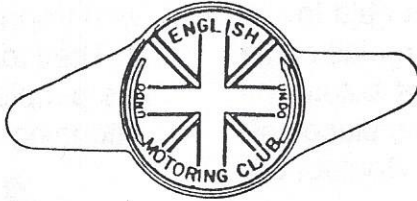


Off-Side Undo

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19th Annual Concours d'Elegance at Ault Park

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In October '94 at the Memphis Show we met Ron and Sonja Halbauer who were showing their 30's Wollesley. We had the Armstrong Siddeley and they said we should come to their show in Cincinnati. Several months later, we received an invitation to the Concours d'Elegance in Cincinnati to show the Siddeley. However the show conflicted with a Press Association convention so we regretted.

Early in this year we once again received a letter from the same group asking us to submit entries. We were happily rewarded with an invitation to show the Siddeley at their 19th Annual Concours on June 7 and 8. Our luck running true to form, the timing was again less than ideal. We were in the midst of a move of our business to a new location, however we figured if we didn't take this invitation, we wouldn't get another.

So, having priorities in order, we left trailing Daphne (the Siddeley). We stopped in Memphis where a thunderstorm moved in and we drove all the next day in the rain.

We arrived at our hotel, the Vernon Manor, a turn of the century landmark in an older section of Cincinnati to find a note from Ron and Sonja that they would pick us up to take us to a cocktail party to meet artists for the fund raiser for the Arthritis Foundation. Imagine our delight when Ron and Sonja showed up in their gorgeous '72 Daimler limousine. Needless to say, it caused a stir among the other guests. Thankfully Ron was driving as Cincinnati has a maze of one way streets most of which are under construction. Thus began

the first of several exciting rides for the weekend.

Ron and Sonja are as different and interesting as most of the people we have met attending car shows. He is tall, dapper, and distinguished and she is about 95 pounds of charm and energy. They introduced us to their friend Charlie Monday, an imposing former football player from Auburn and an automotive artist. After the party and another interesting ride through the wet streets of Cincinnati we ended up at a fabulous Spanish restaurant.

The wine was wonderful which Ron ordered with flair and a bit of luck if the truth be told. I had exquisite lamb chops the size of hub caps and Pat had the house speciality of goat. Portions were enormous!

Saturday offered a 40 mile tour of back country Ohio roads. Since it was a very liquid day, Sonja suggested that we ride with them. We did and once again in the company of the picturesque Mr. Monday began a ride over narrow curving wet roads over one lane and covered bridges that made Mr. Toad's wild ride seem like a sedate Sunday drive. Poop poop!

We ended up at the estate of Bradley Jaeger, inventor of the Escort radar detector. You know a guy who develops something to help you break speed laws has a special connection with cars. Boy does he have a fabulous collection and a garage to die for. (Speetjens, are you paying attention?) I counted 8 Ferraris, several Corvettes including a chassis of one of the Grand Sports. Then in the next room were race cars including Jim Clark's Indy Lotus Ford from '67. All around the walls and in the loft was a marvelous collection of automotive art. The back room was full of the cleanest lathes and other machine tools I have ever seen. Apparently none of his cars

leak oil, either, as I saw floors cleaner than the ones in my house!

After a terrific dinner served in a tent during a torrential rain, the art auction was held to benefit the Arthritis Foundation. Bargains could be had on some truly great works of automotive art. Luckily for us, there were no pieces of our cars offered. Most were of Alfa Romeo, the featured marque.

Sunday was the show itself. Once again it was raining and we were feeling viddy viddy British. Pat unloaded Daphne and I drove her over to line her up. We were in the post war luxury class with the Rolls as usual so I knew we were in trouble. I backed in between a beautifully restored Sunbeam Talbot and a Jaguar Mk II.

Dave and Pat Wittmer, owners of the Sunbeam, turned out to be very delightful as well as the ones from whom Bob and Sue Mason purchased their Magnette. We are constantly amazed at what a small world the car world turns out to be. While walking around the cars Pat remarked that he heard a familiar voice. When he tracked it down, it belonged to Ray Hood from Wabash, Indiana who brought an immaculate red MGA to the Fairhope show a couple of years back. It was great visiting with him and his wife Marti.

The sun came out about mid afternoon with a lovely circular rainbow around the sun. We ended up with a first place ribbon in our class as did Marti and Ray in theirs. Everyone at the show and whom we met all during the weekend were terrific! We highly recommend this show to everyone.

We left after the show and drove into Bowling Green, Kentucky to spend the night as we wanted to visit the National Corvette MUseum Monday. That morning in the coffee shop Pat just happened to glance out the window as Vivian and Curly Miller, the couple from Iowa who come to Memphis in their Morris Minor walked past. I chased them down outside and discovered they were on a tour with one of their car clubs going through Kentucky. Along with Bill and Shirley McKneely, they had been on the road since Saturday. The lead car on their tour was a Model T Ford, so they were going a rather

sedate pace and having a ball doing it.

I forgot to mention that Ray and Marti have bought a '46 Ford since we last saw them and won trophies in about 30 shows since they got it. They too, are having a great time. It is truly the people and the friendships that keep us attending car shows and rallies.

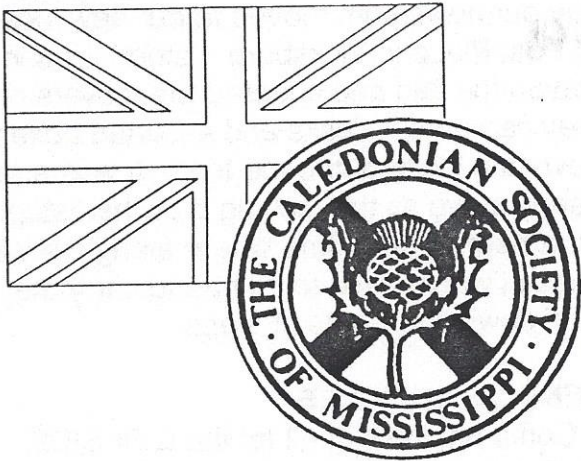


Bradley Jaeger's garage



Barbara and some of the cars on the countryside tour

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.

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.

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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.

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.

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.

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.

TECH SESSION A SUCCESS

The June 15 carburetor tech session held at Dennis and Mary Katherine Loftin's house was a real English Motoring Club success. A member's car came in under its own power had a carb tune up and balance and then left again under its own power!

Assisting Dennis was Keith Anderson who brought along his exhaust gas analyzer to help in the work. By using this device the air-fuel ratio or mixture can be set correctly.

The test subject was a 1965 Austin Healy BJ8 belonging to Dr. Doug Thomas of Hattiesburg. (Thanks for coming up- I wish a few more Jackson/Vicksburg members would have been there).

With the carbs balanced and adjusted everyone was able to sample some of Mary Katherine's delicious chocolate pound cake and coffee.

Along with Dennis were Wilburt and Jean Eason, Keith Anderson, Bob Sumerlin and of course Dr. Thomas and the BJ8.

I would have been there but that was the day our newsroom moved to our new location at Post Plaza in Vicksburg. I stood around and waved the flag and cheered the movers on as they carried our desks and assorted boxes down the stairs out to the truck. It was a pretty happy move as the moving crew had stopped for a beer or two some where along the way. I guess I would have to if I had to carry that stuff down two flights of steps.

SEND US ARTICLES

Come on! Let's don't let the OFF SIDE UNDO become the Barbara and Pat show. Send in a story or something. Tell us about a trip you took or a car you bought. Remember, this is your newsletter.

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