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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

June was a very hot month. Not too much movement in our un-air conditioned LBCs. However, that didn't stop some hearty souls from traveling to MG2016 in Louisville, KY. I understand it was a huge gathering. In addition Bro Gene came home with a prize. There is a video link to MG2016 later in the newsletter courtesy of Merideth and Terry Travato. The Tech session at Andersons was a success. The Chick Magnette got new gaskets for the front and back wind screens. Also one of our guests found a shade tree as a place to refurb the interior of his Midget.

This month we have 2 submissions for Blast from the Past. It's great seeing these stories from times gone by.

Bro Gene, our Communications officer says he has EMC decals if anybody needs some. He expects to have them available for the Lotus Weekend this month. Also if there is anyone who is not getting event notices from Bro Gene, please let him know so you can be added to the e-mail list.

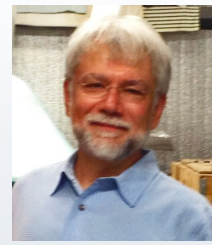
At the Lotus Weekend at the Glore's we'll be making some plans for Brits on the Bluff. All suggestions are welcome. At our August tech session at Baileys we'll be making the final preparations for BotB.

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FUN WITH MIDGETS 6

By Steve Whitlow



After weeks of careful preparation, the Midget engine bay and bonnet underside were prepped and ready to paint. The Johnston brothers-Gene and Clay met me at Charlie's shop Friday afternoon, June 24th. We masked off the rest of the car and covered the floor area.



Brother Clay looking for any areas not covered well. Overspray is *not* our friend.

Here she is raring to go 'under the gun'...spray gun that is.



We reconvened bright and early Saturday morning for breakfast at the Huddle House before heading to Charlie's for the big day. After a final wipe down with Prep Sol and a going over with tack cloth the moment had arrived.

Gene and Clay mixing the paint...looking a bit like mad scientists.



We used PPG MAE Omni acrylic enamel, a single stage paint. This was used on the exterior of the car in 2011 and still looks new. The difference is the engine bay and underside of the bonnet will be sprayed with PPG Omni production clear after the paint flashes to provide a bit more durability in the hot environs of the engine bay.

{ The Brothers at Work }



In spite of temperatures in the upper 90s and high humidity Gene did an excellent job of getting the paint to lay flat and smooth. From start to finish the respray took a little more than two and a half hours including time for each coat to flash, which didn't take long in the heat.

Here's the final result. She looks amazing and better still, no over spray or fish eye.



Time now to begin the re assembly process, see you next month!

Exhaust Rattles

By Charlie Durning

Bro Gene and Martha and Bro Clay and Debbie made it to Louisville and back without incident. The report is they had a grand time and are making plans for San Diego next summer.

VP Steve is making progress on his Midget. The engine will be going back in the last weekend of July.

Pres John got a new air compressor for his air conditioned shop. Now he can really get after his TR6 restoration.

RESCUE CAR!

Charlie has a newly acquired 1977 MGB Roadster. He and Bro Clay rescued it from under a pile of debris in a carport. Shortly after the rescue, they happened upon some teenagers who were eager wash off the top layer of dirt and debris. This LBC finally has a new home in Magee where it will be loved....



June Tech Session

Keith and Pat Anderson were kind enough to open their home for the June Tech session. Keith always has something for us to do. This year Thomas Bowen from Venable Auto Glass was kind enough to demonstrate what it takes to change the front and back windscreen gaskets on Charlie and Donna Durning's Chick Magnette. It was a battle, but Thomas won in the end.



Keith also had some of his and Brian's projects on display.

We had a large crowd that included our 4 new members who joined last month.



Bro Gene & Martha Johnston stopped by on their way home from MG2016. Bro Gene reported there were 840 MGs in attendance Bro Gene also showed off his 3rd place in class finish with his beautiful super charged MGB GT. Good job Gene & Martha!!



Over under one of the trees one our guests took to rework the interior of his Midget. In no time at all he had the interior stripped, the seat sliders maintained, and new carpets installed. Good job. Unfortunately I failed to get the young man's name. Hopefully he will attend the Lotus gathering for a formal hello and a hearty welcome to EMC.



The brown Midget is owned by the fella who works in Kiev, Russia.

Our tech session gave him the opportunity to have a shady place to replace his carpets and grease the slides of his two stuck seats. Taylor, his teenage passenger, certainly enjoyed his time at the gathering as well. Hope to see him back



The best part of the day...
Taking in a little
nourishment!

A Note from the President

By John Turbeville



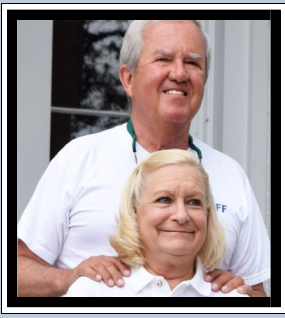
I bought a 60 gallon compressor from Harbor Freight, along with a blast cabinet--Keith Anderson helped me get them home. I thought I could fit them both in the closet of my shop but that was not the case. Keith advised me to put the compressor outside due to the noise it will make so I began assembling the blast cabinet to test fit it into the closet. It just fits with room for my ladder on the side.



