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## This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

We are off to a busy start for 2019. The club calendar has lots of opportunities to exercise our little British cars and for gatherings of like-minded folks. We also started off the new year with a new member, **Larry Cox**. Welcome Larry! In addition, this month, we have submissions from some of our members.

To my delight the driving weather is getting much better. I've already had both the GT and the Morris out for some spirited drives. **Bro Gene** is making progress on Ole Red, Pres John is making progress on his TR6, and **Richard Green** is getting his Spitfire back on the road.

Here is a link to an entertaining short video about testing the BMC engine to destruction in 20,000 miles on the crowded Autobahn.

<https://youtu.be/nuwTWujeMM0>

# NATCHEZ EURO FEST

FRIDAY-SATURDAY, APRIL 5-6, 2019



**Mike Marsh** has announced that the dates for Natchez Euro-Fest will be **April 5-6, 2019**. Here is a link to the website.

<http://www.euro-fest.net/natchez/index.php>

Here is a link to the entry form. Be sure to get your entries in soon so he can get an accurate head count.

<http://euro-fest.net/natchez/form.php>



# January 2019 Business Meeting and Awards

Once again the EMC Annual Business Meeting and Awards Banquet was a success. Though I didn't get an actual head count, the attendance was greater than last year, at least we used up more tables. **Pres John** did his usual great job of making all of the arrangements with Berry's in Florence. The venue is great and the folks at Berry's know to keep the rowdy folks in the back room.

After all of the glad handing and lively conversations it was time to hit the buffet. And of course the conversation continued. As the eating slowed down **Pres John**, sporting his Colonel Sanders chin whiskers, called the meeting to order. **Bro Clay** gave a treasurer's report, the club still has money in the bank. **Stephen Turner** announced **Larry Cox** into the English Motoring Club as our newest member. He just recently purchased a fully restored 1964 Jaguar E-Type. **Pres John** went over the 2019 calendar. There was some discussion about the events. The calendar is now posted here <http://www.msemc.org/events/> on the EMC website. There was also discussion about additional events to be added to the calendar in the future. Those events will be posted to the website or a notice sent out via e-mail as they develop.



The highlight of the event was the awards. The awards are listed below. **Stephen Turner** did end up with the coveted Eager Beaver once again. We know he loves "The Beave"!!





Presenter	Award	Recipient
Pres John	Scorched Piston Award	Editor Charlie
Pres John	Big Valve Award for Worst Nametag	Andrew Bailey
Andy Menapace	Preservation Award	Joe Stiance
Alice Glore	Cheesy Award	Editor-et Donna
Rick Green	The Don Quixote	David Bailey
Kent Turner	1929 Gentle Art of Cookery	Editor-et Donna
Editor Charlie	Awakening Espirit from Coma Award	Brian Anderson
Editor Charlie	MGB Roadworthiness Award	Will Duncan
Editor Charlie	Rear Disc Brakes Completion Award	Bro. Clay & Pres John
Stephen Turner	COVETED EAGER BEAVER AWARD	Stephen Turner













# The Statue of Liberty Award

## AKA The Don Quixote Award

Presented to David Bailey

By Richard Green



At first I was going to name this the Don Quixote award, but came to realize that Don Quixote's was much more than the song "**The Impossible Dream**" from the stage musical "*Man of La Mancha*."

# Don Quixote

To dream the impossible dream,  
To repair the un-repairable car,  
To bear with unbearable sorrow  
To rebuild the ones no one else dare,  
To drive where the brave dare not go,  
Though the road be forever too far.  
To try, though you're way worn and weary,  
To reach the unreachable restoration.  
Though you know it's impossibly high,  
To live with your heart striving upward  
To a far, unattainable car!



