



Full Day's Work

Jackson MS - And perhaps I should specify surrounding areas. Early on June 19, 2010 in advance of the Tire Kick'n gathering over at Jake Weaver's place Keith Anderson, Dennis Loftin Mike Glore and I met at Primo's in Flowood for the usual bite of breakfast. Keith had outlined some garage visits during the pre-lunch hours of the day. After a more than hardy breakfast and the passing of sufficient stories and tales amongst the breakfast crew Keith took the keys to the MG from me and put my recently resuscitated GT through some paces reporting back that it was running up to expectations but acknowledging on a check of the plugs that it was probably running a little lean. During the day I believe that I must have pulled the plugs a half a dozen times looking for the sweet spot. In exchange for Keith's saddling up in the MG I was allowed behind the wheel of one of Keith's "cars in residency" a Healey BJ8. I haven't had the opportunity to drive a Big Healey often and really enjoyed tooling from breakfast to the first stop with Dennis riding shot gun and giving pointers on shifting a non-synco first gear. Been there but it's been a while. First stop of the morning was at David Turner's in Jackson. The stop was arranged by Keith so he could take a look at the speedometer cable routing on David's BJ8. David's made some good progress along the path to getting his Healey back on the road. We also enjoyed the tour of David's new home along with the history and tales of reconstruction that he had done since the purchase.

Next stop, a quick over to Clinton and I do mean quick. The ticker on my GT has never been very accurate but I could tell that Keith had the whip out as we headed west away from the rising sun. When we got to Clinton Mike was very excited regarding the short time it took to gallop over to Jim Conway's garage. There we found Mac Culpepper and Jim doing some early morning under bonnet tinkering on Jim's recently purchased '63 MG tourer and Mac's Midget. While everyone stepped back Keith jumped in with both hands examining the state of tune and making adjustments to timing, carbs and noting some issues that would have to be left to Jim and Mac and their parts purveyor. As we left they seemed to be quite satisfied with the insight Keith provided into all things British as evidenced by their willingness to take their two steeds along the trail to our next stop at Jake Weavers.

Clinton MS - Jake's was where the action was on this Saturday. Eighteen EMC members attended Jake's Tire Kick'n including our newest member John Conway. John and Mac in their tuned MG's made it over to Jake's.



The Wizard Keith at work

Photo Courtesy EMC

Chef Pat Cashman whipped the burgers and doggies up for everyone while some of the non-cooking members moseyed down to the shop to check on Jake's four wheel toys. After lunch President Barbara Cashman called a meeting to order and handed out responsibilities for our upcoming Brits by the River.



Mac Culpepper's '70 MG Midget

Photo Courtesy Mac Culpepper

We're getting duties assigned for the 2010 Brits by the River. As always we're looking for goodie bag stuffers as well as door prizes and drawing awards. During the July and August meetings we'll be catching up with everyone to ensure that they're on top of their assignments. The August gathering at David and Jo Ann Bailey's will be our last pre-show meeting and usual bag stuffing event. Please make plans to attend and bring items. We usually stuff bags for the first 50 entrants and we'd like to impress all with our hospitality at the 2010 show. Bring what you've collected for the bag stuffing. Vegetable, mineral, LBC part or just a novelty are all appreciated.

Other Exhaust Rattles

Pat dropped this note in on me during the last month or so I wanted to share it with the club.

A short while ago I had a visit from Armstrong Siddeley Owners Club members Robin and Lee Wosley from England. Robin comes to Nashville each year to visit his son and last year he called me about a possible visit to Vicksburg. He couldn't get here then but he and Lee made it this year.

Robin was a Triumph dealer in the 1960s and 1970s and has sold and owned a great number of the cars we are familiar with. He also of course has Armstrong Siddeleys including a Star Sapphire like mine. We went down to our warehouse and spent a most enjoyable couple of hours looking at and talking about the cars. He has an incredible knowledge of the mechanics of everything he saw. He and Lee had a good time and I learned a lot of new information about the two Siddeleys there.