Over the next few weeks I constructed a concrete pad as a resting spot for the compressor on the back side of my shop. Thankfully I had had the shop wired for 220v when it was built, thinking I may one day install a lift, but the lift never happened, so I had plenty of spooled up wire to run to the compressor. Keith came over again last Saturday to continue the process of plumbing my shop with air. We managed to get a line of PVC pipe inside from the compressor.

Now the inside work can begin...so glad I have AC in the shop. Can't wait to blast a few TR6 parts and get busy on restoration work.





Blast from the Past Part-1

By Terry and Meridith Trovato

The MG...the British car America fell in love and started the British car craze in the U.S., and after World War II some of the first MG cars ever seen by Americans stateside were some of the early MG -TC models. Here's EMC member John Lange pictured in his wonderful 1949 MG-TC a decade or so ago at the New Orleans British Car Show.



Blast from the Past Part-2

By Pat Cashman

Amanda swept the field in the model car contest at the Memphis British Car Show in 1990. She won with models of a Cobra Daytona coupe, 1957 Chevy and a 1959 TR-3. She built and painted all of the models herself. Judges were impressed when she told them about how she added windshield glass to the TR3 and put in a rear luggage compartment with spare tire in the Cobra.



All three models are on display at the slot car track at our shop in Vicksburg. One of the prizes in addition to the trophy is a 1/25 scale kit of a 289 Cobra that she and I built. That too is at the shop in a diorama of muscle cars.

Guest Commentary

Below are some thoughts on the effect of Brexit on Classic Cars buyers / owners from Gordon Keeble owner and friend of Pat Cashman who resides in England.

I'm afraid I don't have a 'clear & accurate' picture of what Brexit has done to the UK / Great Britain...Or The "Way Forward"... IF I did I would probably be VERY busy giving:- media interviews, business and or strategy presentations, lining up LOTS of 'Consultancy' work at a huge hourly rate!! - Honestly, I don't think anyone really knows, and if they do, they are keeping very quiet about it!!

Frankly, I am very disappointed our 'leader' came back from 'negotiations' with the EU, with so little, and then launched the country (PLUS) into a referendum where the options were pretty much, (1) 'stay as you are', although I know you don't like it, OR (2) "leave", but Nothing was done to work out what 'leave' would involve...because he thought we might like to stay!

At the start, and throughout the campaign there were repeated requests for 'information'. All we seemed to hear were more and more 'scare stories'...

Eg [1] " House Prices could fall "... Yes - but for people living in London, South East England, and some other cities, plus the 'young', Lower house prices could actually be a blessing.

Eg [2] "Negotiating trade deals will be difficult & take many years" Since the vote we are now told " there are probably only ABOUT 12 Civil Servants who have experience of negotiating a Trade Deal !!!
" (a) If the number is so small, it should be easy to identify them (b) Who has been going on all the international trade 'missions' to China / India / Middle East with the second rank Royals? © Can we not 'bring back' a few of the Civil Servants who retired with Gold plated pensions, (often) only days later, to take up 'consultancy' roles with their opposite numbers from 'industry'! (d) or even try 'head hunting' a few negotiators from Australia / Canada / USA etc. - who have recent experience. I' m afraid the one common theme is we don't seem to 'believe' Great Britain WAS, and could AGAIN be, a Great trading nation!

We also seem to have a problem with our 'media' - not least the BBC - who have been peddling 'gloom & despondency' - "The pound is falling.... lowest since..." "The FTSE is in Free Fall"... YES, the FTSE fell when the market opened @08.00 Friday, but the Governor of Bank of England gave reassurances and the market started to recover about 08.30. By close the FTSE was higher than at the start of the week... BUT the BBC stuck to 'bad day' story all thru the weekend!!

How did we manage to 'loose' Prime Minister, The leader of the Opposition ?? { Well 80% of his MPs have 'No Confidence' and 40 of the Shadow Cabinet resigned... }

PLUS 'We' lost at football to Iceland - a nation with a population of an also ran UK City ?

STOP PRESS... Just heard Boris (Johnson) will NOT be standing for election as next leader / Prime Minister... { Is this a cheap comedy sketch? }

Better move onto your question Re Effect of Brexit on Classic Cars buyers / owners...

'Classic Car Weekly' (newspaper) has an article...

Editor says:- Values are unlikely to be hit by Brexit in short term, but EXPORTS are set to increase due to early adjustments in value of sterling.

Sir Greg Knight MP, one time Tory minister, chairman of various Commons Committees, Chief Whip, AND Chair of the 'All Party Parliamentary Historic Group' says, " Britain is classic-friendly, and I feel this move will allow us to breathe easier"

By comparison, Geoff Lancaster, FBVHC's Director of Communications said," A remain vote would have secured us a seat at the table when discussing the classic car movement across Europe. Having left, we can only watch from the sidelines."

