

# Off-Side Undo



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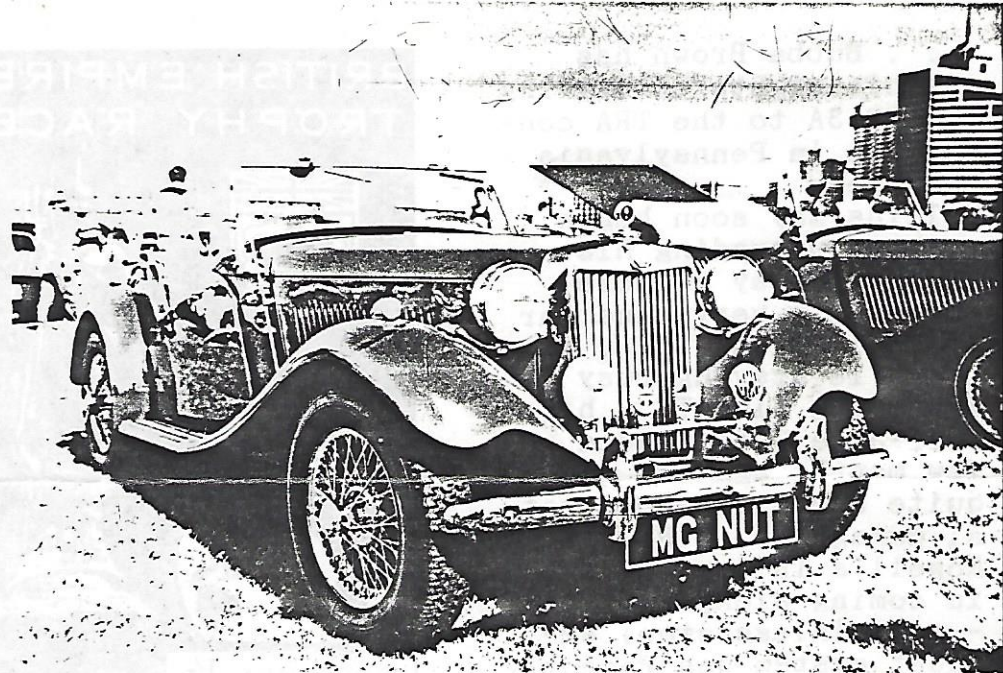
## PAST EVENTS

As our newsletters have been running quite a bit behind lately, we'll try to make an effort this issue to bring things up to speed.

One of our most enjoyable tours last fall was an afternoon trip to Port Gibson, aka our Ride to the River trip. Damp as it was, a number of our members and friends showed at Import Auto Parts in Vicksburg for a get-together and departure for the long trip down Highway 61 to Grand Gulf National Park. Making the trip were the Ken Brown's (MGB), the Brunson's (GT-6), the Cashman's (Jaguar), the Hemsley's (Alfa), the House's (AH 100), the Simmer's (MGB-GT), and the Wade's (Rover).

Once we reached Port Gibson, we took a detour to see the ruins of Windsor Castle. Those stark columns gave only a hint as to the grandeur that this once-magnificent mansion presented. Our caravan then wound through the wooded area on a delightful two lane road which returned us to the highway.

We soon arrived at



Grand Gulf Park, the entrance of which was marked by the remains of an old paddlewheel and steamboat boiler. We had just parked and opened our picnic baskets when our gin & tonic squad from Natchez arrived (Jack Pool and Dick Kingsafer in Jack's 100M). After lunch found us wandering through the museum, the church, a 200 year old log cabin, the fortifications of Ft. Wade (no relation) and the cemetery. It was a grand afternoon and worth a return trip some day.

