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“A gentleman does not motor about after dark” Joseph Lucas

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Musical Tiger

By Royce Boyer

When it comes to music and my Tiger I suppose you can say that both have given me years of listening enjoyment to their varying melodies. I purchased my 1967 Sunbeam Tiger from a faculty colleague in the English Department at the college where I was employed. Does that make the car more English? It was Carnival Red just like Don Adam's "Get Smart" Sunbeam on T.V. Although not new it was just broken in with a lowly 12,000 miles on the odometer. Charles and his wife had started a family and needed a back seat for child. The two and one half seater had to be replaced. He had purchased it new from the Huntsville Alabama Dodge dealer.



Royce Boyer's Sunbeam Tiger

Photo Courtesy EMC

I have always pointed out to viewers that I have a Tiger with a Ford 260 engine and a Chrysler Star subtly mounted on the lower side of the body. This, of course, was because Chrysler had purchased Ford's interest in Rootes Group. During June of 1967 production stopped because

Chrysler's V-8's wouldn't fit under the bonnet.

Once I got the car, this university professor of music, now Emeritus had to add an AM radio. I purchased a cheap, (teacher's salary!) dial radio from J. C. Penny's and found a way to mount it under the dash and place a speaker in the panel at the feet of the passenger. Stereo was only achieved from the sounds emanating from the twin tailpipes, not from that setup! A few years thereafter, I wanted to upgrade so I added FM so I could listen to the excellent classical music, jazz and talk of public radio. In the early '70's that was done with a converter unit, which I hung under the AM radio. So my Tiger got an upgrade to FM. Yes, still monaural.

Those two units lasted for about 25 years, when I purchased an inexpensive, (retirement income!), FM stereo radio with cassette deck. I of course added a second speaker on the driver side for that stereo sound. The radio is good for around town, but not powerful enough out on the road, where the roar of the Tiger is such you can't hear it anyway. There, I love the roar of the Tiger more than music.

Tech Session I

Eddiceton MS - On February 18, 2012 under overcast, rainy skies sixteen members of the EMC braved the elements to gather at the home of Jim and Faye Enzman for the first tech session of 2012. Along with the tech session an impromptu car show of the model car variety was conducted. Most all had a tale to tell regarding their submissions to the model car show, Keith Anderson borrowed son Bryant's Lotus FI car, Charlie Durning brought an early four seater that he assembled from two single seaters. Steve Whitlow was the winner with his hand assembled war wagon. Everyone had a good chuckle and enjoyed the car show in miniature.

After a fine lunch, perfect red beans Faye, the gentlemen wandered out to the shop for a look at Jim's MG B tourer. Brother Clay and Charlie had made a trip down a few weeks ago and did some sorting on the ignition system. After some bucks and fits we got it running, determined that the ominous rattle sound was really just the alternator fan tingling the fan belt WHEW! and got the carbs sorted out a bit. After running for a while in the shop the next concern was the rather larger puddle of oil that formed under it. A trip under and pan, side cover and oil relief valve bolt tighten and it appeared that it's ready for a good run up and down the road. Unfortunately the rains hadn't subsided much so we were left to dream of sunnier days as we broke up and headed for home. Thanks Jim and Faye for a good kick off to our full calendar of 2012 events.

BMCNO Rendezvous

Vicksburg MS - The next outing for the EMC was over to Vicksburg on Saturday February 25 to join with Vicksburg members to welcome the British Motoring Club of New Orleans to the state. Five drivers from the Jackson area along with Kent and Stephen Turner who arrived in their Lotus, and Pat Cashman in his Jag 140 joined the travelers from The Bayou State at Rusty's for a great lunch. Following lunch the ladies wandered up the street for a little shopping in downtown Vicksburg while the men folk followed Pat over to his shop to visit his collection of

cars. The mid-afternoon instructions given by the ladies were to meet them at the Warren County Courthouse Museum. Per our instructions we all loaded up and wheeled over to the Courthouse and caught up on the history of the area. From the Courthouse the BMCNO and the EMC parted ways with the BMCNO heading over to their evening and dinner at Cedar Grove Plantation. We really had a great day joining our friends. Thanks for allowing us to tag along.

