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“A gentleman does not motor about after dark” Joseph Lucas

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Rejuvenated

Over the last few months Ole' Red had developed a couple of electrical system issues. The turn signals had developed the chronic condition of slowing down in their repetition when the engine speed slowed. Never seemed to get worse but no amount of terminal, bulb and socket cleaning, filing and reassembly with magic elixir nor the checking of all ground wires seemed to improve the slowing turn signals. I have a buzzer wired into my turn signals so when I'd notice that the flash was no longer flashing, or the buzz no longer buzzing, I'd flip off the lever and live with it or I'd keep the engine rev'd if I had a particularly large redneck caddy following too close.

Another chronic issue was the slow start up in the morning as the months grew cooler. After several attemptive cranks it would sputter off and as long as kept warm it would fire off like a mischievous child thereafter. Why, I'd even by-passed the kill switch in the belief that it had an intermittent failure developing. Finally a week or so ago on a particularly sunny but cool Sunday morning that was just begging for a nice drive it happened, wereeer.....wereeer...click....click. Well fudge! Battery checked at 12.42 volts and at the starter only slightly lower. It must be that high priced, high torque starter gone south or something mysterious of Lucas in nature that was testing me. I decided that I'd sleep over it as Sunday afternoon duties prevented further investigation.

Spring forward a couple of days and I struggle to get the 150 pound (that's what it weights, I promise) battery lifted out of that small portal that's located behind the passenger seat to take a good look at it. They put the battery there why? On regaining my vision after almost passing out from the exertion I took a look at the chads on the warranty card attached to the top of the battery. The year indicated '02 and the hanging chad indicated June. Let me see, what! That battery made it almost twelve years + or - dependant on how you count the hanging chad? Sure enough after rummaging around in my receipts the purchase date was June 5, 2002. Yes, I did go back and asked for another battery same as the last and voilà my electrical gremlins seem to be resolved, at least until next time. Hope that yours are in remission also.

A Blast from the Past

Terry and Meridith have passed along a few classic EMC photos from years past. A few folks may recall the date and time of this EMC show. That's correct it was way back in 1985.



British Car Days 1985 Photo Courtesy of Terry Trovato

You may even see a car or two that remain in the possession of a member here. Looks like there was a good turnout of big Healey's on the front row and the Jag row doesn't look to shabby either. Anyone recall the location of the 1985 "British Car Days"?

Other Exhaust Rattles

Brother Clay and I ran off to Florida for the celebration of the 50th running of the Rolex 24 Hour at Daytona. In spite of my prediction of foul weather other than some drizzling on and off on Friday race days (it is a 24 hour after all) were clear and warm. Pre-race we got a chance to stop by for a moment with EMC'er Jim Pace.

Qualifying 11th Jim had placed the car in a good position for the start however thru the evening mechanical gremlins appeared resulting in delays. Sunday afternoon however at the drop of the checkered Jim's car was still running. That's a real accomplishment in an endurance race that is run more like a sprint these days. Congratulation Jim on being there at the end.

And, if you're looking for an exciting ride with Jim check out his on board tour in an E-type at Sebring http://www.youtube.com/watch?feature=player_detailpage&v=Hy3X12Ro1iY



EMC'ers at the Rolex 24 Hour Photo Courtesy of the EMC

Mike Glore has been cooped up too long. Obviously he's got cabin fever sending this little ditty out <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ps8OEjD22GM&feature=youtu.be> Good luck Mike on your recovery. HA!

Royce on the radio. On a Monday eve a few weeks ago I flipped on the radio in Ole Red and in search of a new channel caught a voice that I thought I recognized giving historical information on classical tunes. After a few moments I recognized it as that of our own Royce Boyer of Sunbeam Tiger fame. Enjoyed the show Royce. Not sure of his hour but you might check for him Monday eves beginning about 6:00pm at WLEZ 100.1 in Jackson and streaming at: <http://www.wlezfm.com>

If you haven't noticed, David Crawford has posted a new look to the EMC web-site and includes a link to the EMC face book page. It's still a work in progress so if you have ideas or suggestions, please, drop me a line and I'll pass that info along. Check us out at www.msemc.org

Due Time

It is time to renew your English Motoring Club of Mississippi membership for calendar year 2012. Dues remain \$25.00 and continue to include your subscription to The British Marque. We need to receive your membership dues prior to April 30th, 2012 to get you on The British Marque mailing list that is included with your dues. Also, if you need to update your contact information just include a note with your dues.

Please forward your annual dues renewal to:

EMC of MS
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That's it for this edition of the OSU. Hope that your winter is short and the leaves are cleared from your garage opening soon.

Happy Motoring

The EMC

Events Calendar

The events calendar published here is copied from the web-site. Additions and changes are made and sent via e-mail out when noticed. Some events may not appear on the web-site so please check your e-mails for updates. If you have questions regarding an event listed please contact the individual listed for the event. Thanks.

March 17, 2012 – EMC Tops Down - St Patrick's Day / Vicksburg MS

For 2012 we've made a shift, up one gear. We'll likely head down toward Rocky Springs then sprint off to the west for a drop in with Pat and Barbara and hang out with the Mississippi Classic Cruisers. Don't forget to wear your green or you may get a pinch! More details as they develop.

Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801

March 23 -24, 2012 – New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA

This is the don't miss show for 2012. The BMCNO has promised another great show in the Big Easy so have your bags packed and ready to go. Travelers from Jackson area can give me a ring. Watch their website for show details: www.BMCNO.org.

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