

The Off-Side Undo

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"A GENTLEMAN DOES NOT MOTOR ABOUT AFTER DARK." -- JOSEPH LUCAS, ATTRIB.

EMC visits North American Classic Car Museum

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by Terry Trovato

JACKSON, MS — On February 16th, approximately 30 members of the English Motoring Club of Mississippi and their guests were treated to a private showing of the vehicles and automobile memorabilia housed in the North American Classic Car Museum, located in Marshall, TX, and owned by Gene Ponder.

To say the collection is breathtaking would be an understatement. The automobiles include Jordanian King Hussein's Aston Martin DB5 with his name in 14-karat gold on the driver's door; a wooden-bodied boattail Rolls-Royce "pulling" a wooden skiff, several pre- and post-war one-off MGs, and an amazing Italian-bodied Jaguar XK140, another one-of-a-kind.

Ponder also has every car, save one, built by automobile magnate "Wacky" Arnolt, including several Arnolt-Bristols and a truly magnificent Arnolt-bodied Aston Martin.

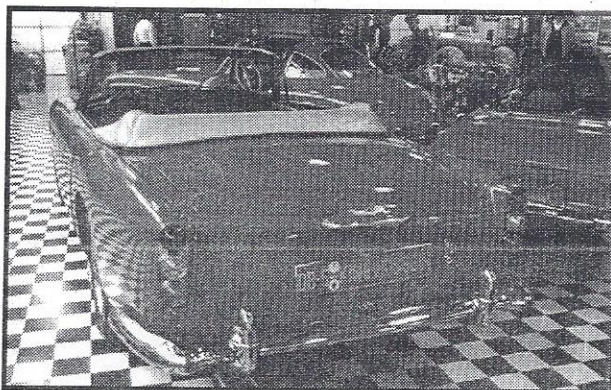
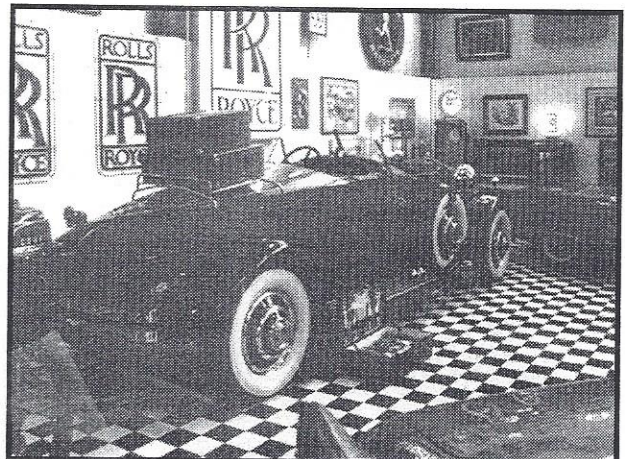
In addition to the 50-60 cars, there is a fabulous assortment of kiddie pedal cars, including several Ferraris and a Bentley Blower, plus dozens of vintage bicycles, model airplanes hanging from the ceiling, gas station and automobile dealers' lighted signage, and an outstanding collection of motorcycles (ever seen a Maserati motorcycle? We hadn't, but Gene Ponder has one).

All in all, it was a day to remember. Special thanks

Below: Jordanian King Hussein's Aston DB5. **Right:** Wooden-bodied, boattailed Rolls-Royce with fitted luggage.

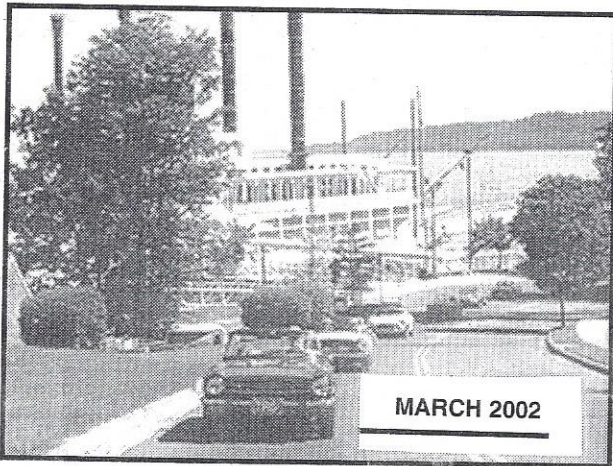


go to EMC members Parker Hall and Al Adams for doing a superb job in arranging the viewing/tour. The accompanying photos tell the story.