Our most memorable Christmas party was held

in Vicksburg in the home of Pat and Barbara Cashman. We were greeted at the front door by an unusual and decorative display of British car parts, foil, and flowers which was arranged by a local floral designer. The theme was duplicated on the dining room table where a Jaguar grille composed the centerpiece. I'd like to hire this lady to organize my garage! This party also debuted the Cashman's latest acquisition, an Austin Princess. I would rate this car on the level of Rolls Royce in terms of coachwork and interior trim. We were

also allowed to view and even drive the Cashman's Alfa Romeo Monoposti, sans bodywork. (Your editor took a spin around the driveway in it, finding the two-speed, two-pedal vehicle a bit tiring up hills). As this was a joint party with the Alfa Romeo club, we had a great time with a good turnout of members from both clubs.

### SHORT CIRCUITS

. . . Bubba Brown has set his sights on driving his TR-3A to the TRA convention in Pennsylvania this year . . . Steve Collins may soon begin work on upgrading his TR-6 (I'd say restore, but it's a very fine car to begin with) . . . Mike Lewis is staying busy by repairing his 'TF - his "Off-Side Undo" undid a few months ago and caused quite a bit of sheet metal damage . . . Ric Nowell's TR-4 restoration is coming along very well - a stainless steel exhaust system was recently added . . . Jack Pool has acquired additional garage space and is building a proper shop for his and Dick Kingsafer's Healeys repair and maintenance . . . Joe Speetjens has become quite proficient at swapping TR-3 transmissions - his starter motor keeps shearing the end nut pin and drops the starter gear into the bell housing . . .

### PARTING SHOTS

How about that! I managed to pawn off the PREZ job after all! I'm very pleased with the choices of new officers for our club, and know

that Keith & Crew will do a good job directing the events this year! I really want to THANK all of the people who helped me these past two years; it makes the Prez job a lot easier! We set up a good program of outings which will continue to be expanded upon. I hope to see all of you at the events this year!

Craig House  
Ex-Prez



WALTER MITTY  
CHALLENGE  
April 28 - May 1

Michael Glore of Louisiana tells us that several Healey members from his area plan to attend and compete in this year's vintage racing at Road Atlanta. An announcement concerning this event has been included with this newsletter.

Michael has competed in this event for the past four years and really enjoys it. He invites anyone who is interested to call him for more information at (504) 469-

6711 (work) or (504) 764-2396 (home).

RECORD ATTEMPT PLANNED  
FOR A TR-3A  
by Dennis Riley  
Georgia Triumph Assn.

When Ken Richardson was at the VTR National, he told a group of us about a 1959 record attempt he tried in Monza, Italy.

He took a production 1959 TR-3A from England and drove it to Monza, which has a high banked oval course. He gathered 10 college students as drivers and attempted to run the production car at an average speed of 100 mph for 100 straight hours (over four days). The idea was to show the reliability of the Triumph Sports Car.

As Ken put it, "One of the bloody students blew the engine in the 94th hour and we never completed the run". However, you may find the event mentioned in books and articles because the TR-3A did set many new records during the run. But Ken was not satisfied that it never made the 100 hours at 100 mph.

