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

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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

2016 Annual Business Meeting and Awards

Pres. John Turbeville picked the Lone Star restaurant as a new venue for this year's annual meeting. Folks started gathering around 11:30 which led to lively conversations. As the crowd grew, the crew at the Lone Star accommodated us with more tables and chairs. The room also had a big screen TV on which was showing a compilation of the 2015 slide shows. The slide show was put together by Editor Donna Durning. Thank you Donna for a job well done.

While waiting for food to be served Pres. John brought the meeting to order. Bro. Clay Johnston gave the Treasurer's report. The club is solvent. Whew! He also informed us that we currently have 75 families which is about 142 individuals.

Bro. Gene Johnston reviewed the calendar for 2016 which is listed later in this newsletter. There was one office change, Stephen Turner is now our Membership officer. Congratulations to Stephen! He is sure to do a great job.

We also welcomed new members, Richard and Sandra Storey who were in attendance.

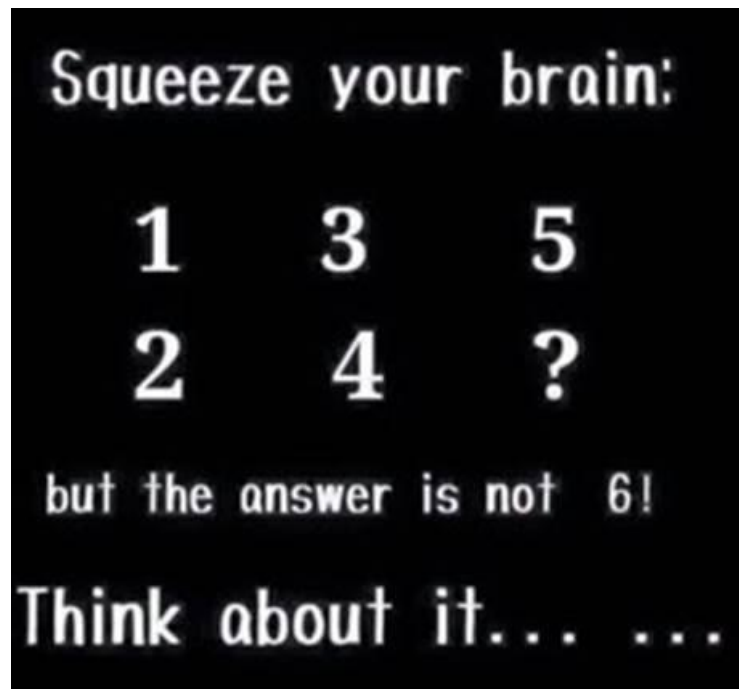
Finally, the awards were presented. Unfortunately I was remiss in taking notes so I don't have a complete list of award recipients. We do have photos of everyone in the slideshow. Look for the link to the slideshow in ***From the Passenger Seat***.

2016 EMC Officers

President	John Turbeville
Vice President	Steve Whitlow
Treasurer	Clay Johnston
Membership	Stephen Turner
Communications	Gene Johnston
Technical	Keith Anderson
Regalia	Faye Enzman
Newsletter	Donna Durning
Newsletter	Charlie Durning

Puzzler

This month we have a "Puzzler"! Think about what should replace the '?'. The answer is at the end of the newsletter. You have to read the entire newsletter before going to the end! NO CHEATING!





Exhaust Rattles

Exhaust Rattles - 1

By John Turbeville

Thanks to Keith Anderson and Tim Ross Restorations, my Tr6 project is rolling on... Well, not exactly. The frame and body are back from the resto shop where they underwent glass bead blasting and priming with epoxy. They should never rust again. Now the real fun begins with body work and reassembly.



