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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

May was a good driving month. There was the unauthorized drive to Northwest Arkansas for five days and the Drive through History to the Pineville General Store for lunch. Both are featured in this month's newsletter. As summer approaches—only the bravest among us will be out driving until it cools down a bit. In spite of the heat, I'll bet there will be more drives in the works.

Be sure to check the club calendar for up and coming events. Our next event will be the Tech Guy Keith and Pat Anderson's place. That is always a fun event and Keith always has something interesting in his shop.

Penny Schooler has graciously volunteered to help us with the newsletter for awhile. When you see Penny be sure to let her know you appreciate her efforts.

A Nice Day for a Drive Thru History

Saturday, May 18, 2019

By Charlie Durning

Twenty folks in 11 cars gathered in the parking lot of Ramey's Market in downtown Brandon for the 10:15 am departure to Pineville, MS for lunch at the Pineville Store. Roy and Penny Schooler, along with Editor Charlie picked out a nice route to Pineville, wandering along the 2-lane roads that had pleasant curves and a few elevation changes. Penny put together a nice package of goodies and directions that gave the history of points of interest along the route. There was no competing traffic and the scenery along the route made for a nice drive. Though this was a guided tour, some folks still managed to take a wrong turn or two. In the end we all arrived at the Pineville Store at the same time.

The Pineville Store is relatively new but still has the feel of an old country store. It serves a community that has no other services. Editor Charlie did give the owner fair warning that 15-20 people would be invading, so they were prepared. The dining room was full and the food from barbeque, hamburgers, onion rings to various salads was very good.

Some of the cars chose to backtrack the route since they missed seeing the 3 legged water tower and the well known (for the area) Dance Hall in Polkville. Others traveled West to Highway 18 and some chose North to Highway 80 to head home. It was a good day for a country drive! Roy and Penny are planning another fun drive. More details on that later. Here are a few pics from our visit to Pineville.





AR 2019

By Roy Schooler

The Arkansas trip will go down as one of the most memorable times of my life. Not knowing what to expect, I asked my son Chris to come along for the fun and also help with the driving and I was soon glad he did. His past experience with driving in the SCCA auto-crosses really came in handy. But of course this put me in the passenger seat where I found myself gripping everything.

Every minute of every day was filled with fun and exciting things to do. We visited a vintage car collection belonging to Mr. John Hollinsworth in Hot Springs Village. We stayed at the historic Arlington Hotel in Hot Springs where President John was assigned the Al Capone room, and two nights in Harrison, AR, ate at places like the restaurant at Petit Jean State Park, The Cliff House Inn (where the owners remembered these guys from last year), and got to drive and drive our LBC's. The trip was everything and more that I had heard from others and I'll be there next year—count on it.







Exhaust Rattles



By Charlie Durning

DIY Adjustable MGB Seats

Editoret Donna now has her own MGB. Since she is 5' tall and I'm 6'1" there is a need for the driver's seat to be adjustable. The MGB sliders are just not up to the task. The seat is difficult to move and the range is too short to accommodate both of us. I figured there must be a solution. In a quest for better sliders I went to my favorite parts source for inspiration, Pull-A-Part. In doing some digging around I found that an early production PT Cruiser sliders just might fill the bill. (The later production sliders won't work.) What's good about the PT Cruiser sliders is they have ball bearings so they slide smooth and they are compact.

Once home, the riveted-on seat mount brackets had to be removed. What was left was a nice clean top and bottom. That makes mounting to the seat frame easy. In this case I used the front hole in the seat frame and then used the slider to locate and drill the back hole in the seat frame. The MGB seat is narrower than the PT Cruiser seat so the adjuster handle had to be narrowed. The hardest part of the entire conversion is getting the seat mounted to the floor. Though it is tempting to just drill new holes in the floor, a simple bracket can be made so the original MGB seat mount holes can be utilized. Using a piece of $\frac{1}{4}$ " x 1.25' wide steel or aluminum flat stock, drill 2 holes to mount the flat stock to the floor. The holes for the new sliders need to be about 3 inches forward of the originals and about $\frac{1}{4}$ " narrower than the original holes. Bolt it all up and you are done.

As a final note, since I did this conversion I stumbled upon some NRG sliders that look surprisingly like the PT Cruiser sliders and may be easier to adapt. The process will be the same. I realize this is not for everyone, but it is a solution to our situation and the seat slides smooth as glass. ***The purists will never know.***



