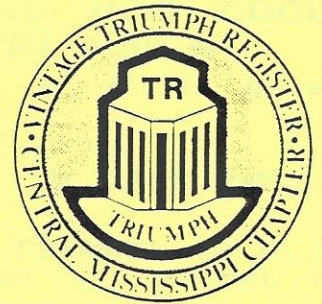
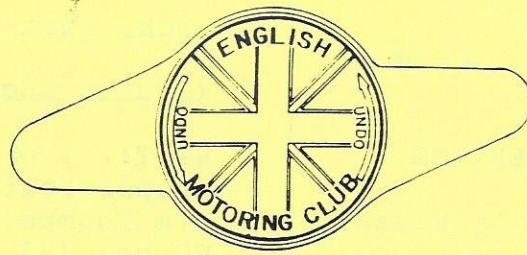


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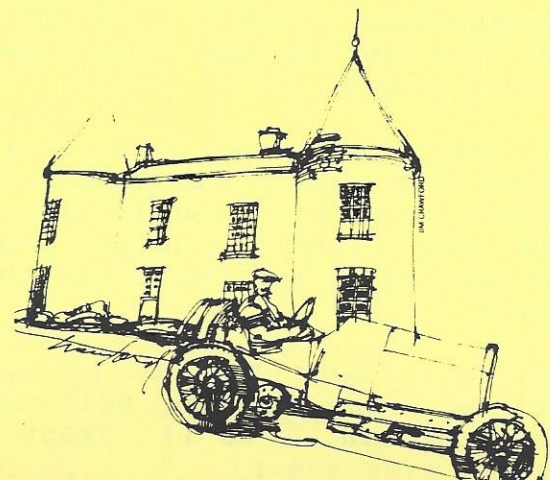
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DEE-ZYNA-LOGO

As I look back on the GREAT events we pulled off last year, I just can't help feeling that 1989 is going to be even GREATER! Already we've conned a new crew into "directing" the club activities and set up a schedule of events that will provide the needed excuses to keep the ol' iron running!

My apologies to those individuals and groups who made last year's British Car Day a whopping success, as the appropriate "Thank You's" never got in the mail . . . it couldn't have been successful without the help of our Memphis car buddies (British Sports Car Club), the local SCCA and Skip Brunson, Jimmy Bruno and his Louisiana MG bunch, and the Smith-Wills Stadium management for land use! A number of organizations donated the prizes, and all were recognized on a flier in the packets EXCEPT the Memphis BSCC folks, who donated at the show 2 packets of raffle tickets for the beautiful Jag sedan that was given away at their show in October (plus a free stay at their registration hotel!). Let's top the Jackson show this coming September!

Did you notice the ENGLISH MOTORING CLUB logo in this newsletter masthead? Thanks to Dave Fitzgibbon (2 years ago, Thanks!) for providing us with some sample artwork, this being one of the better (editor's opinion). We want to come up with a club logo that will go well on paper and as a club patch (suitable for jackets, etc). Need your input & comments & artwork - let's make this a club contest, with some appropriate prize given! Submitted work will be displayed in future O.S.U's.



CLASSY - PHIDES

GOOD FOOD, GREAT COMPANY & NEW OFFICERS!

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MINUTES (KIND OF), JAN 26 MEETING

12 of us gathered at Mazzio's Pizza in Jackson to railroad 6 of you into being Officers/Events Chairpersons for the 1989 year. I guess we're just a friendly bunch, though. . . no absentia posts this time! Here's the new club Officers:

Pat Cashman - President.
Jane House - Sec/Treasurer.
Craig House - OSU Editor
Pat & John Simmers - Tourist
Trophy Ralley Masters.
Dennis Loftin, Craig & Jeff
Hackman - British Car Day
Chairmen.

You'll notice there's no Vice President . . . we discovered that these birds aren't supposed to be seen or heard, so why have one?

Pat has given the club a host of new platforms:

"A Kinder, Gentler EMC";
"More of the Same, only Less";
"Flicker, Dim, Off";
"900 Points of Darkness".

A couple new events for the local crowd are the "BRITON Swim Party" (at Cashman's in Vicksburg) and the "Guy Fawkes" Halloween Picnic. There will be details on all the EMC events either in flier form or in the NewsLetters (O.S.U). A flier will be out soon on the "Tops Down" party next month.

We are continuing with last year's "British Car Day" arrangements, including holding it when the MS Antique Car Club is doing their thing! Should be even more fun than last year.

Who is "Guy Fawkes"? You'll have to get the story on this Brit from Barbara Cashman. We'll start a legend all over again!

DEFINITIONS:

Sick, Must Sell =Sick of this Car!

ReBuilt Engine =New Plugs & Points!

