

# THE OFF-SIDE UNDO



**“A gentleman does not motor about after dark.”**

**Joseph Lucas**

**July 2023**



## **JUNE TECH SESSION**

**By Charlie Durning**

Man was it a hot day or what? Well a few brave souls ventured out in the aftermath of the Friday night storms, most in a car with an A/C button on the dash. On the drive up Hwy 471 there was still some evidence of the overnight storm. I wanted to stop and top up my tank. Though the lights were on at the gas stations, the pumps were not working at that time. Also, the signal controlled intersections had STOP signs since the lights were not working. Surprisingly, I only saw one tree down on the street where the Andersons live. There were reports from members who could not attend. Those folks were cleaning up the aftermath of the storms with trees down and power outages.



In attendance were 13 folks, some were brave and drove their LBC and some drove something a little more modern. In all, it was time well spent with lots of fellowship and checking out Keith's and Brian's projects. Pat had a great spread of goodies for lunch. Even though it was hot outside, Pat had a challenge getting the men in for the feast. Once we all gathered, it was time to eat and bask in air conditioned comfort.

As far as the projects are concerned, Dominic's Big Healey was almost done. Also there was a very nice XK120 that needed some details resolved. And finally there was an E Type getting some major engine work. Brian was off racing so we were unable to get all of the details from him. As the festivities wound down it was time to return home. All in all, a day well spent. Many thanks to the Andersons for opening up their home.

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## BIRTHDAYS & CELEBRATIONS

### Gene Johnston

Well, well. The Gene and Martha Johnston had a big month around the house during April 2023. First off Pearl the GT celebrated her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday during April and to mark the occasion Gene and Martha took her to the beach where she had a great time.



Also, during April Ole Red celebrated a milestone when he passed the 100,000 mile mark. Ole Red is getting freshened up a bit with a few new parts and an oil change in celebration of the event.



# ARKANSAS REMINISCING: ADDITIONAL PHOTOS FROM THE AR 2023 DRIVE

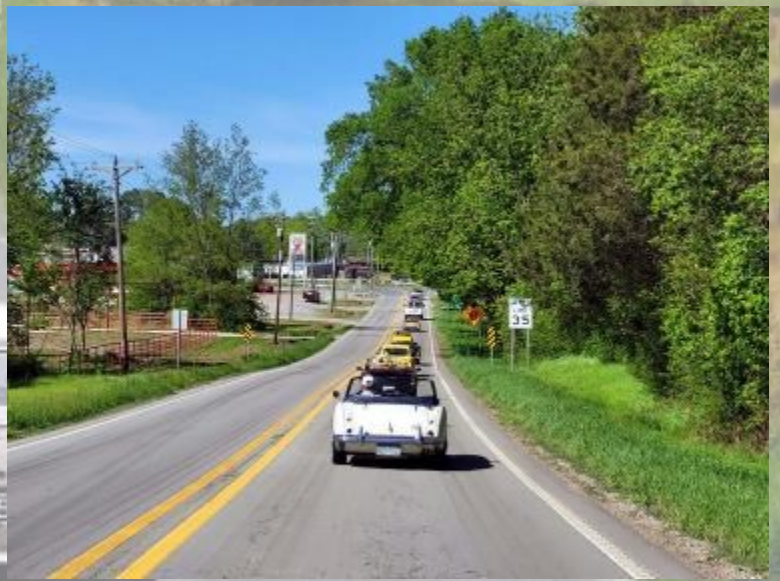
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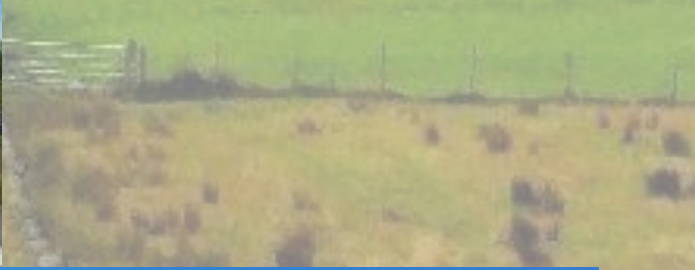




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# NECESSITY IS THE MOTHER OF INVENTION

## TIMING COVER/ OIL PAN SERVICING TOOL

By Gene Johnston

As Morrissey Pearl, Pearl, approaches her 50<sup>th</sup> birthday, coming up April 2023, she had developed a bit of incontinency around the front of her 1.8L. I had watched the drips and drabs increase to a cringing puddle each time I took her out. I usually travel with a spare quart of Valvoline and had no desire to increase that to a full gallon. I had pretty much diagnosed the issue as being timing cover/oil pan vs the timing cover seal as the back side of the crankshaft pulley was pretty much dry. I had quelled the flow slightly with tools from my box however I had the feeling that if I could find the correct spanner, I could perhaps stem the flow a bit further. I reached out to Charlie Durning and he sent the photo of an assortment of several “special wrench” options that might assist me in resolution of the leak.