Exhaust Rattles – 2

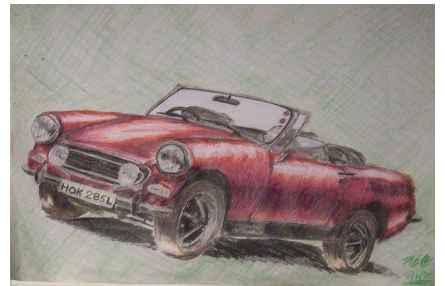
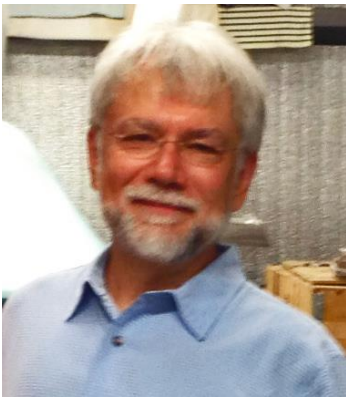
By Keith Anderson

Brian has pulled the engine on his Lotus Esprit and hopes to get it back on the road in the near future. He is waiting for the machine shop to return an MGA block and head so he can assemble the engine for the owner. Then Brian will start assembling a ground-up restoration on a Bugeye Sprite next month for grandson of the original owner/driver who raced it in the SCCA in the 70's.



Fun with Midgets!

By Steve Whitlow



Winter weather has interfered with progress over the past month leaving me one good afternoon away from completing the prep work on the engine before priming. Here's a look at progress so far. A few areas I'll treat with POR 15 rust preventative just to be safe. Now I can imagine how great she's going to look with a new battery shelf and a fresh coat of Damask Red paint.



A Note from the President



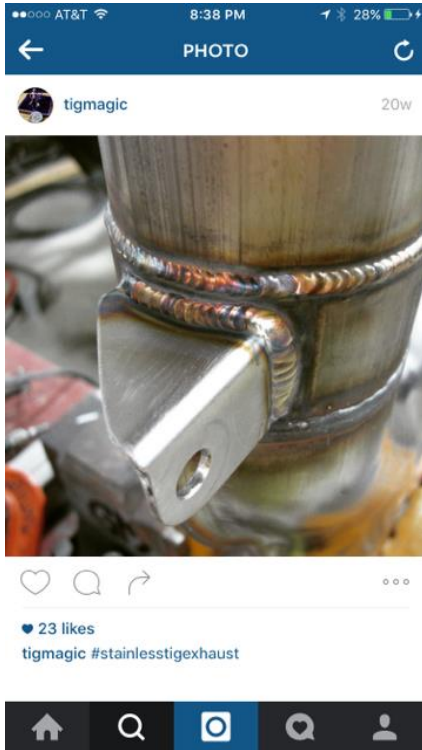
John Turbeville

We had a great turn out of about 37 at our January meeting. Topics discussed were name tags and the calendar for the coming year. Membership roll will now be maintained by Stephen Turner. Clay Johnston will still handle dues which are now due. **Please mail Clay a check for \$25.**

We have a fun day lined up for the February 27th meeting at the Cashman's. Greg Matheny of Gluckstadt will conduct a welding tech session. He is quite accomplished with welding techniques so bring some metal objects that may be

broken and watch Greg put them back together. The fun begins at 11 so bring a dish and learn about welding from a pro!

Hope to see you there.





A Blast from the Past

By Terry Trovato

Jim and Faye Enzman, getting ready to parade in their MGB through downtown Natchez under Police Escort prior to Brits on the Bluff in **2002**. Jim, now deceased, was an enthusiastic and valuable member of EMC, lending his expertise to various Tech Sessions over the years. He is greatly missed.





From the Passenger Seat By Donna Durning



Hot Coffee Anyone?

I always enjoy a good cup of hot coffee. I drink it as I work at my desk. I drink it in the car. I drink it at work. I drink it as I visit with friends. With that in mind, does it surprise you that I would like to visit **Hot Coffee, Mississippi**?



Charlie and I took the Morris Minor out for a drive to Hot Coffee recently. It is a small community a few miles from Collins. There is a charming general store there. It is run by a great lady named Lynda Sanford who graciously opened the store on a Saturday in 2013 so the car clubs could use it for a check point during the "Fun Rally". The store is normally closed on Saturdays.



Lynda Sanford



McDonald's Store

McDonald's store provides a large variety of items, including hand-dipped ice cream, hoop cheese, RC Colas, moon pies, shoes, and hats. They even have Mississippi Possum (potted meat). There is something for everyone!



Where did Hot Coffee get its name? A man named Mr. Davis built an inn back in pioneer days. He brewed coffee for weary travelers. The inn closed long ago, but

the name sticks in the little community of Hot Coffee. The store was built in 1930 and in 1967 it became McDonald's Store.