WANT: '64 AH MKIII, good orig or proper restored. OR a nice MGA!
Jim Thompson 764-2665/3321 (d/eve)
PO box 493 Bay Springs, MS 39422

SELL: '59 Rover 4D Sedan, 62K mi.
David Jaskolski 825-7743 (eve)
122 SpringRidge Rd Brandon 39042

SELL: '59 MGA 1500 Coupe, for parts or restoration.
Alex Wade Brandon 825-9611 (eve)

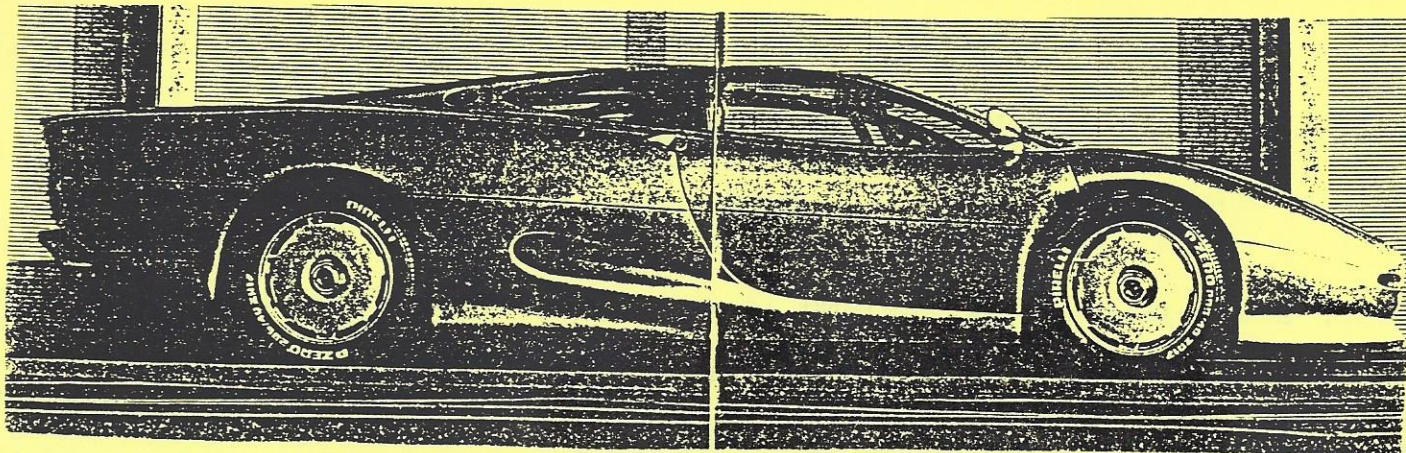
SELL: '63 MGB, good body, rough int., engine needs work. Make Offer!
Butch Nasif Vicksburg 636-0923 (eve)

SELL: AH MKIII converted to Mack Truck for medium hauling. Hydraulic bed optional. 888-9999 (daze)

SELL: '53 MG-TD being refurbished (leather int, paint, minor body-work). Wood is good, will be back to "orig" this Spring.
Hiram Shepard, Memphis 901-754-0538 (eve)



Attendees included:
the Wades; Alex, Tere, & Alex
the Cashmans; Pat & Barbara
the Houses; Craig & Jane
Keith Anderson
Dennis Loftin
John Simmers
Jeff Hackman
Greg Collins



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'89 RANGE ROVER TESTS:

The current issue of "BRITISH CAR" has this to say about the new RR:

"Does \$35,000-plus buy you the Range Rover lifestyle? No. That costs a lot more. But it will buy you an immensely satisfying vehicle that will cruise the highway like a luxury sedan, carry the family like a station wagon, tow any trailer built, offer loads of off-road entertainment, and not embarrass you when the valet brings it 'round. In short, possibly the best all around vehicle built."

JAG'S NEW XJ-220 CONCEPT:

This thing is un-believable (see above picture). Juice up the standard Jag V-12 to something akin to the '88 racing engine (500BHP), add all-wheel drive via fluid couplings, 48 valves, 12 ignition coils, Countach-type doors, a CD player wrapped in Connolly leather, and you get a concept Cat that goes over 220 mph (0-60 in 3.5 sec)! Who's it aimed at? Anyone who wants to plunk down \$350 BIG ones (and I don't mean HUNDREDS). This critter may go into production in 1991, and is a fair fight for the Porsche 959 and Ferrari F40 monsters (actually, NO CONTEST!).

COVENTRY NEWS:

Sir Alex Issigonis, Father of the Morris Minor & Mini, has passed away. Noted for his automotive genius and work with such names as Alvis, Morris, BMC, and Humber, his passing is a sad note for automotive history.

LOCAL NOTES:

Heard from an un-named source that young Alex Wade had to perform one of those "Brit sports car thrill tests" last month, when he came over a hill to find a stalled car in the road. Fortunately, his TR6 is in good working order and his reflexes are excellent - but the one front fender didn't like the scene anyway! Baptism by Girling!