Following our history tour, Kent was able to elbow our way into Martin's Downtown for a thirst quencher before the EMC'ers headed off down Hwy 27 to the Trace and then made a quick trip back to the Jackson area. Great day for a drive after struggling to find much sunny, dry weather the prior weekend.

Euro Summit

Ridgeland MS – EMC'ers Tommy and Lynn Williamson along with Mike Marsh did a great job of holding the Spring 2012 Euro Summit at The Renaissance on Sunday March 4, 2012. MGBs, Midgets, Triumph and a brace of Land Rovers, along with Minis and the local McLaren made the gathering that began about 4:00pm. Lots of folks noticed the gathering and stopped by for a chat. Everyone one had a great time in the parking lot. At 6:00pm we all adjourned to Mints for a great Sunday evening dinner. Thanks Tommy, Lynn and Mike for setting us up.

Blast from the Past

Terry is back at digging around in his collection of photos, documenting past gatherings of the EMC. I've received a few tips on this one.



Three EMC'ers in a row '86

Photo Courtesy of Terry Trovato

I'll reveal all in the next edition of the OSU. If you can add information, please forward those to my attention. Inquiring minds want to know.

Other Exhaust Rattles

Brother Clay continues to take in membership dues for 2012. Dues remain priced at the very reasonable cost of \$25.00 and include 11 issues of the British Marque, EMC decals and all sorts of good times. For a membership application check the website at www.msemc.org.

Speaking of the website be sure that you check out the updated site. Thanks again David for updating the look of the EMC. PS. You can even find us on face book!

New EMC member! Welcome Tim Trask and the family to the EMC. Tim made the Euro Summit and updated us on his Spitfire resurrection. We've been short on Spitfire owners for a while so welcome aboard Tim. We look forward to updates, articles? and photos? on your progress.

Pat and Barbara provided a couple of additional details on last month's Blast from the Past photo locating the event at the Jackson Zoo. They relate that it was their first show with the Jaguar Mark II. Also present was Lamar McWhirter from Memphis in is XK 120 and Dennis Loftin was in the Jag line up with his E-type.

That's it for this edition of the OSU. Hope that you enjoy.

Happy Motoring

The EMC

Events Calendar

The events calendar published here is copied from the web-site. Additions and changes are made and sent via e-mail out when noticed. Some events may not appear on the web-site so please check your e-mails for updates. If you have questions regarding an event listed please contact the individual listed for the event. Thanks.

March 17, 2012 – EMC Tops Down - St Patrick's Day / Vicksburg MS

For 2012 we've made a shift, up one gear. The EMC has been invited to join The Mississippi Classic Cruisers at the Home Depot in Madison at 8:30am to head over to Vicksburg for a day of garage visits including EMC's own Pat and Barbara Cashman's. Don't forget to wear your green or you may get a pinch! More details as they develop. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801

March 23 -24, 2012 – New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA

This is the don't miss show for 2012. The BMCNO has promised another great show in the Big Easy so have your bags packed and ready to go. Travelers from Jackson area can give me a ring. Watch their website for show details: www.BMCNO.org. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801

April 21, 2012 – EMC / DSARC Fun Rally

It's on for 2012. The EMC with the assistance of the DSARC will hold another fun rally. It's time to see some great sites in the state and answer some puzzling puzzlers. Have a great time with folks that love to drive. Details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288.

April 20 - 21, 2012 - Brits on the Bay / Pensacola FL

Winter's over and it's time for the flight south to The Panhandle British Car Association's Annual Brits on the Bay Show. Travel down to Pensacola with the EMC to join us for this yearly migration to sunny Florida. Enjoy the beach and the weather while viewing one of the nicest gatherings of Her Majesties' iron works around. The Friday night gathering is a do not miss so make plans early. Details: www.pbcal.com.