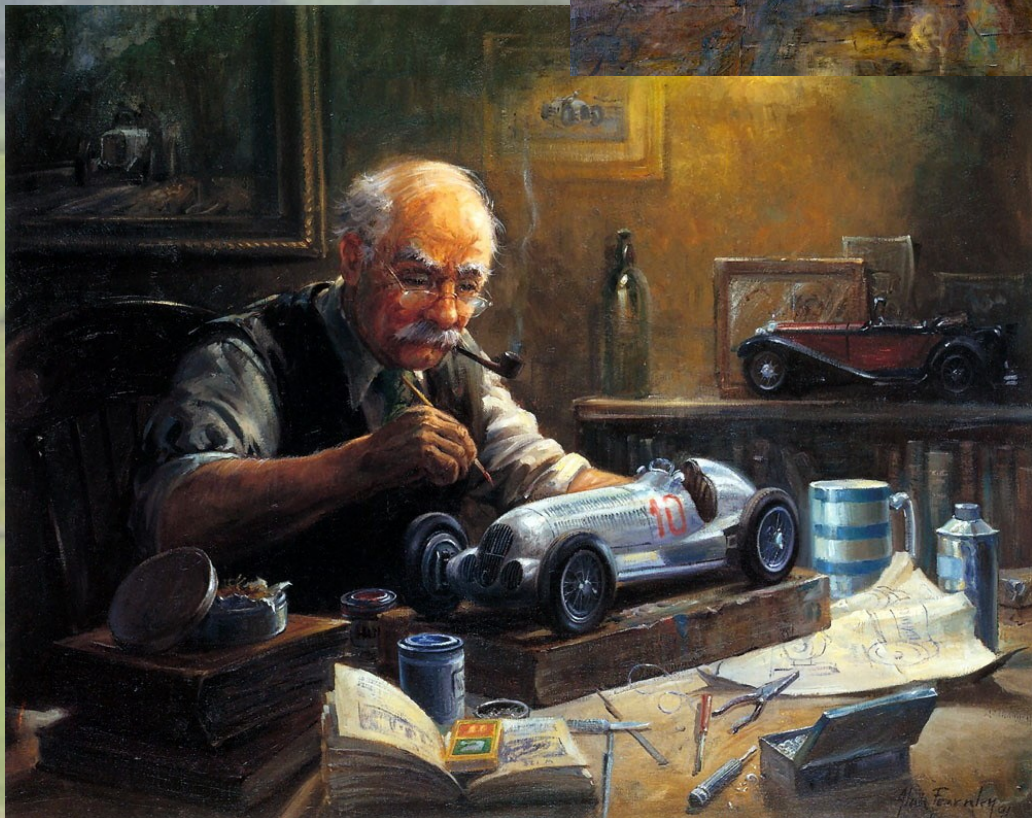
Cat Nap in Provence

Peterson at Monaco





After the Show



Birth of the Prancing Horse

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 22-23, 2022 Natchez Euro Fest / Natchez, MS – Ring leader extraordinaire Mike Marsh has put together an outing for lovers of everything automotive. The show site will be in front of The Natchez Grand Hotel at 111 N Broadway St, the Western most street in downtown Natchez, running along the Mississippi River. Entries will be parked at the Southern corner of the Grand Hotel stretching North on both sides of the street. A block of rooms is available at The Grand also overlooking the old man river. Details: www.euro-fest.net / Mike Marsh (601) 946 – 1950.

April 22-23, 2022 Brits on the Bay / Pensacola, FL - For the 28th “2.0” annual show they’ll fill the field with friends, fun and automobiles. Make plans to attend a great weekend this time promised to be in the sun. The Friday night gathering is a do not miss so make plans early. Details: www.pbca1.com

April 22-24, 2022 MG GOF South / Howey in the Hills, FL – The largest and most important gathering of MGs and MG enthusiasts in the southeast. Live the MG Life on rolling backroads; in picturesque towns; with MG experts; at a world-class resort; among life-long MG friends. Details: <https://www.gofsouth.org>

June 6-10, 2022 NAMGAR GT-47 / Colorado Springs, CO – If you are into extended driving in your MGA join this group of drivers/riders for the 2022 Gathering of the Faithful. Just a hop and skip up the road and you’ll be glad you made the trip for the 47th annual national gathering. Details; <https://namgar.com>

June 18, 2022 EMC Tech Session / Brandon, MS - If our Tech Guru calls for a tech session you know it'll be a real challenge. Join us to see the answer to whatever puzzle Keith has up his sleeve. Wrenching starts at 11:00am and lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Keith / Pat Anderson (601) - 829 - 2573.

June 19 – 23, 2022 NAMGBR 2022 The Next Generation / Peterborough, Ontario – Make plans to attend the 2022 North American MGB Registers annual gathering. For 2022 it will be held in Peterborough, Ontario. If you’re follower of the marque and you’ve not made a NAMGBR event this is the upcoming event for you. Make plans early. Details: <https://mgtoronto.com/mg2022>

June 20 – 24, 2022 Triumph Register of America National Meet / Gettysburg, PA - A bit of a ride for those from the Deep South however if you’ve never made a national TR event make your plans early. and happen to be in the area drop in. The TR always fills the calendar with events during their annual meet. Make plans early. Details: <http://triumphregister.com>



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CAR SHOW

TECH SESSIONS

FUNKHANA

VALVE COVER RACING

MODEL COMPETITION

PHOTO CONTEST



THE NEXT GENERATION

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LIFT LOCK TOURS

LOCAL RALLY

SELF-DIRECTED DRIVES

PARKING LOT PARTY

SPECIAL GUEST

SPEAKER

During the summer of 1992, hundreds of MGs converged on scenic Peterborough, in the Kawartha Lakes region of Ontario, for the inaugural convention of the North American MGB Register. Thirty years later, we are going back to where it all began. Come join us June 19th to 23rd to honour our history and celebrate the future. We will have a slew of activities for enthusiasts of all ages including a car show, tech sessions, lift lock tours, funkhana, local rally, self-directed drives, a parking lot party and an awards banquet with a very special guest speaker. We look forward to seeing you in Peterborough at THE MG event of 2022!

JUNE 19 - 23, 2022



North American MGB Register
Including MGC, MG Midget, 1100/1300 MG, and Modern MG