SENATE BILL ON CAR INSPECTIONS DUE

You may want to obtain a copy of MS Senate Bill #2401 - it deals with the exemption of older vehicles that are used "primarily for historical exhibition" from the annual State Vehicle Inspection. The current version of the Bill puts the exempt car age at 50 years or greater. I think 30 years sounds better myself!

TRIVIA TALK - JOHN SIMMERS -

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### " THE CAR MY MOTHER WOULDN'T BUY ME "

First, a disclaimer; this column is of an autobiographical nature (no pun either intended or implied). If you are hoping for a substantive article on the evolution of name plate design, please look elsewhere. About three and a half years ago my mother gave me a MGB-GT. I am sure that this was her effort to atone for all the cars that I wanted and she wouldn't buy. My wife says the each month we make a payment on our new car and a payment (to Moss & Victoria) on the MG, and that the motive behind the gift was revenge!

I grew up in Small Town, Virginia where exotic cars were so rare, no one in town even owned a VW - only occasionally was a Mercedes or Jaguar seen on the main highway that ran through town (later to become Interstate 81). When I was ready to drive, I began looking for a suitable car so I could run errands and be more of a help around the house (the old "rationalizing" approach). I managed to talk Mother into a trip to a famous university town to the opening of a foreign car dealership, Rosehill Motors. It was 1955 and Rosehill had new MGA's, TR3's, Alfa's, and on the used car lot a YELLOW MG TD WITH RED LEATHER, RED WHEELS, AERO SCREENS, AND AN HONOST-TO-GOD QUICK-RELEASE-COMPETITION RADIATOR CAP. The friendly salesman assured Mother that right-hand drive was actually an advantage when driving in traffic! No sale. Back into the 1953 Plymouth and home. . . .

I must digress a little and describe my parents and their attitudes toward cars in general. My mother loved them, while my father felt that gentlemen only travelled by train (particularly STEAM train). My father never learned to drive, so all efforts to acquire automobiles rested with Mother.

I haunted the used car lots. The next car I was denied was a BROWN NASH-HEALEY WITH WIRE WHEELS. Even to this day I cannot understand why a 15 year old only son could be allowed to grow up in Small Town, Virginia without either a BROWN NASH-HEALEY WITH WIRE WHEELS or a YELLOW MG TD WITH RED LEATHER, RED WHEELS, AERO SCREENS, AND AN HONOST-TO-GOD QUICK-RELEASE-COMPETITION RADIATOR CAP. I was a social outcast.

It is needless to report that the response to requests for the WHITE BORGWARD ISABELLA and the RENAULT 4CV (would you believe 750cc?) were also negatory. I did end up with a black 1948 Studebaker Champion with a Hollywood muffler, red wheels, and twin spotlamps. I became sort of the automotive equivalent of a trans-sexual, a sports car driver trapped in the body of a sedan. In the interest of safety, the Studebaker with its transverse spring front suspension (cornering caused the tires to wear through at the sidewall because the tread rolled up under the car somewhere - I explained that Fangio also experienced odd tire wear patterns) was traded. If not a BROWN NASH-HEALEY WITH WIRE WHEELS a car with similar grille and a short wheel-base, the WHITE-OVER-PINK NASH RAMBLER WITH THE EXTERNALLY-MOUNTED SPARE TIRE (remember the continental kit that is still popular on the South side of Chicago?) AND GREEN UPHOLSTERY. The ultimate death trap. After hitting a bump, even at reasonable speed, the front wheels shook until the car was brought to a halt and a waiting period allowed before restarting. Pretending that you are Sterling Moss while driving a car with a gear lever that protrudes from a ball joint on the dash does help to develop the imagination. Technically the Nash Rambler anticipated the 5-cylinder engine developed by Audi, however the Audi design does not retain the spare cylinder characteristic of the Nash.



Eventually Mother did get me the sports car, but time, judgement, and fear (mostly fear) has taken their various tolls. I do have a loud exhaust and all the boy racer stuff that Florence will let me have, and my daughter's request for the YELLOW DODGE CONQUEST WITH SHOULDER HARNESSSES-THAT-HAVE-TURBO-TURBO-TURBO PRINTED ON THEM has been denied.

John Simmers

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## MEMBERS ARE A MUST!

YUP - YOU ALL KNOW IT! WITHOUT YOU, THERE IS NO E.M.C., NOR ANY OF THE NIFTY ORGANIZED EVENTS! AS OF THIS WRITING, WE HAVE OFFICIALLY 10 MEMBER FAMILIES! PLEASE, FILL OUT THE APPLICATION FORM BELOW AND RETURN IT TO OUR P.O. BOX ADDRESS. DUES ARE \$15 FOR THE YEAR AND \$10 IF JOINING AFTER JUNE.



### ENGLISH MOTORING CLUB MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION FORM

NAME(S): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

PH: \_\_\_\_\_

VEHICLES: \_\_\_\_\_

CLUBS: \_\_\_\_\_

mail \$15/annual dues to: E.M.C. po box 5263  
Jackson, MS 39296