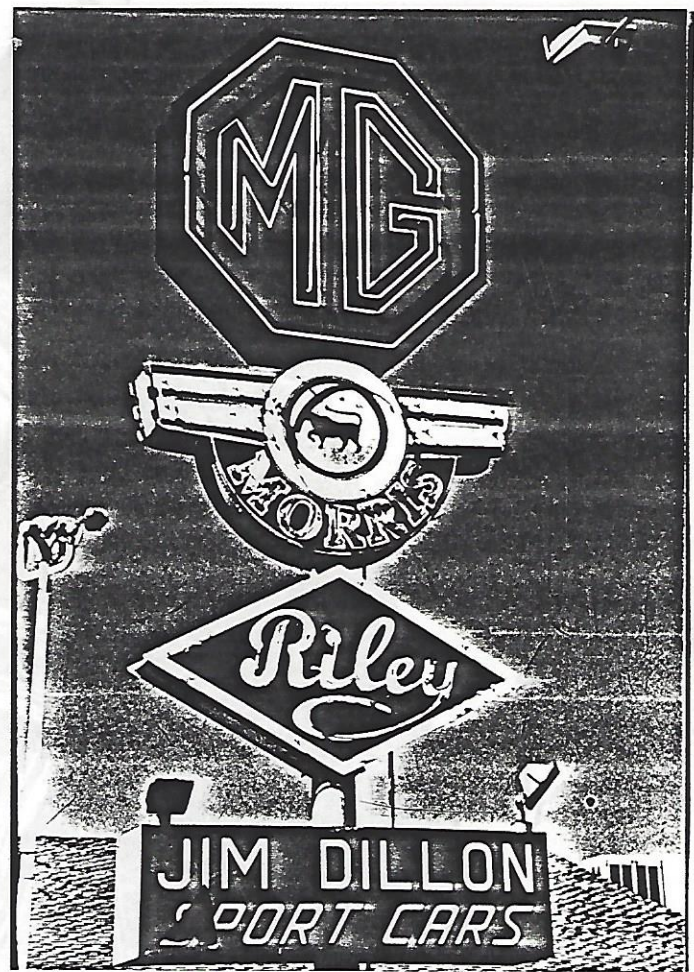
The story came up again in late August when George Raybey was visiting Ken and Paul on one of his layovers in London. Sitting around in a local pub, the idea to try it again 30 years later in a 30 year old TR-3A, began to take shape. The latest information from Paul Richardson is that a new attempt will be made in 1989 and this time they are confident of finishing what they started out to do back in 1959.

