

Off-Side Undo



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Editors note* With this issue, due to the temporary duty assignment of the former editor, John Simmers, to the seat of our government in Washington D.C. for some five months, you may notice a somewhat less professional and more family oriented journalistic deviation. We offer no apologies for this, but ask you to simply bear with us and to send in your own offerings to make this whole endeavor more bearable for us all.

At the same time, allow us to reflect on our eleven year association with you lovely people. Lord knows in that time you have come to know us as we are, and you already know us as not being the professional car show types. You never saw us out there at dawn with the toothbrushes scrubbing away. Our engines were never spotless. We always had at least one child in tow putting sticky fingerprints on the glass or somewhat polished surfaces of the cars. (Amanda's main objection to driving our old Malibu is that she and John both potty trained on the back seat!)

Yes, you were the ones who welcomed us to our first show in Jackson in 1985 when we showed up in our newly acquired and very unrestored black 1967 Jaguar Mk II with the dash hanging out and the stuffing showing through the upholstery. A very

proud 4 year old Amanda accepted a 3rd place award for "the car with the furthestest to go."

John at that time was a very "busy" 2 year old who was uncommunicative and not yet diagnosed with central conduction deficit. In the years that followed we continued to show up at club events with our two dynamos. As John went through all the testing and the years of special schooling that followed, we may have seemed a bit stand offish or hard to get to know to some of you. It was though that we had to work through our fears and come to grips with providing for a child like John, especially me as I had a harder time than Pat dealing with it all.

Through it all, you were there, though, with your kindnesses, support, and acceptance of us all. Because of the support from friends like you all, John has made the remarkable progress to overcome his handicap. You have been there to see him grow and progress and shared with us your joy and wonder at each. For this we are deeply appreciative to each of you and count you among our car show friends and family.



PREZ SEZ

Thanks to all who volunteered me, I am President again for 1996. On behalf of all of us in EMC, we appreciate all the hard work John Simmers logged during his three year Provisional Government leadership.

Looking ahead in 1996, we ought to have a great year of activities. We will have a monthly Offside Undo and many events have already been planned. Check out the calendar in this issue. The next EMC outing will be a picnic to Port Gibson and a tour of the Grand Gulf Museum.

In addition, I would like to see us have a breakfast tour this summer. We could get up early, and drive together in the cool air to a great restaurant. In addition, Our Rally Master, John Simmers, is thinking about reviving the Empire Trophy Rally! We have some insurance concerns to resolve first, and I will devote some time immediately to this issue. While I am dreaming, I would love to see EMC rent cabins for a weekend at a State park. We could play cards until 2 a.m., hike, fish, and have a great time together.

Our membership chairperson is Dennis Loftin. Dennis is responsible for distributing membership info to all British iron in Mississippi. We may receive some help from member John Lang in helping find British car owners in the area. The news editor position is being filled by both Barbara and Pat Cashman. Even though they recently bought a Ferrari, (not a Triumph), we are looking forward to a great monthly read. Preparing a monthly newsletter is easier said than done, so please help by submitting articles, want ads, etc. Keith Anderson is our social chairman this year and will organize the picnics and regular party functions. Finally, our Tech Chairperson is Jonathon Bingham. He is highly qualified having rescued a TR-6 from a cobbled V8 installation and returned it to its proper Triumph six cylinder form.

Thanks to all who attended the Tops

Down party at the Speetjen's home. What a great turn out! It was wonderful seeing everyone again despite the Arctic wind chill. Between Joe's new Morgan, Pat's new Ferrari, and our new member Garth's Lotus we continue to have a unique collection of sports cars for a club of our size. But then, we have a unique collection of car owners in EMC, and you all can leak oil in my driveway anytime. See you at the picnic on May 4.

STEVE

New Orleans British Car Day



The British Car Season got off to a good start for the Pat Cashman family the weekend of March 22 & 23 with the 6th annual British Car Day Show in Metarie at La Freniere Park sponsored by the New Orleans Club.

We set off one hour before school let out so as to get ahead of the school buses down Hwy. 27 to Crystal Springs with only one minor setback. The teenage daughter with friend Alyssa Boswell, who had never been to New Orleans, had to be sent back to school to get the younger brother they had forgotten to pick up and bring home with them. Amanda is freshly driving with a new license & our 79 chevy Malibu, but not always with brain engaged.

As always, the NO Club was set up at the Veterans Blvd Holiday Inn with the red beans and rice hospitality next door at the Lutheran Church, ample trailer parking in their parking lot. It was good to see old friends, Bob & Sue Mason from Fairhope, Ala with their MG and hear Jim Hofer's laugh across the parking lot before seeing him down from the Memphis club with his red TR 4.

From our club Steve Collins showed up minus his impeccable TR6 due to a starter relay malfunction. Seems his spares contained 4 horn relays but no starter relay! We understand his attic is still ringing from

the search among the spares.