A couple of days later I traveled down to Charlie's Little Shop of Tools and with support and encouragement from Charlie and Bro. Clay rattled around under Pearl until I found the tool that I could use to tighten the wayward bolts. And the winner is!

TaDa!!!!!! Success and now no drips, no drabs and no puddles!

Pearl is now ready for another 50 years!



# AROUND THE COAST & HOME

By Gene Johnston

Martha and I, along with Pearl, decided that we'd hit some spots along the Mississippi Gulf Coast prior to heading over to the Panhandle British Car Association's 29<sup>th</sup> Brits on the Bay Show in Pensacola FL scheduled for April 14-15, 2023. We struck out under dry skies for a night in Ocean Springs on Wednesday, April 12<sup>th</sup>. By the time we'd reached Ocean Springs for a bit of R&R it had turned overcast but no rain, yet. We had a great time visiting friends and enjoyed a great meal at Anthony's Under the Hill that evening. Following dinner, it started raining and I don't think it stopped until early the next morning. I thankfully remembered to cover the vent intake with one of those magnetic covers during the overnight. On Thursday night we moved the party over to our daughter's place in Moss Point and again had a great meal at Bozo's in Pascagoula. If you ever have a chance put Bozo's on your short list of places to eat along the Mississippi Coast. Thursday night, no rain!



Early Friday we made the hour and a half drive over to Pensacola. The PBCA has put together drives for several years that have always been much talked about. This was our first. We joined about fifteen other attendees that took a tour held at the Pensacola International Airport. Our host, Cameron Leonard, was our organizer/guide and following an overview of air traffic control operations at the airport we were allowed to tour the Radar Approach Control Facility and to step upstairs into the control tower. It's a complex operation to get all the planes in and out of the airport and monitor the air space around Pensacola. Thanks, Cameron, for arranging our tour. Friday night's reception was held at the Pensacola Commerce Museum and as in years past the PBCA put together a scrumptious meal that was enjoyed by everyone in attendance. Friday was another great day and again, no rain.

Saturday's weather forecast gave an indication of rain in the afternoon but was beautiful when we arrived on the field at Historic Seville Square. A reported 100 + cars were under the trees which is very scenic. It's been several years since we attended this show, but it remains one of the top for use because you are right down in old town where there's plenty to do and places to eat. At the show site there was always something going on with door prize announcements, valve cover racing and visiting with show attendees and the folks that arrive early and remain throughout the day. The awards ceremony was held mid-afternoon and I'm proud to say that the EMC garnered our fair share. We loaded up Pearl following the ceremony, said our adieu to friends and headed off making it to the hotel for a bit of rest and to get out of the showers that rolled in but cleared the area quite quickly. What a day and great to end it with a free car wash! Our drive home the next day was pleasant and although we had to contend with some rain during the weekend, I wouldn't consider it a washout by any means. OH, and when I rolled back the carpets in Pearl at home there was nothing to see but dry floorboards! Thanks to the PBCA for hosting a great event in 2023. We're already looking forward to making the 30<sup>th</sup> annual in 2024.



# LAST-MINUTE NOTICE

By Charlie Durning

May 13 was a great day for a drive. The sun was out, the sky was blue, a light breeze, and the temps were nice. Perfect driving weather. The drive would be from Florence down to Crystal Springs with a final destination at Louise Open Pit BBQ.

12 souls, 7 cars, and 1 pickup were present. All arrived on time for the 10:30 departure from the Jr. Food Mart. The drive wandered down the scenic less travelled 2 lane roads. All went according to plan until our fearless leader, Wrong Way Charlie, took an intended wrong turn. It was a chance to take in more scenery and we still arrived on time.

The arrival at Louise BBQ was without incident. As it turns out the head waitress has worked there for 47 years. The food was good and all cleaned their plates.