Don Quixote

***I then remembered Emma Lazarus' sonnet, the "New Colossus" and felt this was more applicable for this award.***

***"Give me your tired, your poor, your huddled masses yearning to breathe free, the wretched refuse of your teeming shore, send these, the homeless, tempest-tost to me, I lift my lamp beside the golden doors."***

***"Give me your rusted, your flooded, your wrecked derelicts, yearning to drive free again, the battered refuse of your teeming highways, send these, the engineless, garageless, hopeless and forsaken to me, I lift my lamp beside the Brandon, Mississippi garage of David Bailey. "***





# Welcome New Member!



**Stephen Turner,  
Membership Chairman**

Please join me in welcoming **Larry Cox** into the English Motoring Club. He just recently purchased a fully restored 1964 Jaguar E-Type.





## A note from Moss Motors

**From:** David Stuursma <[stuursmad@MossMotors.com](mailto:stuursmad@MossMotors.com)>

**Date:** February 1, 2019 at 3:21:20 PM CST

**Subject:** Best friends and British cars

I have a special request for British car clubs.

I'm working on the summer issue of the *Moss Motoring* magazine. There are a series of stories in it about the friendships that have developed thanks to these little cars. The stories are wonderful and I am hoping to find a photograph for the cover of the magazine that captures this friendship theme just perfectly. Who better to ask for help than the clubs where many of these friendships start?

If it's not too much to ask, could you please ask your members if they have a special photograph they could email to me that displays really well an important friendship in their life? And, of course, there should be a British sports car in the scene, too. The photo needs to have good clarity and high resolution (file size more than 1MB) to work well as the cover. It should also be in portrait orientation. In my mind I'm seeing a scene of two people working on a car, but I can imagine other scenes working equally well.

Please also include a paragraph or two talking about the friendship in the photo. If, when you're writing you can't help but go long, don't worry. I'm sure I'll enjoy the story!

If I'm able to choose your photo for the cover, I will credit your Moss account \$200. And if your friend in the photo is also a Moss customer, I will add \$200 to their account, too! If you want, we can keep this a surprise for them. :)

**Deadline for submitting a photo is February 25. Please send photos and stories to [editor@mossmotors.com](mailto:editor@mossmotors.com).**

Thank you so much for your help!

Sincerely,  
David Stuursma  
Moss Motoring editor



## A visit to Southern Precision

By Charlie Durning

**Mike Gore** has been gracious enough to offer an open invitation to visit **Southern Precision**. Since I am now gainfully unemployed I was able to visit on a weekday to see the operation in person. As anyone who has visited the Gore's barn, I have seen samples of the unbelievably complex products made by Mike and his talented crew. I just had to see the process in person.

To say that, under Mike's guidance, Southern Precision is impressive would be an understatement; it's awesome! All in all it was a day well spent and to witness raw steel being made into pieces of art was indeed a treat. Thanks, Mike, for taking the time to give us a tour.