Saturday morning dawned bright, sunny and much too early for the Cashman females. However, John & Pat joined the other early birds for the traditional washing of the cars and later the befuddling of the waitresses in the coffee shop.

The weather was ideal for the show and turn out the British iron did. 117 cars in all. One of the best attended in a while. Our club was well represented with the John Simmers' in their MGB GT and the Cashman Gordon Keeble. Also showing up but without British cars for one reason or another were Dennis and Mary Katherine Loftin, Brian and Keith Anderson, Bob Summerlin and as usual later in the day due to a stop in Wesson to help an ailing Triumph, Frank and Tricia Peel and both border collies.

Pat ran into Mike Schrantz from Ala who bought our parts Jaguar, a 64 Mk II. He is restoring it and had hoped to have it at the show, but as we all know only too well, some difficulty with obtaining the wood for the dash threw him off schedule. It is truly amazing what one can do with old derelict cars and enormous amounts of money!

The club did all right in the trophy department also. Simmers got a third for his MGB GT. The Easoms got a second for his MG and the Cashmans' a first for the Gordon Keeble. All club entrants brought home the glory! We did ok in the door prize department, too. We left the awards winning a nice Castrol sweatshirt which felt real good later as we took the neophyte down Bourbon Street and over to the Napoleon House for sandwiches and later to our favorite quiet bar- Mae Bailey's- for a capucino. (It kind of cramps one's style to try to be responsible adults and show teenagers a sample of New Orleans night life at the same time.)

Sunday morning we roused out quite early these same teenagers for the original Cafe du Monde "where the coffee is strong and the do-nuts are too hot to touch." After taking them then through the quite- transformed-from-the-night-before Quarter, we

let them roam through Tower Records as long as they pleased and then on to Riverwalk to hit the shops. A tired, happy, and close to penniless crew then headed to Mississippi with one more convert to British car shows.



TOPS DOWN PARTY MARCH 31

A good crowd turned out for the annual Tops Down Party held Sunday, March 31st at the lovely home of Joe and Cynthia Speetjens. The day was rather raw and blustery, the last breath of winter we always seem to feel the week before Easter.

Still they came. Jean & Wilbert Easom from Meridian, John and Florence Simmers and the entire Cashman family from Vicksburg. The Jackson contingent was made up of Steve Collins and his family, Keith and Brian Anderson, Alex Wade, Dennis and Mary Katherine Loftin and several new members including Jonathon Bingham and Garth Bissette.

Since it was too cold to lower any tops, brief forays were taken outside to view the Speetjens new Morgan + 8 and the Cashman Ferrari 365 GT 2+2 along with the cars of the new members. During a short business meeting, John Simmers announced that he was going tdy to Washington, D.C. until September and was turning the editorship of the Off Side Undo over to Barbara and Pat Cashman. Keith Anderson, Alex Wade, and Pat Cashman will share duties of chairing the British Car Show at the Highland Games in August. Alex Wade agreed again to be treasurer for life. Keith Anderson is to be social chairman.

Steve Collins is to be our newest chief or president. He scheduled a number of events including picnics and tech sessions. Look for details of these and other events elsewhere in this issue and for further flyers in the mail.

A sense of optimism came along with

several new members. Tops Down seems to be the start of a great season of activities for the English Motoring Club.



Armstrong Siddeley in the movies

Glenn Morrison, the proud new owner of my 1951 Armstrong Siddeley Whitley, says his '52 Whitley was featured in My Girl 2. About thirty minutes into the movie, the young girl meets her uncle at his garage in Los Angeles where they both walk past the Siddeley. Fleeting fame and recognition!

Not to worry! We still have a 1950 Armstrong Siddeley utility coupe for sale.

You, too, could be in the movies. Speaking of which, Amanda and Pat answered the latest cattle call for extras for the Whoopi Goldberg movie to be shot in Miss. this summer.

They went to Natchez April 6 with photos in hand and photos of our 59 Triumph and Otis Headley's 50 Studebaker coupe which shares living quarters with our collection. The movie moguls were calling for cars from the 30's thru 63. Hey, in the immortal words of Mickey Mouse, "You never know!"

While we are on the subject of movies--- at the New Orleans show awards banquet to keep the natives from getting restless during a lull while they waited for the trophies to arrive from the engravers, the following movie trivia quiz was offered. We thought it worthy of sharing with our readers, so have included it for your enjoyment. The answers are at the end of the newsletter. No peeking!

Pat and I came up with some movies they had left out. If you have any to add, send them in to us and we will reprint them in a later issue.

Name the British car in the following movies, TV series, and TV commercials. Give as much information as you can as to color, year and model, etc., as that information will determine the winner in the case of a tie naming all the cars correctly.

