

THE OFF-SIDE UNDO

“A GENTLEMAN DOES NOT MOTOR ABOUT AFTER DARK” JOSEPH LUCAS



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This 'n That

By Roy Schooler

We've certainly seen challenging times during the past two years and had to rethink event planning. Drives through the countryside were creative ways to see each other and enjoy our little cars. Eating was challenging. I think we all remember lunch on the deck at Crawbillys. Barry Schmidt wrote an entertaining article on that adventure. Richard Greene entertained us with his humorous articles. We also got a lot of repairs finished while confined close to home. We SURVIVED. 2022 promises to be better.

MERRY CHRISTMAS !



CAR SONGS

By Pat Cashman

A while back I was driving in my new to me truck which has Sirius XM and heard a car song which I had never come across before. "59 Volvo". Really? A rock and roll record from the '50s about a 1959 Volvo? How many Volvos could have been in the States at that time and what would have to happen to get a group to record and then get that song on the radio? That got me to thinking about all of the car related songs I'm familiar with and have enjoyed some since the 1960s. I was really into the Beach Boys during the 60s and could not get enough of the car songs. Wow! California cool and hot rods were things I thought were the best. Didn't have the real cars but I built a lot of 1/25 scale models, many of which I still have today. I'm still building car models presently and hope I don't have to stop as it lets me expand my car obsession at a reasonable cost. So, in no particular order or ranking here are some of the car related songs that I think are worth sharing. I'm sure there are many more to add to the list. Wonder how many English songs there are that I have no knowledge of?

A Triumph engine sound was used in Mungo Jerry's hit "In the Summertime"; '59 Volvo...
Veernon Green & The Medallions Little Nash Rambler...

The Playmates Expressway To Your Heart...Soul Survivors GTO...

Ronnie and the Daytonas Little Deuce Coupe

Beach Boys Don't Worry, Baby...Beach Boys (perhaps my favorite) SS 396...

Paul Revere & The Raiders Hey Little Cobra...

The Rip Chords Dead Man's Curve...

Jan and Dean A Brand New Car...

Rolling Stones Full Lock Power Slide...

Procul Harum Radar Love...

Golden Earring Go Little Honda...

The Hondells (well, 2 wheels are cool, too) Rocket 88...

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Beach Boys Little Red Corvette...

Prince Drive My Car...

The Beatles Fast Car...

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Tracy Chapman Little Deuce Coupe... Beach Boys



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DRIVER'S DREAM

November 6, 2021

By Gene Johnson

Pearl to Meridian MS – Members of the English Motoring Club and the Mercedes Chapter of the Mississippi Section of Mercedes Club of America joined up in Pearl for an early morning drive over to Meridian for the 2021 Soule' Steam Festival held at the Mississippi Industrial Museum. A pleasant addition was that Rail Fest was being held the same weekend.

I was a bit concerned as we left home as a heavy layer of fog blanketed the roads to Pearl however it was clear and cool as we headed off toward Meridian. We all shared a good (British vs. German reliability) laugh when Mike had to borrow jumper cables from a lawn care crew at the Cracker Barrel to start his day.

(Photo #1 of Mike with jumper cables)

On arrival the Industrial Museum folks had us a spot blocked off near the Soule' Steam Factory. Almost immediately a crowd gathered around including the local TV reporter to document our arrival. We answered questions regarding our cars from all comers. Some of our group hung around the cars while another group toured the Soule' Museum and visited vendors. I have an interest in all forms of transportation that rolls so I wandered down to the Rail Fest area at Union Station.

During our visit we registered new member Raymond Tope of Collinsville. Raymond is the proud owner of a 1978 Triumph Spitfire in the required shade of green. Raymond is recognized as having the best presentation of the British contingent.

(Photo #2 - #3 of Ray and his Triumph Spitfire)

We also recognize the attendance of Tommy and Kathy Hart. All the way from Greenville to join us. They were driving their BMW Z4 but we'll still recognize them as having driven the furthest distance to join us. Ray, Tommy and Kathy we hope that you can join us again very soon.



At 1:00pm the dinner bell rang at Weidmann's. The food as always was great. I don't think anyone went home hungry.

(Photo #4 of folks around the lunch table)

On arrival at the Industrial Museum Steve's '74 Midget had an ominous rattle which was being emitted from some were down low...very low. Diagnosis is that the throw out bearing had given up the ghost. Not bad for a 47-year-old clutch! No concerns or need for a tow however as Steve and his '74 made it home safely using 2nd and 4th gears and traveling the interstate. Three cheers for Steve and all that attended the final scheduled drive for 2021.