These days, Lynda Sanford always has a pot of hot coffee ready for folks passing through. They are open every day except Saturday.





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New Members!

We would like to welcome our new members! Richard and Sandra Storey and James McClendon. We hope you will enjoy the EMC!

To see a slideshow from the 2016 Annual Meeting, click on the link below. Hope you enjoy it!

[2016 MSEM Annual Meeting and Awards Slideshow](#)

HELP WANTED!

There are quite a few events coming up in the near future. If we could get a few people to help take photos and submit a summary of the event if Charlie and I aren't able to attend. Thank you in advance for your help in making our newsletter a success!

Editor's Note: Submissions are ALWAYS WELCOME! Please email me at durning.donna@yahoo.com with your contributions!



Car of the Month

We didn't get a submission for Car of the Month for February. We hope to hear from many of you soon so we can get your cars featured!

How can I get my car featured in Car of the Month?



- ❖ Send pictures
- ❖ tell us where and how you found the car
- ❖ Include any stories you'd like to share about you & your car

❖ Email to durningcharles@gmail.com or durning.donna@yahoo.com

EMC Calendar

EMC 2016 Calendar

January 16, 2016 - EMC 2015 Awards & 2016 Kick-Off / Jackson MS -. New awards are always welcome! The fun and frivolity begins at 11:30am. Lunch will be from the menu. For a good time, Contact: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288.

February 27, 2016 – EMC Tech Session / Vicksburg MS - The EMC starts out 2016 with a tech visit to the garage of Pat and Barbara Cashman. Pat's got a new welder and there parts to assemble. I'm sure and extra hands, eyes and thinking caps will certainly help get the correct temp. The party's always fun. Bring a dish and join the wrenching at 11:00am and lunch at 12:00pm. Details: Pat / Barbara Cashman (601) 638 – 3240.

March 12, 2016 – EMC Tops Down / Rocky Springs MS - For 2016 the EMC will be meet up down in Rocky Springs for with a hope of an early spring. St. Paddy's day will be right around the corner, March 17, so you might consider wearing a wee bit of green to avoid the pinch. Bring a dish and enjoy. Those leaving from the Jackson area will depart from the Clinton MS Visitors Center (on the Natchez Trace) at 10:00am. Details: Keith Anderson (601) 829 – 2938.

March 18 - 19, 2016 – New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA - Get your registration in early for the 26th annual BMCNO British Car Day. 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. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

April 2, 2016 - EMC/DSARC Fun Rally – It's been promised that you won't leave the state during this rally unless you read from right to left. Then just reverse your direction to re-enter the state and have a great time at the ending ceremony. Members of the English Motoring Club and the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club have put together a great event again for 2016. Additional information will be forthcoming so stay tuned. When you receive notice, act quickly to ensure your entry. Details: Andy and Bonnie Menapace (601) 857 – 2829.

April 9, 2016 – Natchez Euro Fest / Natchez MS – Ring leader extraordinaire Mike Marsh has put together an outing for lovers of everything automotive to celebrate the 300th anniversary of the City of

Natchez. Show site will be on the grounds of Rosalie overlooking the Mississippi and Mike has arranged a weekend full of activities. Details: <http://www.euro-fest.net> Mike Marsh (601) 946 – 1950.

April 15 - 16, 2016 - Brits on the Bay / Pensacola FL - For the 24th annual show they'll fill the field with friends, fun and automobiles. Make plans to attend a great weekend this time promised to be in the sun. Travel down to Pensacola with the EMC to join us for this yearly migration to sunny Florida. The Friday night gathering is a do not miss so make plans early. Details: <http://www.pbca1.com> Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

May 13 - 15, 2016 – Spring time in the Smokies / Townsend TN - The annual event takes place in the shadow of the Great Smoky Mountains. Friday night hospitality is an opportunity to reconnect with old friends and make new ones. There will be time after the show and before trophies are presented to drive over and around the hills enjoying a little of what east Tennessee is famous for. Details: Jim Watson, spridget@charter.net, or Richard Lockhart, (865) 548 – 9891 or <http://www.blountbritishcars.org>

May 21, 2016 – EMC's Drive Thru History – The event, location and activities are to be planned. Always a good time hanging out with the EMC to see what everyone's up to. Stay tuned for details. Details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288.