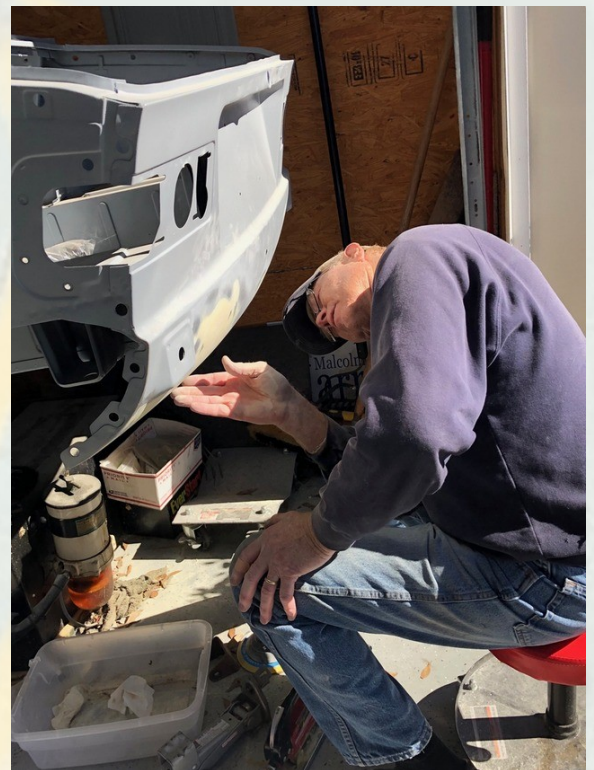


## Exhaust Rattles

### Update on My Frame-off TR6 Restoration—By Pres John

On Jan 21st Keith Anderson came over to lend his expertise on the body work of my restoration. So thankful it was warmer with sunshine as this dreary winter weather has been rough. There was a dent in the rear valence under the bumper area. He and I had previously drilled holes and used a puller on loan from Jake Weaver. We used filler over the area and it is now showing signs of being finished. We moved on to the hood to assess the progress there, as we had been using lots of filler and sanding it down but never really getting the contour correct. Keith felt that we'd be better off just searching for a hood that needs less work. Steve Kaminer, at his Pisgah shop and TR6 boneyard, came through with a nice candidate. I'll get a photo of it in future updates. We had a great visit with Steve and really enjoyed seeing his TR250s, TR6s, Sprites, and Alfa Romero projects in various stages of repair.

The next area of concern is the dashboard as it seems this car had previous damage-enough to slightly twist the dashboard. Keith and I need to put our heads together to come up with a plan on how to hammer out that area. Hopefully in 2019 we can make much more progress and have it ready for paint very soon.





# Blast from the Past



By Terry & Merideth Trovato

Seventeen years ago the EMC took a field trip to Texas to visit the Gene Ponder car collection/museum. The event was arranged by **Parker Hall and Pat Cashman** and the photo shows some of the rarities that were on display that day.

From left, two Arnolt Bristols, an MG Y Roadster and an MG ZB Magnette Sports Saloon.





# From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



At the January Annual Meeting, we had a little surprise for Charlie. He recently retired and is now living the “good life” with ME! I have had so many great “passenger seat” experiences with Charlie, and I am looking forward to many, many more now that we are both retired! Thanks to Joe Stiance for all his help to pull this off! He also had matching IDC— “I Don’t Care” hats made to celebrate the momentous occasion!

*Congratulations, Charlie!*

On another note, thanks to the Turners for “The Gentle Art of Cookery” Award. This is a cookbook written in 1925. I am looking for an interesting recipe for a future newsletter!

Thanks also to Alice Glore for the “Cheesy Award”, the block of Somerdale-English Red Dragon-Cheese!





# Upcoming Events

## English Motoring Club 2019 Calendar

These are calendar entries that have been posted to the EMC web site [www.msemc.org](http://www.msemc.org) for the next 60 - 90 days.

Please note: The date for the February EMC Tech Session has been changed from the 16th to the 23rd.

Those dates highlighted in **red** are EMC hosted dates. Of course friends, relatives and visitors are welcome as always.

**February 23, 2019 EMC Tech Session / Vicksburg MS** - The EMC starts out 2019 with a tech visit to the garage of Pat and Barbara Cashman. Pat usually has project up his sleeve so make plans to attend. The party's always fun. Bring a dish and join the wrenching at 11:00am and lunch at 12:00 pm. Details: Pat / Barbara Cashman (601) 630 - 7837 or (601) 831 - 0063.

**March 16, 2019 EMC Tops Down / Rocky Springs MS** - For 2019 the EMC will be meet up down in Rocky Springs for with a hope of an early spring and a celebration of St. Patrick's Day so you might consider wearing a wee bit of green to avoid a 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 / Pat Anderson (601) 829 - 2938.

**March 22 - 23, 2019 New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA** - Get your registration in early for the 29th 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](http://www.bmcno.org). Travel plans with the EMC: Gene / Martha Johnston (601) 201 - 0801.

**April 5 - 6, 2019 Natchez Euro Fest / Natchez MS** ? Ring leader extraordinaire Mike Marsh has put together an outing for lovers of everything automotive. Show site will be on the grounds of Rosalie overlooking the Mississippi and Mike has arranged a weekend full of activities. The featured Marque for 2019 is Alfa Romeo. Details: [www.euro-fest.net](http://www.euro-fest.net) or Mike Marsh (601) 946 - 1950.

The EMC is looking forward to a great spring driving season so be sure that you're getting maintenance attended to now.

Happy Motoring!