



Hibernation 2011

Ridgeland MS – It has been very quite here around Ridgeland as the EMC heads for warmer days. I not much for busted knuckles and not much at all for cold and busted knuckles so I've for the most part have been avoiding the garage. Mind you I do manage to give the two MG's out in the garage a crank every couple of weeks and on a dry Saturday or Sunday afternoon will run them up the Natchez Trace and back for an hour or so. Quite a bit has been written of the personalities of these cars that we been given the honor of being caretakers of. The two MG's that I oversee are children born only three years apart, to be specific three years and four months apart. They share some of the same aches and pains and some of the same musical notes when traveling down the highway. The GT I think could sit for months and still crank and run with minimal fuss. Ole red is another story. Sitting much over a couple of weeks and you'll be guaranteed of a dragging starter that will eventually refuse to provide sufficient voltage to kick off. The interesting thing is that of the two Ole Red has received the most recent rebuild and the most attention of the two. Maybe it's the brat of the two. I enjoy owning these two little ones. They have tempers and tantrums specific to each and yet they have sufficient traits in common that one thing you can count on is that if something goes array on one that you've either had the experience of having been there before or you can count on the other developing the same malady.

During last summer's Arkansas trip the infamous heater valve on Ole Red gave up the ghost. It was a five month old valve! Evidently it was one of "those" that's made in the wrong country and of inferior material. When I mentioned that the one on the GT was 10 years old and without problems to my parts purveyor I was told that he wasn't currently selling any valves as the quality was not trustworthy. So my winter project has been installing a modified valve. In the GT I can't say that it's generated much warmth, some would say it's comparable to a small dog breathing on your ankle. If it just doesn't develop the habit of erupting unexpectedly. I just finished installing the valve in Ole Red and as noted above it's been two weeks or so since it's been run and sure enough this evening a couple of whirls and a dead battery. Hopefully I'll get the chance to give the heater valve a try before spring arrives. Ole Red currently resides in the garage with a charger applied. Where is this going you ask? New EMC President Charlie Durning has presented a couple of ideas during his first month of reign. They've been passed around and given an endorsement by folks that have reviewed them. The idea that I write of here is a request that members submit articles about the cars they've owned, how they got the bug or other interesting tidbits of British car ownership or perhaps non-ownership. I think it's a great idea. Some folks may not be able to make our gatherings during the year but we'd like to ensure that your voice and your stories are heard. It doesn't take but a few minutes to compile and you

can submit it via e-mail or snail mail to me and I'll get it included. Charlie's second idea of an awards program for 2011 is another good one and I feel guaranteed to produce chuckles during and at year end. Again, we're looking for your input and ideas to make the 30th anniversary of the English Motoring Club a memorable one. We hope you can join in.

Welcome to EMC 2011

Greetings and welcome to our club's New Year. This year should be exciting and fun. The EMC has laid out a calendar of events that has something for everyone. Our club has grown by new members who I'm sure will be enrichment to our gatherings with new stories about their adventures.

I have 2 proposals for the upcoming year. First, I would like to see some bio's on our members. We have some fascinating folks in our membership and here is the opportunity to brag. Tell us about your Brit cars and how you became infected with the disease of Brit car ownership. Let us know about your projects successes, failures, and solutions. Pictures are welcomed and encouraged. Submit whatever you like to Gene and he will publish one or so a month in the news letter.

My second proposal is that our annual January meeting also be an opportunity for awards. Those awards will be contrived by any member, for anything, to anyone. An award can be a one time for a specific reason, it can be an annual award, or it can be a perpetual award that is passed from member to member each year. An award can be for, but not limited to, an embarrassing moment, a rousing success, a completed restoration, a restoration that has yet to be completed, for the strangest car, the best outing, the best hat at an outing, the greatest cloud of smoke from a standing start, the most spectacular breakdown on an outing, the best solution to a perplexing problem, or the person who best personifies the British car ownership experience. The sky is the limit. We have a year to make this happen so I hope to see some fun, interesting, well deserved, and humorous awards given out next January.

There may be the possibility of duplicate awards such as two folks giving an award for the same reason. That should not be a problem. Each award originator will be giving what they want to award and to whom they feel the award belongs. This should be fun, I don't want to stifle or limit creativity.

Thanks,

Charlie Durning

Blast from the Past

Natchez MS - First out of the box and giving his endorsement to the new club member bio is past Pres. Terry Trovato. Terry has a long history of taking on and caring for British iron. He calls it his lifetime with British Iron and submitted this rundown of cars that he's had the pleasure of owning thru the years: purchased in 1959 - 1947 Sunbeam Talbot, in 1960 - 1960 Austin-Healey Sprite, in 1963 a 1961 Austin-Healey 3000, in 1967 a 1965 Triumph TR-4A, in 1980 a 1965 Austin-Healey 3000, in 1996 a 1967 Sunbeam Alpine, in 1998 a 1949 Singer "9", in

1997 a 1958 MG Magnette, in 2000 a 1960 Austin-Healey 3000, in 2007 a 1959 Triumph TR-3A. I hope that during the year Terry will share the story of his re-acquaintance with the Austin Healey that he currently cares for. It's one of the most interesting stories in the EMC.