Paul has already selected the 1959 TR-3A to make the run. It will be completely torn down and re-assembled with all new parts. Paul also has lined up the drivers, contacted some major sponsors, lined up some of the original support team and has everything well under way.

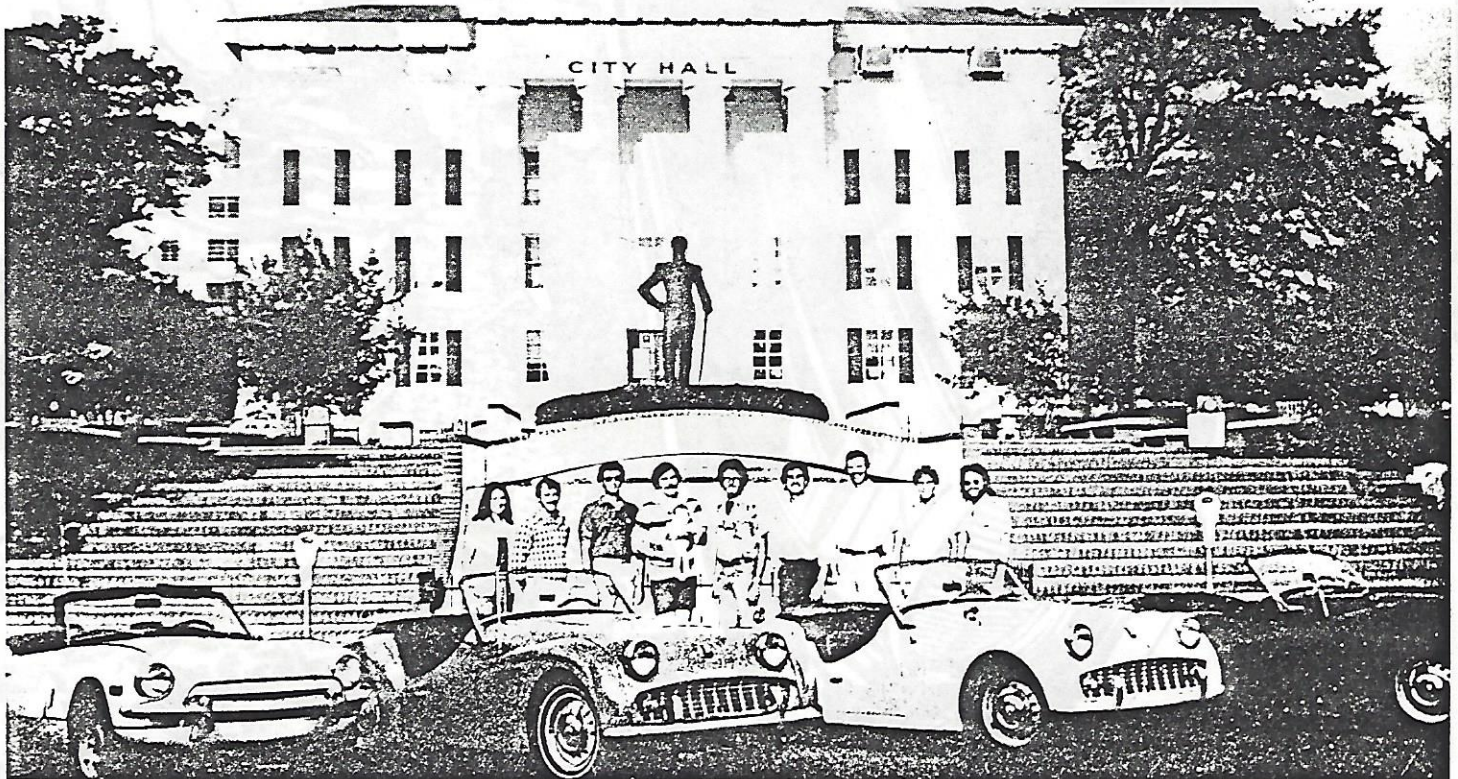
I'm sure we will be hearing more about this event as the time comes closer. Two years is a very short time to wait. Why not make plans to be there. It will be a major "TRIUMPH" event.