My Comment on above:- [a] The words from Gregg Knight & Geoff Lancaster could be transposed and only the most observant would have known!!

[b] Having heard (at AGMs) how much input the FBVHC makes to international forums { I understand 'we' (FBVHC) send up to seven delegates to FIVA meetings } I just wonder at the 'value' of the input. FIVA recently announced its definition of a 'Historic Vehicle' - which was immediately and completely rejected by FBHVC !!

FIVA see a historic vehicle as 'very special' , original to the point of NO modifications being allowed (even for 'safety' or to ensure the vehicle remains useable) AND would only be used very occasionally - for special occasions eg annual 'London to Brighton run'. { Hardly what we have a G-K for! }

So for you... It will be cheaper to buy further British classic cars, and ship them. { Because exchange rate is favourable}. It will be cheaper (short term) for you to buy parts for your British classics. - However, where parts are sourced from outside the UK the price may have to rise when stock is ordered / manufactured...and only the British element will then attract the exchange rate 'benefit'.

There may also be some 'easing' of rules / restrictions on 'nasty' materials & processes eg Asbestos in {old} brake linings, Use of chrome plating (and re-plating) for 'decorative' purposes.

We live in Interesting Times!!

From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



Charlie and I were motoring about last weekend and decided to stop for a bite to eat in Hattiesburg. I ordered Red Beans and Rice, but was very disappointed. It made me wish I had given that restaurant this recipe! The original was contributed to Southern Sideboards cookbook by Mrs. E. B. Robinson, Jr. I've modified it a little—added sausage and tomatoes. If you don't have time to soak dried beans, canned red beans or kidney beans work just fine. You can also skip the ham and just use sausage for another shortcut. I hope you'll try it and enjoy every bite!

Donna's Favorite Red Beans and Rice

1 pound dried red beans	1 cup parsley, chopped	Dash of Tabasco sauce
1 meaty ham bone	2 large cloves garlic, crushed	1/4 teaspoon oregano
2 pounds link sausage	1 Tablespoon salt	1/4 teaspoon thyme leaves
3 cups chopped onions	Dash of red pepper	1 Tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
1 bunch green onions, chopped	1/2 teaspoon sugar	
1 Tablespoon salt	1 teaspoon black pepper	1/2 (8 oz. can tomato sauce
Cooked rice	Seasoned salt to taste	2 -15 1/2 cans of diced tomatoes

Soak beans overnight in water to cover. Drain. Cook beans and ham bone in water slowly for 3 hours. Add all ingredients except seasoned salt. Cook slowly for 1 1/2 hours. Cool. Reheat and simmer for 1 hour. Add seasoned salt to taste. For thicker red beans, remove a few beans from the pot. Mash beans and return to pot. This recipe may be prepared a day in advance and is better served the second day. Serve over cooked rice. Serves 8.

Contact Me

If you have an idea or an article for "From the Passenger Seat", please let me know. I'd love to feature yours!

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Upcoming Events



Things are starting to heat up and we mean more than just the weather.

We're just past the mid-point of the EMC year and there are lots of upcoming events:

July 16, 2016 – EMC Lotus Weekend / Braxton MS - I'm sure we'll find some interesting roads on our way down to the beautiful burg of Braxton. Come and join the drive and the visit with Mike and Alice. Bring a dish and enjoy lazing on a sunny afternoon in the summertime with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Mike / Alice Glore [\(504\) 231 – 5801](tel:5042315801).

August 20, 2016 – EMC Garage and Food Tour / Brandon MS - David and Jo Ann have a way of throwing a great party in lead up to the EMC show. Come on out and see what David has added or improved on for 2016. Always lots to see and do along with a great meal what else can you ask for. This will be the pre-Brits on the Bluffs gathering so bring along a dish and enjoy the fun. Gathering starts at 11:00am. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: David / Jo Ann Bailey [\(601\) 992 – 8566](tel:6019928566).

September 16 - 17, 2016 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS – Hang out on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River starting with our Friday night party and spend Saturday with us under the oaks at City Park. There will be lots to do on your visit with us. Stay tuned for registration information. Details: John Turbeville [\(601\) 940 – 5288](tel:6019405288), Gene Johnston [\(601\) 201 – 0801](tel:6012010801).

October 1, 2016 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS - The 2015 Renaissance Car Fest was one to remember. Lots of participation from EMC members as well as friends from surrounding clubs will be the order again for 2016. When posted get your entry in early and make plans to attend. You'll see cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy often and in the surroundings of the Renaissance it's just magnificent. Details: www.euro-fest.net.

Additional events are listed at www.msemc.org

Hope that you've got your ride tuned and ready to go for a fun-filled second half.

We'll see you there.
The Exhaust Rattles EMC

Watch this!

Terry Trovato submitted this video link from the MG2016

<http://www.courier-journal.com/videos/news/local/2016/06/16/85991294/>