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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

The Business meeting at Berry's was a great way to kick off the New Year. We have an article and pictures later in this newsletter.

There are lots of plans for 2018, so we hope you will be able to join us when you can.

Our next gathering is at **the Cashman's** in Vicksburg. Bring something good to share. Pat says he will have a project laid out and wants some supervision.

This year **Andy and Bonnie** will not be hosting the Rally. To fill that spot **VP Steve and Editor Charlie**, with the help of **Bro Clay**, will be putting on a fun drive for March 31. It will not be a rally. We will be traveling along the 2 lane roads of Rankin, Simpson, and Smith counties with a lunch stop midday and well planned comfort stops along the way. It promises to be a fun day.

Exhaust Rattles

by Charlie Durning

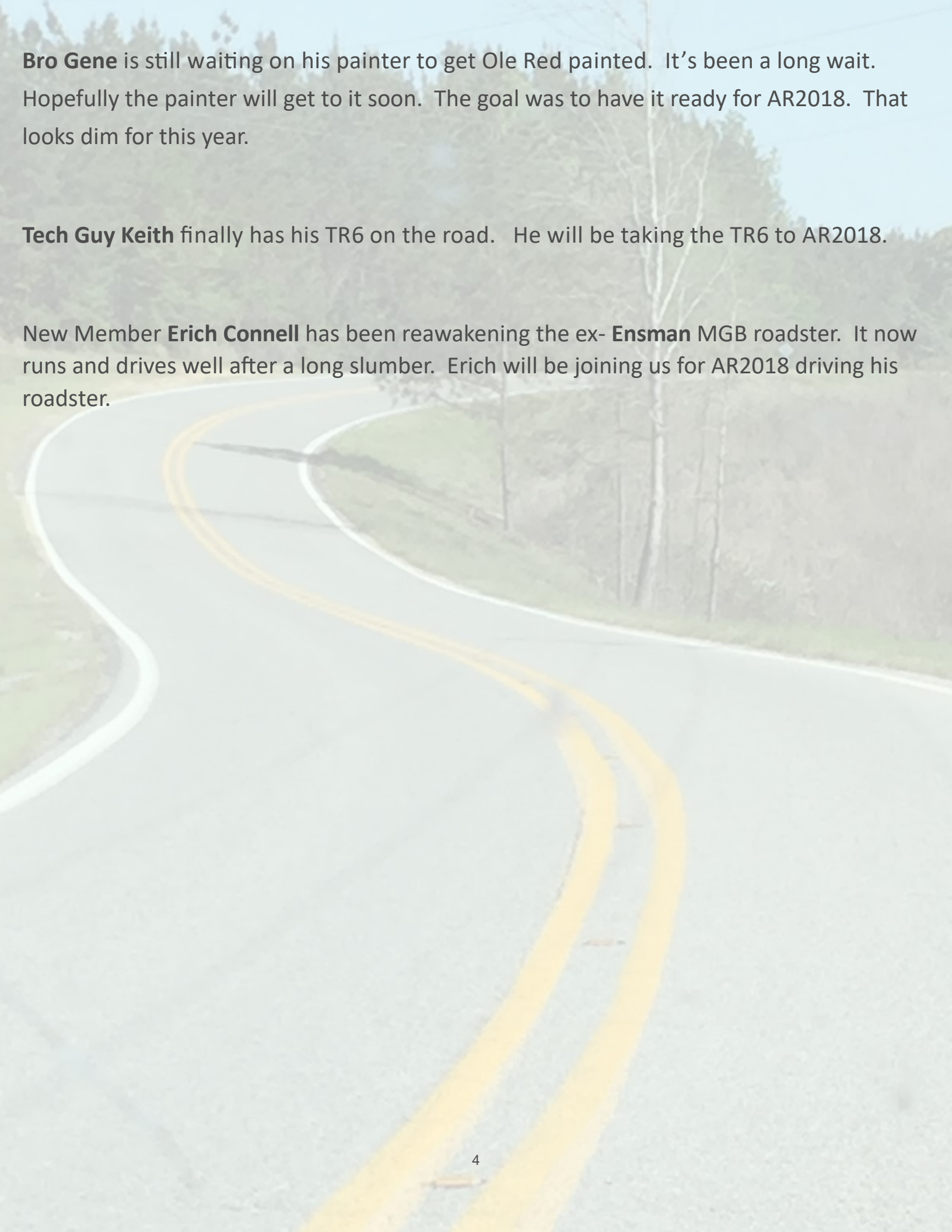
Bro Clay has had an irritating banging that was illuminating from the front of his MGB. After a careful inspection he discovered that the right side bushing in the steering rack had expired. After some careful research he decided to take on the task of repairing the rack. The old bushing was not too excited about being removed. After some persuasion the bush was removed. A week later a new bushing arrived and using some fire and ice, the new bushing found a new home.

During the disassembly, some of the threads on the rack became boogered up. To correct the problem Bro Clay meticulously filed new threads into the rack. All is well now.



Editor Charlie has been tinkering again. This time he has installed disc brakes on the rear axle of his GT using a simple bracket of his design. The bracket is adaptable to 2 different design calipers, depending upon preference. The performance is promising. It's still in the concept/testing stage. It will be ready for the demanding AR2018.





Bro Gene is still waiting on his painter to get Ole Red painted. It's been a long wait. Hopefully the painter will get to it soon. The goal was to have it ready for AR2018. That looks dim for this year.

Tech Guy Keith finally has his TR6 on the road. He will be taking the TR6 to AR2018.

New Member **Erich Connell** has been reawakening the ex- **Ensmann** MGB roadster. It now runs and drives well after a long slumber. Erich will be joining us for AR2018 driving his roadster.