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RIGHT: This sign was recently spotted in Denver.



### VTR's First Southern Chapter



This august group posed in front of City Hall are all charter members of the Central Mississippi Chapter. They became a VTR Chapter in 1981 and are looking forward to an active 82 season. They are from left to right-Helen "Tippy" Garner, Frank Peel-President, W.T. "Butta" Brown, Scotty Marsh and son Brad, Ed Moore, Norman Pauli, Steve Cappello, Jeff Williamson and Lee Harrison.

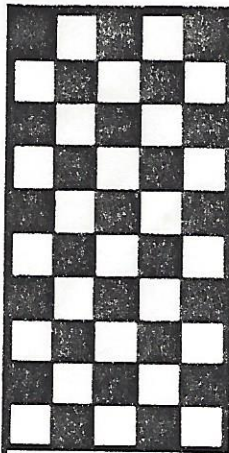


*TOPS DOWN PARTY*

March 26, 2:00 PM Brandon, MS

Keith Anderson & Julia Cappello

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED, YOU MAY BRING SNACKS  
TO SHARE! \*\*RAIN DATE MAR 27\*\*



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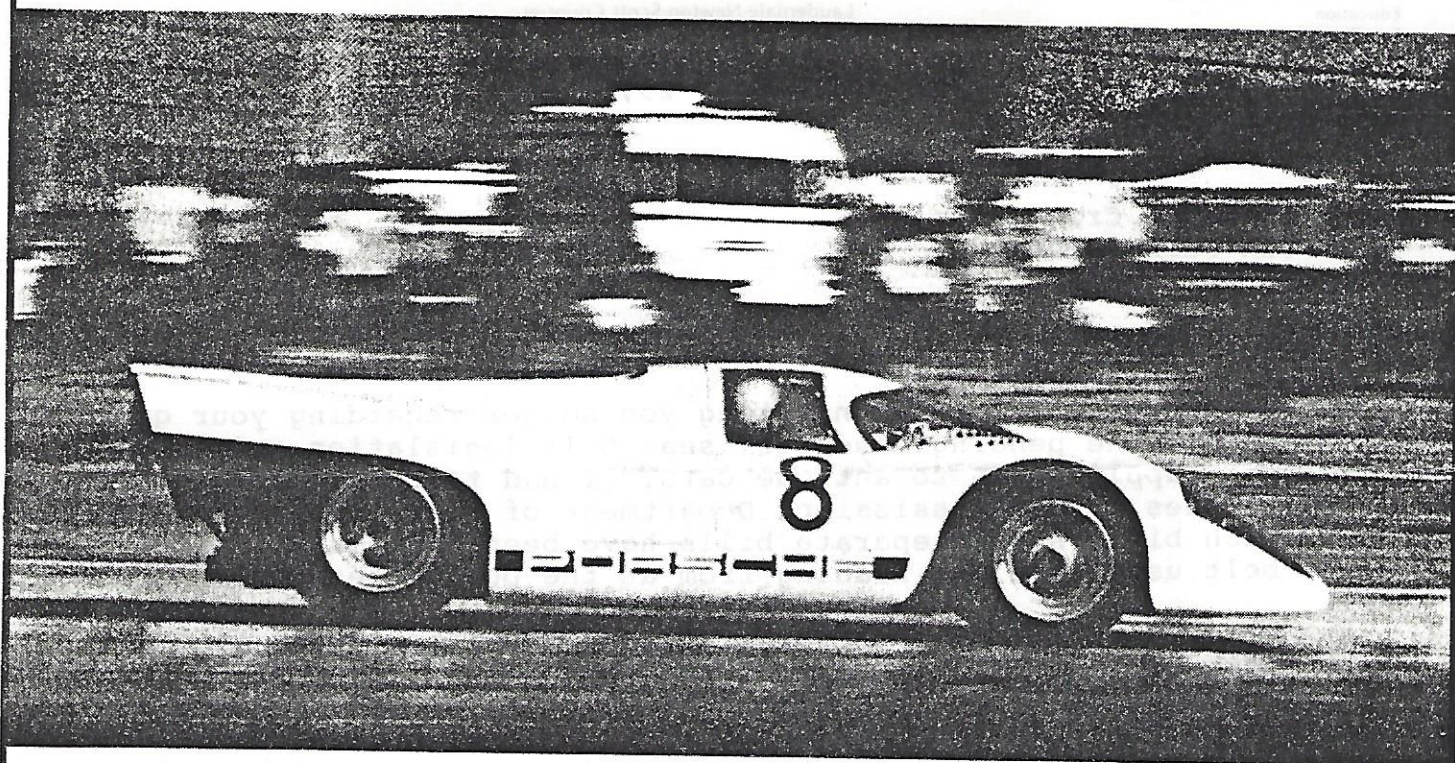
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February 29, 1988

Mr. and Mrs. Craig House  
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Dear Craig and Jane:

I apologize for not contacting you sooner regarding your questions about the pending mandatory seat belt legislation and particularly its application to antique cars. I had to call Lt. Colonel Billy Hughes at the Mississippi Department of Public Safety to find out which bill (seven separate bills have been introduced mandating seat belt usage) he was reading from at the public hearing.

Enclosed are copies of House Bill No. 381 and Senate Bill No. 2366 both of which contain proper wording. You will note the underlined wording in both bills with particular reference to "Federal Motor Vehicle Safety Standard 208." Lt. Colonel Hughes informs me that this language restricts the proposed mandatory seat belt law from affecting any automobiles manufactured prior to 1968. Consequently I believe the legislation is properly worded to protect our antique car lovers.

If you have any further questions or if I can be of greater assistance, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Alan M. Heflin  
State Senator

AMH/hd  
Enclosures 2

P.S.: I have a meeting at 8:30 A.M. tomorrow with Mary Wade to discuss insurance legislation, and I am sure we will also discuss antique cars. I'm glad to know ya'll are good friends!