My New Toy

By John Turbeville

I'd been interested in owning a classic Mini Cooper for quite a while. I'd watch various auction sites like Bring A Trailer with great interest to see what features the cars had, what others had to say about them, and the selling price. Final price at these auction sites always amazed me as they always seemed too expensive and too far away. While searching Facebook Marketplace in September a classic Mini imported from Japan caught my attention. It was a 1995 right hand drive with 93,000 km or about 57,000 miles. I couldn't believe what I was seeing as we didn't get this Mini in the States and it had air conditioning and it was located in Louisville, MS—a mere 90 miles from my house. I started asking questions of the owner and decided that this car needed an onsite inspection. I recruited Richard Green to with me on this road trip to investigate this beauty. Richard has "new" Mini ownership experience as he bought one for Elena 20 years ago.

We arrived and proceeded to do a compression check where each cylinder showed 145-150. A 10 mile test drive was a success. We pulled the carpets back and searched the trunk and underneath for rust and could not find any. I struck a deal and headed for home with Richard following in my Jaguar. It barely made it to Richard's house as the alternator and battery died. It was towed to my house a few days later after the alternator was rebuilt and a new battery purchased. The next Saturday I entered it in Eurofest where it won Outstanding in Class but alas, it had to be towed home yet again after a water hose burst leaving me stranded on the interstate. I couldn't believe it had to be towed twice in 2 weeks. After a new hose set and bleeding of the clutch she's back on the road again. I'm getting confused looks and waves from people as I meet them in the road as I can see their gaze go left to right. A quick stop for gas just doesn't happen as I get bombarded with questions from other drivers like, "What is that?", "Never saw that before." Even though the car had a few setbacks it really is a go-cart on rails. It's got plenty of pep and its just way fun, hence the new vanity license plate!



English Motoring Club

Membership Application (\$25 per Year) Calendar Year 202__

Name(s) _____

Mail Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip Code _____

Best Phone _____

E-mail _____

Vehicle inventory (optional). Please indicate condition: a) drivable b) project c) parts car

1. _____ 5. _____

2. _____ 6. _____

3. _____ 7. _____

4. _____ 8. _____

Please indicate areas you would like to offer active assistance in club functions.

1. Newsletter _____ 4. Membership _____

2. Technical _____ 5. Special events _____

3. Annual car show _____ 6. Drives and Tours _____

Annual Dues of \$25.00 are due in January of each year. This amount includes your annual subscription to *The British Marque*.

Make checks payable to: English Motoring Club

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Call to MG owners or others that maybe interested.

During early 2020 John Turbeville initiated the process of getting the EMC included as an affiliated club with the North American MG Register (NAMGBR). One of the requirements to remain in good standing is to ensure that there are eight persons that are active members with NAMGBR and have listed The English Motoring Club of Mississippi as either their primary or secondary club. There are several benefits to an joining the NAMGBR to you and also to the EMC so we'd like to stay in good standing. If you have received a renewal notice from NAMGBR please be sure that your respond timely. If you would like to review benefits, renew or join the you can check out the website at namgbr.org. Note that the NAMGBR did begin as an MG "B" organization however the organization now covers multiple models and series of the MG line. There is something for everyone that owns or has interest in the MG line.

Thanks for your consideration.

The EMC



*"It's always cold, I'm surrounded by midgets, the reindeer stink, and if you must know...
I never really liked kids."*

Just a Penny's Worth



Thanks to everyone who sent the articles in and here's wishing everyone a very Merry Christmas. Its been fun putting the newsletter together but it's time to pass it on. Thank you for all the support.



Upcoming Events

English Motoring Club 2020 Calendar

These are some calendar entries that have been posted to the EMC web site www.msemc.org for 2021.

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December 4, 2021 – EMC / DSARC Christmas Party / Clinton MS – The EMC has been invited to the home of Will and Jennifer Duncan for the year end 2021 Christmas Party. Make plans to join us to wind down 2021 with the EMCs year end gathering. Details: Will / Jennifer Duncan JenniferLongmireDuncan@outlook.com.

December 11, 2021—It's A Wonderful Life in Historic Brandon Car Show 10—2 in downtown Brandon. Nice gift bags will be given to all attendees. We like to show the children the older cars that have different cankers and styles .

January 15, 2022 EMC lunch and Annual Meeting—Berry's in Florence 11:30

