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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

Well, July has been another hot month. Though I haven't been driving my LBC's, I have been working on some. Roy Schooler came down. With the help of Bro Clay and we installed his rebuilt head on his MGB. Bro Gene came down and we mocked up his rear disc brake conversion, and I got a TR6 and a MGB back on the road. Those were all fun projects.

The gathering at Glore's barn was a great success. Many thanks to Mike and Alice for their hospitality.

Our next event will be at David and Joann Bailey's house in Brandon for Brits on the Bluff planning and food. David has some new cars in his fleet to show us. If you need a flyer for Brits on the Bluff, contact me or any of our officers and we will e-mail one to you. We are also looking for door prize suggestions. Send your suggestions to Bro Gene at msemc.org.

Don't forget that Euro-Fest will be here soon so get your entries in soon. The date is October 12.

For those interested in a road trip, this year Brits in the Ozarks will be featuring David Hobbs as the keynote speaker. The dates are September 5-7 in Fayetteville, AR. Here is a link to their website, www.britshironnwa.org

We are looking for reader ride photos requesting inclusion of year, make, model owner, member name. Submissions can send to Bro Gene's msemc.org address.

For name tags contact Pres John through the club website.

August Tech Session



A Visit to Gore's Barn

By Charllie Durning

Since the day was a bit toasty, it was a good thing that Mike and Alice Gore's barn has great air conditioning. The best count says that 42 guests and members were in attendance. Some brave souls actually drove their little British cars. It was a treat to see and meet new members, a sign that EMC is doing something right.

On display were Mike's latest finds, a WSM Sprite, a Innocenti Sprite Coupe, and a Fiat 850 Spider. All are fun little treasures. My thanks to Mike for his tenacity in finding those rare cars for all to enjoy.

Of course Alice did a bang up job as hostess. The spread of goodies were very tasty. I believe all got their fill. My thanks to Alice for all of her hard work.

The images of the event were captured by new member Jack Torrence.



What is "Look Ahead Suspension"

By Mike Glore



Last month wife and I flew to Dallas to complete the configuration of the new McLaren GT I have on order. I requested our first stop to be their service center to get answers to several questions. The one main question I had was about the much touted look ahead feature of the suspension. Come to find out none of their technicians could plainly explain this. All of my other questions were promptly answered. While on the plane flying home I became entrenched about this feature. The article below offered by a gentlemen in England at a private event describes it best. The gentlemen only described as Jas deserves all the credit for remembering in great detail all the features. Also attached is a 12 minute video of the mechanics which carry out the WITCHCRAFT.

My video from last night's private Club event at McLaren Thought Leadership Centre, and the McLaren GT launch.

I will comment only on the suspension, as I had an in-depth discussion with their lead engineer present last night. The other general performance information is all in press releases anyway. I was told a lot more detail than this, but this is the best I can recollect after too much champagne and a fair amount of delicious food

The GT's suspension is not Sports Series, and nor is it Super Series suspension. It is in fact an "in-between" system, but is much closer to Super Series than Sports.

It has the Super Series' hydraulic dampers, but not the cross linked system. It also has the 720S' "Cambridge PhD" software control system, which predicts the road ahead and tries to prepare the car in advance.

To see the physical mechanical design of the 720S suspension, see this second video please. The GT's suspension is a significantly simplified (and softened) version of this 720S system.

Some have queried how the software can predict the road, when it has no cameras, etc. to scan ahead. The answer is that the car uses 3 sensor types (i) a pressure sensor in the damper, and (ii) attitude sensors i.e. the position of the car, and (iii) G force and acceleration sensors in all 3 dimensions for each wheel.

The car then (within milliseconds) looks up the overall sensor state in a data table to see if it matches a previous recorded state. These states have been pre-programmed, AND are also updated as you drive the car, so it learns your usual roads and improves over time and to match your driving style. (The 720S does this too, but in more detail, and with more adjustment due to the cross linking.)

Having found a matching data entry (or closest), the car then prepares itself for what it has predicted is coming next. It does all this in milliseconds, so it is a continuous live adjustment process.

I can only say that it does work in the 720S, having often described the car as reading my mind & also as using witchcraft. This is how it's done. The 720S active suspension is simply incredible, as all owners know.

The software and data tables are the work of Cambridge University.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=tkwL8lBo2e0&feature=youtu.be>

Exhaust Rattles

By Keith Anderson



EMC members Hilliard Williams and Dominic Lavalá both had their 1967 Austin Healey BJ8 "Healey blue" cars at the Anderson garage at the same time for minor work. Pictured on the left is Dominic, and on the right is Brian Anderson, with Hilliard's car. We're happy that both cars sound and run great and are headed home today.



Saga of Baby B Continues in July

By Roy Schooler



Well it's July and back to Magee again on early Saturday morning for the infamous breakfast at the Huddle House and on the Charlie's shop where Brother Clay, Charlie and I removed Baby B's head for the second time. Number 3 cylinder was still not firing properly. I was getting pretty good at this by now and I knew what wrench to hand to who and where. Hey—everybody has a place and task, you know.