He gave me a Triumph 50th Anniversary issue of Motor Magazine which is filled with advertisements from Castrol, Britax, Trico and dozens of suppliers to Triumph. I would never have had a chance to see this without his gift. I'll send him an EMC club decal for his car. Then we can say that we are known internationally.

Anyway, it's always good to talk with others about this crazy hobby and I have a standing invitation to visit them in England. Hmmm, wonder when we can swing that?

Thanks Pat.

Also, I missed by a couple of month's getting an update that Terry Trovato had sent over to me:

Austin-Healey 3000 To Be Featured
In "Mississippi Weddings Magazine"

When Marianne Todd, publisher of Mississippi Weddings Magazine, wanted an eye-catching car for a photo shoot at historic Dunleith Plantation in Natchez, she called on EMC member Terry Trovato and asked to use his 1960 Austin-Healey 3000 to help show off the latest designs in bridal gowns. The magazine's positioning statement is "A Southern Girl's Best Friend," and the upcoming edition featuring the Healey will have a run of 100,000 copies and will be featured in bookstores across the South.

Thanks Terry and everyone keep an eye out for one of our favorite Healeys in print and WOW what a print.



Terry & Meridith Trovato's Healey at Dunleith Photo Courtesy Terry Trovato

That's it for this edition of the Off-Side Undo.

Please make plans to attend one of the upcoming EMC gatherings we've had some memorable ones so far this year. The next two are centrally located so there should be no excuse. Mike and Alice's Lotus weekend is this coming weekend and they've returned with some tales and some 370 photos from their visit to Goodwood and side trip to Paris. David and Jo Ann Bailey have made a couple of adds to their four wheel collection and Jim Trunzler's been working away to get things in order in the garage. We're looking for good turnouts for these gatherings.

If you are having problems with e-mails or subscriptions please let me know early and we'll do our best to correct. Membership remains \$25.00 per year. You can find membership info at www.msemc.org under the Membership tab. Owner or not you'll be a welcome add to the EMC.

That's it for this month's OSU. Get yours out and knock the cobwebs off.

Happy Motoring

Gene

The Events Calendar

July 14 -17, 2010 – EMC Road Trip / Little Rock AR

It'll be a hot one I guarantee. We'll be leaving in the early hours of Wednesday July 14 for a whirlwind trip over into Arkansas to travel some curvy road and see some lovely sites.

Plans are open so everyone can have some input. If you are interested let me know. We'll return in time to make it to the 2010 Lotus Weekend in Braxton. Details Gene Johnston (601) 607-7021

July 17, 2010 – EMC Lotus Weekend / Braxton MS

Travel down to the Piney Woods to Mike and Alice's place in the woods. A great trip is in store for the drive down and as well as a great meal and lots of fun and frivolity. Bring a dish and enjoy whiling away a lazy afternoon with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Mike / Alice Glore (504) 231-5801

*The departure will be from the Walmart in Richland. Keith Anderson will be the lead. Please be at the Walmart by 10:00am for the 10:15am departure. Additional details: Keith Anderson (601) 829 – 2573.

August 21, 2010 – EMC Tech Session II / Brandon MS

There's enough room and AC for everyone at David and Jo Ann's place. Come on over, the atmosphere is great. David's got lots going on in his garage and it's always of interest so bring some of that along with a dish and enjoy the fun. Lunch starts as 12:00pm. Details: David / Jo Ann Bailey (601) 992-8566

September 24 – 25, 2010 – EMC Brits By The River / Vidalia LA

Join the EMC along the banks of the Mississippi River for the 2010 Brits By The River. The show is a laid back affair with a party on Friday night including food and a great view of Old Man River so come join us for the hospitality room. On Saturday the show is held in conjunction with the Jim Bowie Festival. Details: John Turbeville (601) 940-5288 Gene Johnston (601) 607-7021