

Off-Side Undo

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President's Pit

My interest in British cars started at a young age; 3 to be exact. Our next door neighbor bought a factory new British Racing Green TR-3A. My father would carpool every other week in this wonderful invention, loving every minute of this drive. He said our neighbor was one of those who thought he knew everything, which is not necessarily a bad trait, given the vast knowledge of electrical circuits, physics, hydraulics, g-forces, and cursing required to keep such a vehicle running. We do not remember the color of the interior or whether it was fitted with wire wheels. However, he does remember how much fun it was to ride to work, which is why he did not offer any resistance when, as a 19 year old soon to be a junior in college, I wanted to buy a nine month old TR-6.

That was 20 years ago on June 6th. I thanked my Father in person on Father's Day for letting me fulfill a major dream of my car crazed adolescence. Dad quickly reminded me that the Tr-6 fulfilled some of his own latent dreams as he took it out within the first week and experienced valve float at 106 mph.

While I am rambling, the reason I was not at the Tech Session in June was that I did not know about it! (read your Off-Side Undo, ed. note) Our next gathering is the Highland Games Car Show in August. We need to make sure out of town guests know about the Palaces of St. Petersburg exhibit and the Mississippi Sports Hall of Fame.

Show season will soon be upon us. Let's plan early and try to caravan. I am going to the Mardi Gras MGs show in Fairhope and the Memphis show as well. It would be great to

attend these events wearing a club T-shirt. Do we have any volunteers to design a T-shirt? If so call me ASAP at 601-982-5543. If not, I will choose a volunteer! Happy motoring!

Steve Collins

The Keeble Visits Its Italian Cousins

Last month I had a chance to go to the Texas shop of Pebble Beach winner Bob Smith. A tour of his Gainesville, Texas shop left my mouth watering. There was just too much to look at! Three Ferraris, an Avanti, an Indy car from the 40s and others were on the floor of his spotless shop. I think the Ferrari fleet was headed to Monterrey while the Indy car had a season of vintage racing ahead of it.

Parker Hall and I drove out to deliver a load of Ferrari parts and to take the Keeble to have the windshield and rear glass rubber and trim properly installed. I never was able to have this done around here so after talking to Parker and Bobby there we were.

It really was a treat to see this type of work being undertaken. Each person knew just what to do and had the correct tools for the job. They had made several jigs and a "rotisserie" that let them turn a car completely over for work underneath. Metal shears, brakes and other tools gave them the ability to make just about anything. As I said, it is a wonderful place to visit.

The owner of the Indy car came in to check on his car and it was my turn to tell him about

the Keeble. He had never heard of it at all. So, the English Motoring Club impressed some of the Pebble Beach set!

I would have pictures of the shop but my flash developed a short and ate 2 sets of batteries before I gave up. I'll shoot some when I go back to bring the Keeble home.

Tech Session or Tech Hot Line ?

Is there any volunteer or interest for a tech or helpline for our club? I'm often hesitant to take on a project because I hate to start on it by myself. Wardell Conway came over and together we replaced the dash on my TR-6 along with the crash pads and other trim. I would not have even started this by myself as the windshield had to come off with its frame.

I think other clubs have different members knowledgable about particular marques and offer their help or advice. What about it? Do we think this is something we can do in the EMC?

Let's discuss this at the Highland Games next month.

By the way, every member needs to call and invite someone to the show. I see a new car every now and then around Vicksburg so I just know there are more English cars and their owners around the Jackson area.

All you guys who were at Speetjens house for the Tops Down party come on out. For one thing, it sure will be warmer!

Member's Cars To Be Featured

I want to come up with some new feature ideas for the Off Side Undo but will need your help. How about a different car featured each month. You can tell when you got the car, what you have done to it- that sort of thing. I can use and return a picture sent in with your information.

I understand that some don't want information about their address given out so we can work with that. If no one comes forward I'll continue with the "Pat & Barbara Show". I can keep the feature going for a couple of months. This may be a reason to buy another old car.

Classified- wants-needs-gots to haves

FOR SALE

1972 MGB GT Charles or Amy Haddad, 601-373-4208 (Jackson)

1960 TR-3 white with black interior, chrome wires. Best offer. Ed Jones 6012-634-8872 or work after five, 601 634-0450. Or Lynn 601-636-7940 (Vicksburg)

1966 Mustang convertible maroon with pony interior. 289 automatic, air, power steering, brakes. GT package. \$12,000.00 PatCashman 601-636-4545 or home 601-638-3240. (Vicksburg)

Wheels tht fit a Bugeye but are not for a Bugeye. Kent Turner 601-638-8005. (Vicksburg)

Owners, Operator, and Service Manuals

Manuals for 4.2 Mk10 Jaguar, 4.2 E type 2+2, 3.8 Mk II, 2.4 Mk II, 4.2 Jaguar. Rover 3500 owners manual, export manual etc. stillin plastic bag. Call for more information. Richard Lane, 601-636-6707 (Vicksburg)



ON THE CALENDAR

Fairhope, Alabama
September 21

Sponsored by the Mardi Gras MGs
British Car Day returns to Fairhope's Beach front park. Contact Mardi Gras MGs 334-928-5366.

British Car Day
Memphis, Tennessee Oct. 12
Contact Bill Cravens 901-683-7195.M

ENGLISH MOTORING CLUB



Highland Games and British Car Day

August 24, 1996
Jackson, Mississippi
Jim Buck Ross Agriculture and
Forestry Museum

Our British Car Day with the Highland Games is scheduled for August 24, 1996 at the Jim Buck Ross Agriculture and Forestry Museum in Jackson, Mississippi. This year tickets to enter the games site will need to be purchased at the gate. Tickets are \$6.00 for adults and children under 12 are admitted free.

The museum is on Lakeland Drive just east of I-55 North. Cars are asked to be on the grounds between 8:00a.m. and 9:00 a.m.

Continued entertainment by Scottish vocalists, Celtic music groups, athletic events, and the border collie demonstrations make this more than just another car show.

Host hotel is the Quality Inn...601-982-1044.
Other nearby hotels are: Hampton Inn...601-956-3611; Econo Lodge...601-957-5500;
Holiday Inn...601-366-9411; Motel 6...601-956-8848.

Meat pies, bridies & sausage rolls, fish and chips, Scotch eggs, scones, and American foods will all be available for your pleasure.

Bring the entire family or whoever will fit inside your favorite British car.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY _____

STATE _____ ZIP _____

TELEPHONE _____

Classes for cars will be determined by entries. Judging will be by judging team.

For Highland Games information call: Games Chairman, Mike Oglesby, 601-825-6815 or Shirley Quarles, 601-939-8220.

Registration is \$15.00 for your first car and \$5.00 for each additional car. Trophies and dash plaques will be awarded.

CAR # 1
MAKE _____
MODEL _____ YEAR _____

CAR # 2
MAKE _____
MODEL _____ YEAR _____

For more info call Alex Wade 601-825-9611.
Entries to: English Motoring Club, 63 Willowbrook Lane, Brandon, MS., 39042-2149.



Do you know what kind of car this is? John and Pat Cashman are pictured here at the most recent show in New Orleans. Look inside to find out more.

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