We checked the head this time after it was removed and found the valve seats and guides were worn. So it's off to the machine shop where they performed a valve job and replaced the guides.

Now back to Magee another early Saturday morning for another infamous breakfast at the Huddle House and to Charlie's shop. This time my son Chris came with me to help and one more person for me to hand wrenches to. We reinstalled the head and Baby B has never better.

I drove the MGB to work the next Saturday since we had a nice although temporary change in the weather and on the way home a rock found it's path to my windshield and now there is a big chip on the windshield.....*will this story never end and will Penny ever quit reminding of the ABCs of Retirement ... i.e. does Baby B have to be grounded?*



Blast from the Past

By Terry & Merideth Trovato



Back in 2002 the EMC was preparing for its annual Brits on the Bluff Show, which back then was held on the grounds of Natchez's Rosalie Mansion. EMC prez at that time, Terry Trovato, told a pilot buddy about the show, who as a surprise photographed from the air all of the cars neatly arranged by marque. A unique photo of a British Car Show f'sure.



Just a Penny's Worth



Can you believe it is really August? Thank you Charlie and Mike for sending me the great articles this month. I would really enjoy articles from you also. we all have experiences and tales with our cars and travels so please share them with me. I heard an interesting story from the Cashman's about planning to go to a car show and having to change cars at the last minute and also downsize the luggage. Sound familiar? Send to me at: **schoolerp@bellsouth.net**.

You will also notice how full the calendar page is - lots of opportunities to show off our cars. Hope to see several of you at the Brandon event on Saturday August 31st. (We look so nice when there are several of us together) Also Roy and I are now planning on two trips—Drive through history in the Woodville area and other is to the Amish community in Randolph, MS. Please let us know if your are interested.

And that's my penny's worth for this month!

Sometimes I surprise myself with the smart things I say + do.

Then there are times I try to get out of the car with my seat belt on.

Upcoming Events

English Motoring Club 2019 Calendar

These are calendar entries that have been posted to the EMC web site www.msemc.org for the next 60 - 90 days.

August 17, 2019 – EMC Garage and Food Tour / Brandon MS - David and Jo Ann have a way of throwing a great party in lead up to the EMC show. Come on out and see what David has added or improved on for 2018. Always lots to see and do along with a great meal what else can you ask for. This will be the pre-Brits on the Bluffs gathering so bring along a dish and enjoy the fun. Gathering starts at 11:00am. Lunch starts as 12:00pm. Details: David / Jo Ann Bailey (601) 992 – 8566.

August 31, 2019—Brandon 042 Car Show, 9am to 3pm City Hall, Brandon, MS \$25 entry, Top 5 Cash Awards + trophies. All proceeds to benefit Cash Medders Memorial Fund. Contact Edward Means at eemean@gmail.com. Or call 601-941-5312 for more information.

September (check for dates, usually the first weekend), 2019 – Shoals British Car Show / Florence AL - If you haven't had the pleasure of visiting the Shoals British Car Show at Joe Wheeler State Park in Florence AL you should. This show will be celebrating the 23rd gathering. It's a laid-back gathering on the banks of Wheeler Lake. Everything including rooms, meals and Friday night's reception are within walking distance. Details: www.shoalsbritishcars.org

September 7, 2019 - Brits in the Ozarks / Fayetteville AR - Still looking for excuses for a mountain drive? Here's another chance to see the Ozarks in all of their colors and have a car show at the end of your drive. Race car driver and commentator David Hobbs will be the guest of honor for the show. The 16th Annual Brits in the Ozarks will be there waiting for you. Details: www.britshironwa.org

September 20 – 21, 2019 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS – We have the promise of a perfect weekend for the 23rd Annual BOTB. Hang out on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River starting with our Friday night party and spend Saturday with us under the oaks at Bluff Park. There will be lots to do on your visit with us. Additional information and registration information can be linked from here: [BotB 2019](#). Details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 941 –4892..

October 6 - 11, 2019 – Vintage Triumph Register Convention / Dripping Springs TX - A bit of a ride for those from the Deep South however if you've never made a national event and happen to be in the area drop in. Go ahead run to the land of cactus and cowboys. Make plans early. Details: www.vtr.org and <https://feature.vintagetriumphregister.org>

October 11 - 12, 2018 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS – Come to Ridgeland Mississippi and enjoy the 11th Annual Renaissance Car Fest. The 2018 event was one to remember. Lots of participation from EMC members as well as friends from surrounding clubs will be the order again for 2019. When posted get your entry in early and make plans to attend. You'll see cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy often and in the surroundings of the Renaissance it's just magnificent. Details: www.euro-fest.net Mike Marsh (601) 946 – 1950.

Happy Motoring!