Speaking of stories, to start off 2011 I received an e-mail from a member of the EMC from years past. I've posted it here for those that were around during the early years of the EMC:

HI All! Jane and I were members back in the early '80s along with the Wades, Simmons, Andersons, Loftins, Hemsleys, Cashmans, Pools and a host of others I don't even remember! I believe the Vintage Triumph Registry ancestry actually started in the late '70s, and the English Motoring Club moniker was created in the mid-80s. So, your club is more like THIRTY-FIVE years old not 20! (We've agreed on 30 for 2011 Ed.)

We just wanted to say HI now that we found your website. We are big into Mini and Healey clubs now in the North West and will take a few of the classics to Arizona with us in retirement (only one year away!). Enjoy the New Year with the classics!
Craig and Jane House / Oregon City, Oregon soon to be Arizona

Thanks for touching base Craig. You and Jane don't remain incognito for so long.

New Members

Year end 2010 the EMC membership remained strong with sixty-six members. Two thousand eleven has started off with the addition of several new members. Buddy and Karen Clarke hail from Pass Christian MS and travel the roads in a 1969 Lotus Europa S-2. Jack Estes hails from Madison MS and travels the roads in a Mazda Miata and Tommy and Lynn Williamson hail from Ridgeland and travel by Porsche Boxster and 914. Andrew Mallinson of Jackson does his traveling by Land Rover, two of them in-fact a II and a III. Welcome to the EMC folks. We look forward to seeing you at our gatherings.

Memberships renewals are due beginning in January and we'd like to get everyone signed up as soon as possible. Again for 2011 the dues will remain at the incredibly low cost of \$25.00. Membership includes your subscription to the British Marque, window decals and a heck of a good opportunity to share some good times with like minded autoist. Membership application and info remains available at www.msemc.org

If you are not receiving your OSU or updates via e-mail please let me know. Some issues are difficult to overcome but we continue to give attention and adapt where possible to ensure that members are updated in a timely manner.

Other Exhaust Rattles

Work completed? Keith Anderson is working on a schedule to give some assistance to Dave Kelly on his 1968 Jag. Brother Clay's been working on a long laundry list of maintenance items

on his MGB. He's even replaced the rear diff single handedly. I'm going to have to check out the heating system in Brother Clay's garage. Mike Glore has got his Big Ass Fan suspended from the ceiling in Braxton. Don't forget we've got our July gathering down in Braxton so, make plans to check out Mike's BAF. I haven't heard from Jim "Z-man" Enzman in a while but I'm sure he's been puttering away. Near the end of 2010 recent EMC member Ken Dolhonde indicated that he was having valve train issues that he was having difficulty putting his finger on. After his attempt to go it or blow it he determined that the prior rebuild had installed incorrect valve springs in his TR-6 so at year end Ken got to throw in an engine rebuild. Now that'll throw a spanner in your Christmas budget. Latest news is that it's up and running better than ever. I've run across Jim Trunzler recently and he indicates that work continues on David Bailey's Jag and he's anticipating the return of the MGA frame so the re-assembly process can begin. Some folks in the EMC have run across our lost member Tom Warren from Birmingham AL at BBTR or other area shows. During late January I got the opportunity to visit Tom and Myra and check out Tom's latest MG restoration. Tom acquired his GT giving indication that he wouldn't do much more than a good clean up. On my return in January I wasn't totally surprised to find that Tom has got the GT on his rotisserie and completely stripped down to its bare bones. Oh my, Oh Myra my goodness. That's wrenching that I'm aware of. If you have more to add, it's never too late to share the...fun?

Sherilyn Durning remains in the hospital here in Jackson. The leg fracture that she sustained during January is not healing well. Additional surgery is scheduled then she will be returning to Methodist Rehab. Please keep Sherilyn and Charlie in your thoughts and prayers.

That's it for this edition of the OSU. Spring is not too far off. Be sure that you are out checking out your ride for the 2011 edition of the EMC. We'll be looking for you.

Happy Motoring Everyone.

Events Calendar

February 19, 2011 – EMC 2011 Tech Session I / Vicksburg MS

Our kick off first tech session for 2011 will be held 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 12, 2011 – EMC Tops Down 2011 / Rocky Springs MS

Here's your first chance in 2011 to clear the cobwebs from under your LBC 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 18 – 19, 2011 – New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA

Grab your coat and hat and join the EMC for the 21st 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. Detail: www.bmcno.org. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601)607-7021

April 2, 2011 – Deep South Alfa Romeo / English Motoring Club 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, sometimes trying way to spend a Saturday afternoon. Details: Andy / Bonnie Menapace (601)857-2829

April 15 - 16, 2011 - Brits on the Bay / Pensacola FL

Winter's over and it's time for the flight south to The Panhandle British Car Association's 19th Annual Brits on the Bay Show. Travel down to Pensacola with the EMC to join us for this yearly migration to sunny Florida. Enjoy the beach and the weather while viewing one of the nicest gatherings of Her Majesties' iron works around. The Friday night gathering is a do not miss so make plans early. Details: www.pbca1.com