The return back to Florence was via a different route. More great scenery. The drive was without incident. All agreed that we should do it again. Keep an ear out for our next drive.



# UPCOMING EVENTS

**August 19, 2023 – EMC Garage and Food Tour / Brandon MS (Tentative)** – The Bailey family throws a great party in lead up to the EMC Brits on the Bluff car show. Come on out and see what has added or improved on for 2023. 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 as 12:00pm. Details: Jo Ann Bailey (601) 992 – 8566.

**August – September (Dates TBA), 2023 – Vintage Triumph Register North American Challenge / (Location to be announced).** If you're looking for a national convention to attend this one is a bit closer to home. Tech sessions, vendors and autocrossing along with all sorts of other fun. Details: <https://vintagetriumphregister.org>

**September (Dates TBA), 2023 - Brits in the Ozarks / Fayetteville AR** - Still looking for excuses for a mountain drive? Here's another chance to see the Ozarks in all of their colors and have a car show at the end of your drive. The 19th Annual Brits in the Ozarks will be there waiting for you. Details: [www.britshironnwa.org](http://www.britshironnwa.org)

**September 15-16, 2023 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS** – We have the promise of a perfect weekend for the 26<sup>th</sup> Annual BOTB. Hang out on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River starting with our Friday night party and spend Saturday with us under the oaks at Bluff Park. 2023 information and registration form will be posted approximately 60 days prior to the event. Details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 941 – 4892.

**October 13-14, 2023 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS** – Come to Ridgeland Mississippi and enjoy the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Renaissance Car Fest. The 2022 event was one to remember. Lots of participation from EMC members as well as friends from surrounding clubs will be the order again for 2023. 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](http://www.euro-fest.net) Mike Marsh (601) 946 – 1950.

**October (usually the first or second weekend. Dates TBA), 2023 – Nashville British Car Show / Nashville TN** - If you're looking for a nice drive up the Natchez Trace there's no better reason than to attend the 28th Annual Nashville British Car Club Show. Lots to do including taking in the Lane Museum of Cars while in town. A reception is held on Friday evening and the shows on Saturday. Details: [www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org](http://www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org).

**October (usually the third weekend. Dates TBA), 2023 – Scarecrow Cruise & Car Show / Madison MS** – Looking for a great weekend auto activity? This local show is in its 19th year and sponsored by the Mississippi Classic Cruisers. For show registration and scheduling check out their website at [www.MSClassicCruisers.com](http://www.MSClassicCruisers.com). If you'd like to park in the Little British Car area contact Keith Anderson. Details: Keith Anderson (601) - 829 – 2573.

**October 20 – 21 2023 – South Alabama British Car Festival / Fairhope AL** - It's a nice drive down to the fair community of Fairhope AL so join the caravan to the lovely city by Mobile Bay. The Friday night meet and greet is always fun and the food is fantastic. Join EMC members to drive and celebrate this show in its 33rd year! Details: [www.sabcc.org](http://www.sabcc.org).

# REMINDERS

## NAMGBR

For 2023 the EMC will continue our association with the North American MGB Register (NAMGBR). This membership is the official register for MGB, MGB/GT, MGC, MGC/GT, MG V8, Midgets, MG 1100/1300 sedans, and all Post Abington MGs.

Benefits includes the bi-monthly published MG Driver, the Mutual Aid Directory (MAD) listing names and contact information for individuals and garages in North America, discounts for Hagerty insurance, regalia and other benefits including liability coverage for club activities and officers.

The simple requirement to be an Affiliated Chapter is that at least eight members of the local or regional club also be members of NAMGBR and that the EMC submit at least one article per year to the Editor of the MG Driver Magazine.

Individual memberships are \$30.00 for 1 year or at \$60.00 for 2 years. Additional information regarding the NAMGBR is located at <https://namgbr.org> and joining or rejoining information is located at <https://namgbr.org/join-us>. Please be sure that you indicate the English Motoring Club of Mississippi as your Primary Home Club or Secondary Club when joining or re-joining.

The EMC request that you consider becoming a member of the NAMGBR.

If you need additional information please contact John Turbeville (601) 940-5288 or Gene Johnston (601) 941-4892.

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## EMC Dues

If anyone still needs to pay dues, please mail a check to Stephen Turner at the following address:

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If you have any questions concerning dues, please send an e-mail to [stephendturner89@gmail.com](mailto:stephendturner89@gmail.com).