Membership News

by Stephen Turner



It is that time of year again for 2018 annual dues. Dues are \$25.00 and we accept checks (payable to English Motoring Club) or cash. Membership includes an annual subscription to The British Marque. You can mail your renewal to me at the following address:

EMC of Mississippi c/o Stephen Turner
[104 Southpark Drive](#)
[Vicksburg, MS 39180](#)

If anyone has any questions about if they are paid up or not shoot me an email at stephendturner89@gmail.com

Thank you!

Blast from the Past

by Terry & Merideth Trovato



Nicky Edrington (left), of Thibodaux, Louisiana, shows off the engine compartment of his TR-6 to British Motoring Club of New Orleans members **Allen Bradley** and **William Harris** during Brits on the Bluff activities 16 years ago.



Annual Business Meeting

Pres John hit it out or the park again by choosing Berry's for our annual meeting. The folks at Berry's were very accommodating by putting us in a back room. I suppose they suspected we would be rowdy. Twenty-five of us converged on the place all at once. After we gorged ourselves at the buffet **VP Steve** brought the meeting to order. **Bro Clay** gave a treasurer's report and disclosed that we have money. **Kent Turner** gave a membership report. We have 93 registered members. **Kent** also let it be known that dues are due. Dues will remain at \$25.00 for the year. **Bro Gene** went over the calendar of events for the year. The schedule as we know it right now will be posted on the website. **Bro Gene** will send out mass e-mail reminders for up and coming events as well as calendar changes. **Mike Marsh** spoke about Euro Fest in Natchez. Sounds like he has put together quite a party. If you would like to join in drop **Mike** a line.

Once the business was completed it was time for awards. The folks who were awarded are listed below. Missing was the preservation award. Whoever won that award last year needs to come clean at the Cashman's this month!

Awards

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| Bro. Clay | Doctor of MG For his dedication to the hobby |
| Bro. Gene | Certificate of appreciation for his work as communications officer |
| VP Steve | Doctor of MG for his tenacity in spritzing up 2 Midgets |
| Erich Connell | Certificate of completion MGB 101 for resurrecting his MGB |
| David Bailey | J Thaddeus Toad Award for bravery in taking on his many projects |
| Stephen Turner | The Eager Beaver Award |
| Pres John | Scorched Piston Award for his work on his TR6 |

Kelly Gatewood | I Beam Award for being a good sport

Tech Guy Keith | Peanut Award

Pres John | The Big Valve Award because he was not in attendance

Mike Glore | CIC Award in recognition that he may never see his Europa again

CIC AWARD

Car In Crate Award

I have been approached by the “Old Historic Persistent Optimist Organization” to pass on to one of our members this acknowledgment. This is not an award per se, as an award is a prize or other mark of recognition given in honor of an achievement. Rather this is a reminder, a token, a symbol, a gesture or a representation of what is to be.

The English Motoring Clubs recipient of this has weathered the razing, slings and arrows, scorn and general ribbing of his fellow members with good nature and statue of a proper English Gentleman. He truly embodies the many and varied philosophies of “**Good things come to those who wait**”, “**Rome wasn’t built in a day**” and “**A long journey starts with the first step**”. As the famous Joyce Meyer puts it this way, “**Patience is not simply the ability to wait-----its’ how we behave while we wait!**”

It gives me great pleasure to present this recognition from the “Old Historic Persistent Optimist Organization”, also know as “Oh Poo”, the acknowledgment of the “CIC”. Hopefully this will serve as a reminder or torment of the virtues of waiting.

So without further ado, I present the “Car In Crate” honor to **Mike Gore** for his Lotus Europa Saga.

Annual Meeting Photos







A Memo From Mike Marsh

Natchez Euro Fest!

Greetings,

We are pleased to let you know that the Natchez Euro Fest will be held Saturday, April 7th with scheduled drives on Friday the 6th. Please mark the date and tell your friends and club members.

Registration will open January 1, 2018 at www.euro-fest.net. Please make plans now to join us for another great weekend in Natchez!

Mike

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From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



I found a great suspense thriller recently. Once I started reading it, I couldn't put it down!

Need to Know by Karen Cleveland is a great read. All I can say is WOW,! She kept me in suspense from the very beginning to the very last word! It is an espionage thriller told from the perspective of a CIA counterintelligence analyst. She develops a system to identify Russian agents living as normal Americans. She soon inadvertently discovers that someone very close to her is a deep-cover agent. She is torn between loyalty, betrayal, allegiance and treason, love and suspicion and soon finds that she can't trust anyone.

The author, Karen Cleveland is a former CIA analyst and draws from her experience to write her first novel.

If you like to read a good suspense thriller, this is for you!

If you have a good book you would like to recommend, please email me at

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Upcoming Events

English Motoring Club 2018 Calendar (Tentative)

***** We are looking for a volunteer to organize the 2018 Drive Thru History in May. *****

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| January 20, 2018 | EMC 2017 Awards & 2018 Kick-Off / Florence |
| February 17, 2018 | EMC Tech Session / Pat and Barbara Cashman |
| March 17, 2018 | EMC Tops Down / Rocky Springs |
| March 23- 24, 2018 | BMCNO Car Show |
| April 7, 2018 | Natchez Euro Fest |
| April 20 – 21, 2018 | PBCA Brits on the Bay |
| May ??, 2018 | EMC Drive thru History |
| June 16, 2018 | EMC Tech Session / Keith and Pat Anderson |
| June 17 – 22, 2018 | MGB 2018 Gettysburg PA |
| July 17 – 21, 2018 | VTR Convention Lacrosse WI |
| July 21, 2018 | EMC Lotus Weekend / Mike and Alice Glore |
| August 18, 2018 | EMC Garage Tour / David and Jo Ann Bailey |