English Motoring Club presents officers for 2002!

JACKSON, MS — Officers comprising the Executive Committee and heading up Mississippi's



EMC's acclaimed annual "Drive Through History" meanders through the scenic South May 18.

Dressing up the luggage rack: the back-end badge bar

NATCHEZ, MS — The problem: how to affix a badge bar with its badges to a vintage British car without cutting off much-needed air to the radiator during the hot summer months experienced in the Deep South — with daily heat indices approaching 105° Fahrenheit?

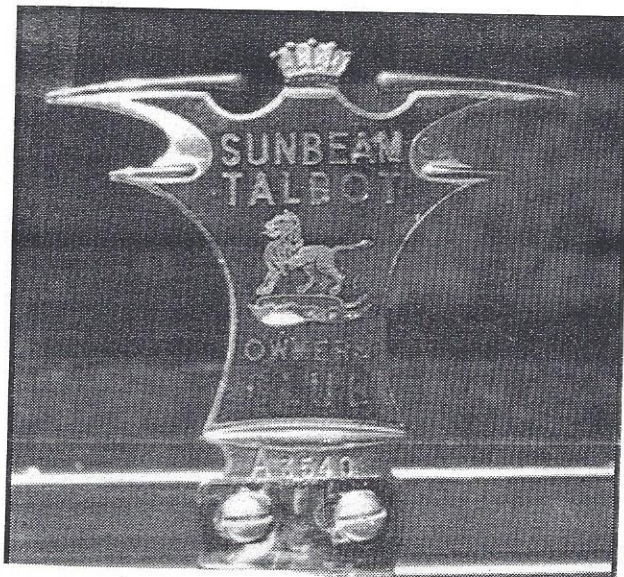
The solution: affix the badges to the *back* of the car!

And this is what we ended up doing with our 1967 Sunbeam Alpine — mounting the badges on the back bar of the luggage rack. Okay, it's a bit unconventional, but we actually borrowed the idea from a local Morgan owner.

As you'll see in the photos, the badges — held to the luggage rack with Desmo clips from Triple C Motoring Accessories — are at eye-level and work well visually with such accoutrements as a wicker picnic basket.

Badge from the Sunbeam Talbot Owners Club.

Photos by Terry Trovato



English Motoring Club for 2002 are Terry Trovato, *President*; John Turbeville, *Vice-President*; Debbie Adams, *Secretary*; Al Adams, *Treasurer*; John Simmers, *Special Events Chairman*; Keith Anderson, *Social and Tech Chairman*; Pat and Barbara Cashman, *Regalia Chairmen*; Merideth Trovato, *Historian*; Dave Toney, *Webmaster*; Dennis Lofton, *Past-President/Advisor*; and Steve Collins, *Past-President/Advisor*.

Swing into spring

Plans are being made for maximum participation at several fun-filled and exciting spring events, including:

March 23 — Club participation at the British Motoring Club of New Orleans' British Car Day, and the British Car Exhibition at the Highland Games Competition in Jackson, MS.

March 24 — Annual "Tops Down Party" at the historic Cedar Grove Mansion in Vicksburg, MS, held in conjunction with the Ferrari Club of America's Southern Tour.

April 19 — Club participation at the Panhandle British Car Association's annual Beach Bash, Pensacola Beach, FL.

May 18 — Annual "Drive Through History" under the expert guidance of Rallye/Touring Master John Simmers.

As you can see, the English Motoring Club is looking forward to another excellent year! We invite all British car enthusiasts within our geographical area to join us for these events. For complete information e-mail or call Terry Trovato at terryt@callon.com or (601) 442-8684.

We "dressed up" our mundane Sunbeam luggage rack with a wicker picnic basket, secured by harness leather straps, and three esoteric car badges from the Mother Country. Here's the Blackmore & Sparkford Vale Hunt badge.

