



DOLDRUMS

We're headed toward warmer weather. I'm sure. Current trends in the atmosphere are great for generating enthusiasm for the 2010 Winter Olympics but for LBC repairs is been something of a drag. A cold garage, tools and car, just about everything that you touch is like trying to handle wet icicles. I'm a little delirious and not sure what Puxatany's verdict was. I've always said that if it's going to be cold it might as well snow and so I got what I asked for. Four to five inches is nothing like the receipts of the folks north of the Mason-Dixon have been receiving but it was exciting to see a little. Now it's gone and with projects to complete warmer and dryer weather can't get here soon enough. If it would dry out a little I might be able to get the GT out to see if the latest postulation was a case of worn valve stem seals. Come on sun.

Repair Times

By the time I got there Brother Clay and Cousin John (Turbeville) had almost completed the repairs on John's MGB. Back in the early winter John's B had given up its timing to a defunct electronic timing system. After many an attempt, sleepless nights and even one DSARC/EMC effort post Christmas Party, Clay and John were able to re-orient the distributor drive and get it running as good as ever as proven by several trips out into the neighborhood. Question? How many DSARC/EMC club members does it take to get an MGB running? Well, more that they had on hand post Christmas Party.

Terry Trovato sent a note indicating that all of their Brits are behaving nicely. The Sunbeam had to have the transmission reworked and Healey needed new lever shock fluid. They used Harley-Davidson Fork Oil, which was recommended on a Healey chat page. Flo say's 900 v-twin, varoom-varoom. Terry's a hardy soul still taking all three cars out each weekend (with tops down, of course) unless the temps are in 20s. Been there a few times and it's good a good for checking the snugness of dental work. Too cold, engine resonance and I'm told that fillings will pop right out.

Clay has gotten under his LBC over the last month. When poking around under his B he found a little excessive play had mysteriously developed in the drive shaft slip joint. After polling several other B's it was agreed that a disintegrating drive shaft would not be good so he recovered one from the salvage pool, made things right and is back on the road again.

Another Pretty Morgan

The EMC has maintained several Morgan owners on the membership list and they all seemed to come together to get me over the winter doldrums and I hope they do the same for you.

First on the list is Joe Speetjens +8. Be forewarned if you don't raise the hood Joe will take your pink slip. Last November, yes, November we ran across Joe headed up I-55 toward our meeting at Bob and Betsy Jenkin's garage. Top down, scarf and bomber jacket donned Joe said that he was quite comfy.



Joe Speetjen's Morgan in warmer weather.

Photo courtesy EMC

Next up is member from over in Natchitoches LA with two, well maybe one and one quarter Morgan. Here are Howards Laramy's notes regarding his stable of Morgans.

I don't think anyone knows or have seen my 1/4 scale Morgan. I built it from scratch about 20 years ago for my grand-daughter. A friend had and still has a 1965 plus 4. I measured it in every way and then divided it in half. So half of a half is 1/4 scale. The frame is 1 inch steel and red oak is used in the body. The body is .030 aluminum and it took 2 4x8 sheets to make it. I used a 49cc Yamaha scooter engine. It has electric start, turn signal, speedo, gas gage and horn. The dash is walnut and the interior is black Connolly leather. And notice I made it RHD. My other Morgan is a 1953 flat rad with 27,000 actual miles on it.



Howard Laramy's 1/4 scale Morgan

Photo Courtesy Howard Laramy



Howard's full size '53 Morgan

Photo Courtesy Howard Laramy

Also during the month I received the following note from Terry Trovato. Englishman Terence Stock (who accompanied us on one of our trips to Marshall, Texas, a few years back) purchased this Morgan after it had collided with a tree for \$7,000. He did all of the body work and mechanics himself, replacing the engine and drive train with one from a (don't have a fit, Joe) Mazda Miata. After completing the job, he removed all vestiges of anything stating "Mazda" or "Miata" and instead, very discreetly, he etched "zoom, zoom" on the valve covers!



Terence Stock's Morgan

Photo Courtesy Terence Stock

How's that for a trio with their origins in Malvern. Nice cars all of them.

Other Exhaust Tones

We're taking count. March 31, 2010 is the date to get your dues in. They remain \$25.00 and included is a subscription to The British Marque and lots of great times. Please mail dues to The EMC c/o Clay Johnston / POB 357 / Mt Olive MS 39119.

Welcome to our newest member L. K. Wright from Madison. Hope you can join us at one or all of our 2010 gatherings.

We're taking a count now of folks that missed the first round of EMC golf shirts. These will be the same stunning examples that you've seen and desired at our club gatherings with the Off-Side Undo spinner printed on a quality blue pique golf shirt. Please email me with the number requested and size if you are interested. Price will be approximately \$25.00 dependant on the order size. T - date for orders will be March 31, 2010.

On The Events Calendar

February 20, 2010 – EMC 2010 Tech Session I / Vicksburg MS

Our kick off the first tech session for 2010 at Pat and Barbara Cashman's garage in Vicksburg. Pat's been saving up projects since the fall and he's always got some good ones. Come on out and join us for some good times with a little grease thrown in for measure. Bring a dish or a box of chicken, always a fan favorite. Lunch at 12:00pm Details: Pat / Barbara Cashman (601) 638-3240

March 13, 2010 – EMC Tops Down 2010 / Rocky Springs MS

Here's your first chance in 2010 to exercise your Castrol lubricants and Lucas electrics with a nice Saturday afternoon drive down, or up the Natchez Trace. Join us for the season's first driving trip and picnic under the trees at Rocky Springs. Food and good times are always present. Lunch is an afternoon thing that begins about 12:00pm. Details: Keith Anderson (601) 829-2573

March 19 – 2010 – New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA

Grab your coat and hat and join the EMC for the 20th Annual New Orleans British Car Day. They throw a Friday night shin ding that always includes great food, good times and fun in the Crescent City. The EMC will caravan into the Big Easy so make plans on joining us. Detail: www.bmcno.org Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 607-7021

March 27, 2010 – Deep South Alfa Romeo / EMC Fun Rally

If you didn't get lost last year and you weren't thrilled by touring the scenic twist and turns of a Mississippi Rally done right here's another chance. The questions will baffle but there's always a way home if you get in a jam and find yourself out of the way. A great and sometimes trying way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Details: Andy / Bonnie Menapace (601) 857-2829

We're just getting started in 2010 so come on out and join the fun.

Happy Motoring

Gene Johnston

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