June 3 - 4, 2016 - British National Meet / Blytheville AR - Details: <http://www.britishnationalmeet.com>

June 13 – 17, 2016 – MG 2016 / Louisville KY – This is the big one folks. The all marque's show will likely gather a count of MGs from around the country in excess of 1,000. Make plans early. Details: www.mg2016.com EMC Travel Details: Gene Johnston (601) 941 -4892

June 18, 2016 – EMC Tech Session / Brandon MS - If our Tech Guru calls for a tech session you know it'll be a real challenge. Join us to see the answer to whatever puzzle Keith has up his sleeve. Wrenching starts at 11:00am and lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Keith and Pat Anderson (601) - 829 - 2573.

July 16, 2016 – EMC Lotus Weekend / Braxton MS - I'm sure we'll find some interesting roads on our way down to the beautiful burg of Braxton. Come and join the drive and the visit with Mike and Alice. Bring a dish and enjoy lazing on a sunny afternoon in the summertime with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Mike / Alice Glore (504) 231 – 5801.

August 20, 2016 – 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 2016. Always lot's 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.

September (check for date), 2016 – 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. It's a laid back gathering on the banks of Wheeler Lake. Everything including rooms, meals, Friday night reception and Saturday's Awards Banquet are within walking distance. Please check web-site to verify dates. Details: www.shoalsbritishcars.org.

September 9 - 10, 2016 - 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. The Fifteenth Annual Brits in the Ozarks will be there waiting for you. Details:

www.britishironnwa.org

September 16 - 17, 2016 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS – Hang out on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River starting with our Friday night party and spend Saturday with us under the oaks at City Park. There will be lots to do on your visit with us. Stay tuned for registration information. Details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

October 1, 2016 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS - The 2015 Renaissance Car Fest was one to remember. Lots of participation from EMC members as well as friends from surrounding clubs will be the order again for 2016. 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.

October 3 – 7, 2016 – North American Triumph Challenge / Pottsboro TX - Bigger in Texas, better in a Triumph is their call out to join other lovers of everything in the land of Triumph for 2016. Make plans early. Details: www.vtr2016.org

October (check for date), 2016 - Brits at the Parthenon / Nashville TN - If you're looking for a nice drive up the Natchez Trace there's no better reason than to attend the Nashville British Car Clubs Annual Show. Lot's to do including taking in the Lane Museum of Cars while in town. A reception is held on Friday evening and the shows on Saturday.

Details: www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org

October 21 - 22, 2016 – South Alabama British Car Festival / Fairhope AL - It's a nice drive down to Fairhope AL so join the caravan to the lovely city by Mobile Bay. The Friday night meet and greet is always fun and the food is fantastic. The 2014 show was a high water mark for the EMC's final travel and show each year. Although moved to a new location the 2014 show remained within easy walking distance of all that downtown Fairhope has to offer. The show organizers put on a well organized show so make plans to attend. Details: www.sabcc.org. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

November 5, 2016 – EMC Tech Session / Ridgeland MS - We'll have the chili on the stove and a wrench ready for stirring. We'll put together a project or two or perhaps take one apart. Hope you can make the final tech session of 2016. The garage opens early and lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Gene / Martha Johnston (601) 607 – 7021.

December 3, 2016– EMC / DSARC Christmas Party / Vicksburg MS - We return to the place that started the 2016 EMC tech sessions. Make plans to join us at Pat and Barbara's to wind down 2016 with the EMCs year end gathering. Again in

2016 we will be sharing the table with the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club so bring a dish and join what's become a great gathering. The party starts as 2:00pm. Details: Pat / Barbara Cashman (601) 638 – 3240.



Closing Prayer

Submitted by Keith Anderson

Blessed are the spanners for they are the tools that facilitate the repairs.
Give us the strength and the WD40 to free the rusted and replace the worn.
And may there be replacement parts available at a reasonable cost forevermore.
All this I pray in the name of Our Lady of Blessed Acceleration, Amen

“Puzzler” Answer





Be sure to visit the web-site at www.msemc.org!



**Happy
Motoring!**

ATTENTION!!!

As always, pictures and submissions are welcome!!!