1. Porky's II _____
2. Father of the Bride _____
3. Funny Farm _____
4. Blue Hawaii _____
5. Goldfinger _____
6. Peacemaker _____
7. Thunderball _____
8. Top Gun _____
9. Harold and Maude _____
10. For Your Eyes Only _____
11. Sweet Liberty _____
12. Roman Holiday _____
13. Timestalkers _____
14. Magic _____
15. Where the Boys Are (popular car at the traffic light) _____
16. War of the Roses _____
17. The Prisoner (tv series) _____
18. Saturday Night Live- (In the Terminator skit, what car went flying off the cliff? _____)
19. Farah Fawcett commercial for gas station service _____
20. Inspector Morse (PBS Mystery) _____
21. BONUS QUESTION

What cars, (make and model) were driven in the commercial in which a famous jazz artist is featured singing, "At last my love has come along." _____

22. BONUS QUESTION

In the movies, Goldfinger and Thunderball, what was the location of the ejector seat trigger? _____

ON THE CALENDAR

Pat and John head to Little Rock, Ark April 20 for the All Italiana show put on by the . It is a real classy show. We were invited to attend two years ago to show the Gordon Keeble because of its Italian connection (designed by Guigaro while he was at Bertone). We went and really enjoyed it. (They even paid our hotel room)

Saw lots of Ferraris, Maserattis, Lamborghinis, Iso Rivolta, et ceterini. The people were great!

We were invited back last year but they had some conflict with the sponsor or something, and it got canceled. At the Concours Italiana in August in Carmel Valley, CA where we were invited to show the Keeble, we saw Jeff Timmons, one of the guys involved with the Arkansas show. Then last month we got another invitation to bring the Keeble back for their 3rd Annual All-Italiana Sports & Gt Display.

Amanda and I can't go this year as she is in a production of "The Secret Garden". She is greatly disappointed as she took some terrific pictures last time. When her school was vandalized last year, the only thing taken from her locker was all her car pictures from this show and two key chains! She has already given her dad a list of cars to photograph for her. More on this after the boys return. I approach this trip of theirs with great trepidation as Jeff wants to sell his Iso Rivolta, the next car Guigaro designed after the Keeble. Surely Pat wouldn't! Maybe I better check the credit line on the cards again.

4th Pensacola Beach British Beach Bash
Saturday 27 April
Pensacola, Fl
Call Bill Snyder (904) 944-9548

Birmingham, Alabama
May 24-26
Sponsored by Birmingham British Motoring Club
Contact: Dan Perkins (205) 967-0974

British Car Day with the Highland Games
24 August
Jackson, Ms

September 21
Fairhope, Ala
British Car Day
Sponsored by The Mardi Gras MGs
returns to Fairhope's beach front park
Contact: The Masons (334) 928-5366

October 12
British Car Day
Memphis, Tennessee

October 19
English Motoring Club Picnic

November 16
EMC Tech Session

December 14
EMC Christmas Party

FOR SALE WANTED TO BUY OR SWAP

Kent Turner has wheels that fit a Bugeye Sprite but are not Bugeye wheels. If you want them, call him at 601-638-8005.

FOR SALE

1966 Mustang GT convertible.....maroon with pony interior. A/C, PS, PB, Auto. 289 four barrel with Cobra valve covers (just like ole Shelby used when he stuffed the 289 in the AC) You see there is a British connection here. \$12,000.00 Call Pat Cashman, 601-636-4545 work or home 601-638-3240.

GARAGE CLEAN OUT

Used ANSA exhaust for TR-6. \$15.00
Hayden electric fan, \$5.00
Two 5 and 1/4 two way speakers, \$12.00
NOS TR-6 choke cable, braided wire, \$12.00.
Many back issues of Road & Track, Car and Driver. Best offer. Come on, ANYoffer. 1970's to 1990's.
Pat Cashman, 601-636-4545 or home 601-638-3240.

FOR SALE

3 Austin Healey Sprites 2 1950 Chevy trucks, 1953 GMC truck, 1953 MG-TD with MGB drivetrain, 1967 Spitfire race car, 1974 Porsche 914, 1974 MGB-GT race or restore for street, 1975 Midget, 100s of British parts. Gary Miller, 601-746-4622 weekdays or 601-853-8739 nights and weekends.

ANSWERS

1. Jaguar 120
2. Austin Healy 3000
3. MG TF
4. 1959 MGA, red
5. Aston Martin DB 5, platinum and Rolls Royce
6. MGB, red
7. Aston Martin DB 5, platinum
8. MGA
9. Jaguar E Type 2+2, converted into hearse
10. Lotus Esprit, white
11. TR-6, brown
12. MG TD
13. Morgan, white
14. Rolls Royce, white
15. Bug Eye
16. Morgan
17. Lotus 7 and Mini Moke
18. Jaguar Mk II
19. Austin Healey MkIII, blue
20. Jaguar Mk II, red with black vinyl top (actually made from a Daimler)
21. 1995 Jaguar Vanden Plas XJ6 and XJS
22. gear shift lever

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