Blast from the Past



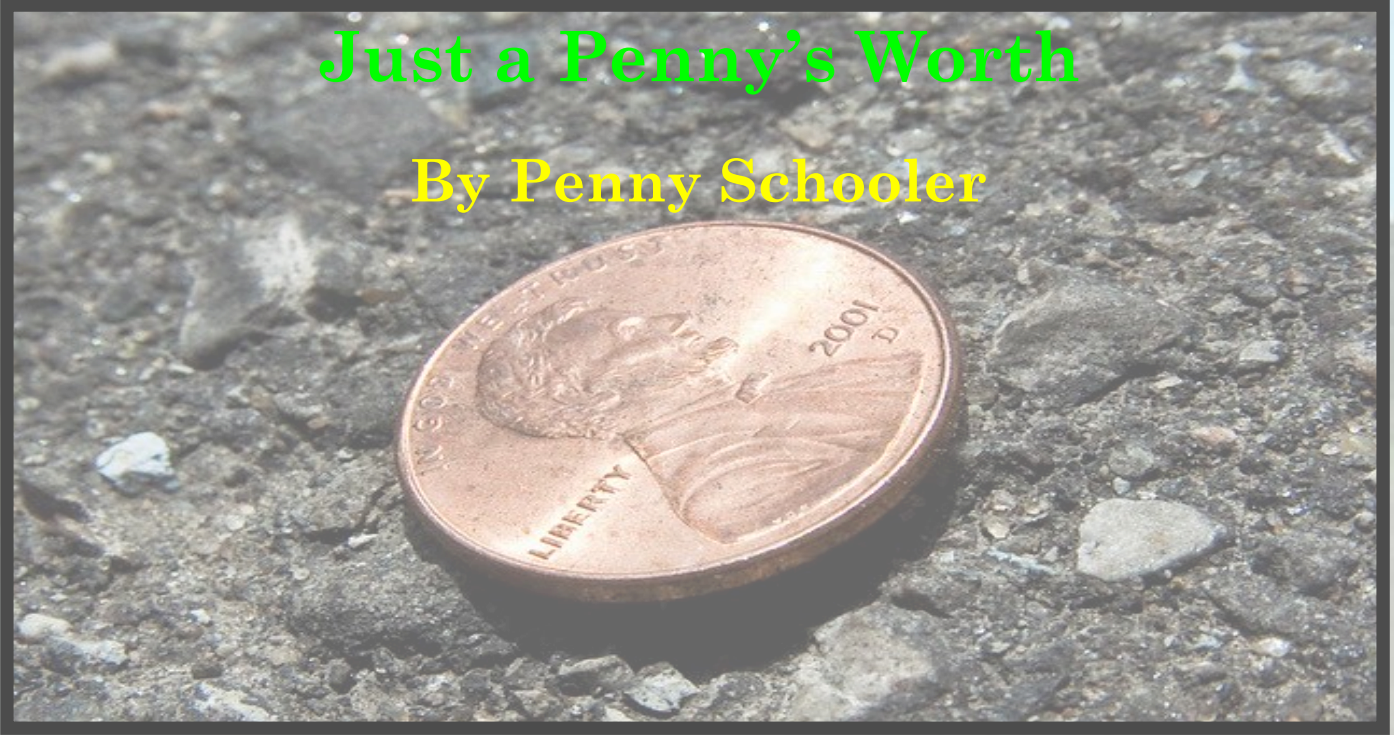
By Terry & Merideth Trovato



This comes from the EMC Vault....taken 35 years ago. Keith Anderson is pictured with his entourage/support group at the 1984 Road Atlanta Vintage Sports Car Race where he was a participant. All in photo were the founding members of the EMC—left to right: Steve Cappello, Frank and Tricia Peel, Tere and Alex Wade. Keith is behind them with his '59 MGA, having just been unloaded for the event.

Just a Penny's Worth

By Penny Schooler



Hi Everyone,

I recently agreed to help out with the newsletter since Donna has a lot going on right now. This June 2019 edition is my first experience in putting the newsletter together. It has been a fun challenge to learn the process, and I'm looking forward to learning more tricks of the trade as I go! One thing I really enjoy is planning outings, and I'm working on planning some fun trips for our club.

And that's my penny's worth for this month!

-Penny

Upcoming Events

English Motoring Club 2019 Calendar

These are calendar entries that have been posted to the EMC web site www.msemc.org for the next 60 - 90 days.

Please note: The date for the February EMC Tech Session has been changed from the 16th to the 23rd.

Those dates highlighted in **red** are EMC hosted dates. Of course friends, relatives and visitors are welcome as always.

June 15, 2019: EMC Tech Session/Brandon, MS—if our Tech Guru calls for a tech session you know it will be a real challenge. Join us to see the answer to whatever puzzle Keith has up his sleeve. Wrenching begins at 11:00 am and lunch starts at 12:00 pm. Details: Keith or Pat Anderson (601) 829-2573.

July 10, 2019: EMC Lotus Weekend/Braxton, MS. There will be interesting roads to travel on our way to the beautiful burg of Braxton. Come and join the drive and the visit with Mike and Alice. Bring a dish and enjoy the sunny afternoon with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00 pm. Details: Mike or Alice Glore (504) 231-5801.

Roy and Penny are planning an EMC weekend trip to Randolph, MS—home of the true Amish community in the early fall. We will stay overnight in Pontotoc and have a interesting route back home. Let them know if you are interested in participating .

Happy Motoring!