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# This 'n That

**By Roy Schooler**

First I would like to thank Will and Jennifer for hosting our December Tech Session and luncheon. They hosted, cooked, took photos and each wrote articles about the day. It was so nice to see so many in attendance.

The Brandon annual December event was well attended. The weather could have not been nicer and 39 cars arrived to show the younger folks what cars used to look like. Thank you Barry Schmidt for take all the pictures. I know we missed some of you but thank you for supporting this annual Brandon event.

January has at least two events on the books. Some of us will show our cars at the January 5-6 annual event at the Trademark Center in Jackson. Then we will have a slightly different route to Pineville for lunch. But you still have a chance to catch a glance at the three legged water tower in Polkville. And don't forget Berry's in Florence on the 18th.

**Welcome 2020!**

*It's A Wonderful Life in Historic Brandon*

December 14, 2019

Collection of Vintage Cars





# January Tech Session

By Will Duncan

Since the B has been having what appears to be a very small oil leak around the cylinder head, Charlie and Clay suggested at the November meeting that we check the cylinder head torque at the Christmas party. Around 11:00, Charlie and Donna arrived, and Charlie and I began a mini tech session, soon joined by Clay. After removing the spark plug wires (confirming the color was good in the process) and valve cover, we quickly confirmed that the nuts on all the cylinder studs were torqued to spec. After some discussion, we agreed that the leak is so minor that I'll just keep an eye on it for now. After some tutelage on the Rule of 9, we checked the valve adjustment. All of them turned out to be gapped a bit more than spec, so Charlie and I got them adjusted to the proper spacing. Once done, there was discussion with Clay about whether the silicone valve cover gasket that was installed only a few months ago needed to be replaced, and we decided to leave it. Since I have an alloy valve cover, Clay recommended I add an extra washer to each stud to keep them from bottoming out before the cover is fully tight, which is easily remedied by a quick trip to the hardware store. All in all, a quick, productive tech session. Much thanks to Charlie and Clay for their help!



# Now Let's Eat

**By Jennifer Duncan**

When Will and I volunteered to host the December meeting, we asked ourselves a few questions. Do we have time to make some repairs/ upgrades to the house? Nope, not going to happen. Can everyone find it? Yep, GPS works and we will offer directions. Given the busy time of year, will we have a good crowd? Yes! It was a great turn-out with about 45 people. Will we have enough food? Again, yes! The English Motoring Club produces some incredible pot-lucks. Everyone enjoyed Will's soup and Barbara's gumbo with more than a dozen sides and desserts. We hosted but this was truly a group effort. Even the weather cooperated with a break in the rainy weekend. Thank you for the opportunity and we hope to see everyone back next year.





# Exhaust Rattles



By Keith Anderson

Joe and Gail Buzhardt have been reunited with "George" their 1978 MGB that has been brought to life by Brian Anderson after being off the road for the past twenty years.

Joe bought the MGB new in 1978 and used it as his primary business car while employed as a consultant. His wife Gail enjoyed her profession as a French teacher which allowed her to travel to France many times with her students.

We hope to see them both with "George" at many of our events in 2020.



# Exhaust Rattles



**By Tom Brown**

Sometime back, in good faith, I bought an O/D transmission in Long Beach. Well, after the restoration of my 69 MGB I found out the O/D did not work. I followed the John Twist video on checking out the O/D. I replaced the 'O-rings, cleaned and polished everything, as per John Twist, with no positive results. Later, I phoned Keith Anderson and cried on his shoulder. He advised me to contact Charlie Durning for help. After speaking with Charlie, he suggested I contact Clay Johnston, also. It took several weeks to coordinate a time to get together. Finally, we were able to get together at my shop on Saturday, November 16th. Charlie and Clay arrived around 9:00. The discussion started more like an inquisition: Did you replace this 'O' ring? Did you replace that 'O-ring? Did you polish this and did you polish that? Much to my relief, Keith Anderson came in. Keith was bringing his own bag of questions pertaining to his projects. After a great deal of try this, or try that, and a lot of 'that just sounds weird.' we started on my project.

Charlie brought his pressure gauge and we discovered I indeed had O/D all the time, even with the solenoid unplugged. I pulled the solenoid and valve. Each part was inspected and refurbished with new 'O-rings' and nothing made sense why the O/D was on all the time. About that time, Gene Johnston came in and was filled in on the theories, or lack thereof, to the aforementioned problem. After referring to the Moss Catalog, and several cellphone diagrams, we concluded the solenoid check ball was mis installed by the previous owner. We reinstalled the valve and solenoid, and LOW AND BEHOLD it worked. Time out for lunch at Ramey's and back for a test drive. Clay and I ran it through its paces and received the Johnston seal of approval. Many thanks to Charlie, Clay, Keith and Gene.







# Blast from the Past

By Terry & Merideth Trovato



Back some two decades ago, the EMC Hierarchy would consult the Farmer's Almanac to determine "the driest month in Mississippi." It always stated "October." Therefore B on the B was always held in October with beautiful weather until 2001—some 19 years ago—when the Heavens unloaded on Show Saturday. The grounds of the Rosalie Mansion had been booked for the event, but the Daughters of the American Revolution, who own the Mansion, would not allow us to park vehicles on the grass. Consequently, we had a torrential rain soaked show in the Rosalie parking lot. In the accompanying photo, the team of judges find just enough break in the weather to judge Dentist Ted Glover's MGB-GT. Ted, from Houston, was a big supporter of B on the B and on occasion he would enter two vehicles in the show. Tom Schmitz, long-time B on the B participant from Alabama, summed it all up at the end of the "rain show" when he stated "...I go to so many British Car Shows they all become a blur, but I will certainly remember this one."



# Just a Penny's Worth



Thanks to all of you who wrote articles, shared your photos and kept encouraging me. Just learning Publisher's many applications was challenging, but with encouragement from Charlie and Donna and others, the newsletter seems to get a bit easier each month. So just keep your photos and articles coming - don't forget about the delicious recipes for the dishes we enjoy at each meeting. All this makes a great EMC newsletter.

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!**



# 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 remainder of 2019

**Mississippi Racing Vehicle Extravaganza**—January 4th and 5th, 2020 at MS Trademark, Jackson

**January 11, 2020—Let's Drive to Pineville for Lunch—Meet at Ramey's in Downtown Brandon at 9:45 A.M.**

**January 18, 2020— 1130 A.M. EMC 2019 Awards & 2020 Kick-off. Berry's Seafood and Catfish House, Florence, MS.**

VMC Road Test Video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nuwTWujeMM0>

Happy Motoring!

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