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NATCHEZ TOURIST TROPHY

"Relax, Tere. According to Jack's instructions, the first car won't be through here for another fifteen minutes."

No sooner had those words left my lips than an MG rumbled to a stop at our checkpoint. This was soon followed by a Triumph and a Jaguar. The Cappello's also arrived too early but, realizing this, they throttled their TR-3B down to a snail's pace and spent fifteen minutes crawling the last 150 yards.

All of the cars registered made it through our checkpoint, save one errant Jaguar. We later found them at the Eola Guest House sipping champagne - seems they made their own private tour of Natchez.

This was our second Natchez Tourist Trophy, an event designed for those who enjoy a nostalgic look into the past - old homes, old cars - and for those who enjoy a low-key, fun-styled driving event. It is also a time for relaxing and visiting with friends both new and old.

To back up a bit,



the weekend really started on Friday night, May 8th, when a few members of the English Motoring Club and the British Sports Car Club of Memphis met in the Eola Guest House in historic Natchez, Mississippi. (Buildings dating back to the 1700's can still be found in this town, which is the oldest settlement in the Mississippi Valley). Supper was on our own, so my family and I ate at one of the area's best steak restaurants - also one of the most unusual. When was the last time you were served peanut butter with your filet mignon by candlelight? Or entertained by a piano player who tapped out elevator music

from the forties while a cigarette dangled from his lower lip? Interesting place, yes, but the food was excellent.

The next morning was spent receiving the rest of our participants who arrived from Jackson and New Orleans. The English Motoring Club arrived by caravan, having enjoyed a beautiful drive down the Natchez Trace.

By early afternoon, 17 cars lined up for the rally designed by Jack Pool and "blessed" by John Simmers. The rally wound through the narrow city streets and into the countryside, showing off the scenic farmland and orchards of Adams

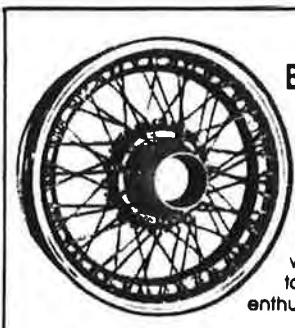


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County. And, as pointed out earlier, all of them made it back for cocktails - always the most important consideration in an EMC rally.

Some folks did well enough on the rally to win a few awards - but only after they took a shot at identifying the vehicles set up on the mystery car board set up by Jack. (Mike Hemsley, our resident Alfaholic and comedian, kept us in stitches as he identified each vehicle to us all as Italian exoticars and prototypes).



The awards were as follows:

- 1st Bubba Brown
 Ned Currie
 TR-6
 (Jackson)
- 2nd Scott Kimbrell, Sr.
 Scott Kimbrell, Jr.
 MGB
 (Natchez)
- 3rd Bobby Hadskey
 Dan Sheppard
 (Memphis)

Mystery Car Board (tie):

 Peter Houghton
 (Memphis)
 Keith Anderson
 (Jackson)

Dash plaques for everyone!

We gave out a number of door prizes and settled down to the optional buffet of BBQ ribs at the guest house. Many folks went out and enjoyed some of the fine restaurants to be found in the Natchez area. Afterwards, we continued to enjoy the open bar and a large contingent started a Trivial Pursuit marathon. A VCR stocked with automotive tapes played also, with the vintage landspeed record tape being the most popular.

Sunday was for recovering from the revelries of the night before and for saying our goodbyes as our friends left for Baton



Rouge, Jackson, Memphis, and New Orleans.

It was quite a weekend and we certainly want to thank everyone who came so far to join us. We also want to thank Jack Pool, Dick and Luan Kingsafer, John Simmers, Jane Dixon, Deposit Guaranty National Bank, and Import Auto Parts of Vicksburg for their work and support of this event.

Y'all come back now, you hear?

**NATCHEZ TOURIST TROPHY
DASH PLAQUES**

We still have a few dash plaques left over from our Natchez event which are free for the asking by any event participant. Call Alex at (601) 825-9611 if interested.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!


Ed Graham
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SHORT CIRCUITS

EMC members Mike Lewis and Keith Anderson were recently pictured in Vintage and Historic Racing Cars, a book by Alex Gabbard. Also appearing is Manley Ford, the third member of the Bayou Racing Team. See pages 63 (Mike's #77 MG-TF), 64 (Mike

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A Jolly Good Show

The following Reuters dispatch is reproduced in its entirety from *True Remarkable Occurrences*, compiled by John




Train and published by Clarkson N. Potter.

LONDON—A tiny sports car leaves a lot to be desired as a midnight trysting spot, two secret lovers have learned.

Wedged into a two-seater, a near-naked man was suddenly immobilized by a slipped disc, trapping his woman companion beneath him, according to a doctor writing in a medical journal here.

The desperate woman tried to summon help by honking the horn with her foot. A doctor, ambulance driver, firemen, and a group of interested passersby [including women volunteer workers who arrived to serve tea, the *Sunday Mirror* reported] quickly surrounded the car in Regent's Park.

"The lady found herself trapped beneath 200 pounds of pain-racked, immobile man," said Dr. Brian Richards of Kent.

"To free the couple, firemen had to cut away the car frame," he said.

The distraught woman, helped out of the car and into a coat, sobbed: "How am I going to explain to my husband what has happened to his car?" ●

and Manley's #79 MG-TF), and 186 (waaaaay back there in a white MGA - Keith) . . . Norm Scheffner is now DR. Norm Scheffner . . . the Gainesville Holiday Inn is now completely full for the Vintage Triumph Register's National Meet . . . the Great American Road Race will pass through New Orleans (staying overnight on July 6) and Meridian (staying for lunch the next day) . . . the Simmers' trip to the Arctic Circle has been postponed-put away your mukluks . . .

NATIONAL VTR MEET CARAVAN FROM JACKSON

The Peel's and the Wade's will be leaving for the National VTR Meet Thursday morning, July 30. Anyone wanting to caravan over to Atlanta with us should contact Alex at 825-9611. (We already have a gentleman who wants to join us in Birmingham, so our caravan timing will be important).

This promises to be a great meet which will include the opportunity to drive the Road Atlanta course "at speed", representation by The Roadster Factory, rallies, pool parties and a visit from Ken Richardson. Hope you can join us!

LAGONDA DISCOVERED

Thanks to Dennis Loftin, a Lagonda has been discovered in the Jackson area. The car was in for repairs at European Automotive

Repairs in Madison. The mechanics said that it is a 1932 model and that it is in good running order. It has been in the Jackson area for a number of years, but seldom makes an outing.

This interesting car has a touring body (see picture below) and has a "Rapide" club emblem on the front of the car. My reference article on this marque states that the Rapide model was introduced in 1936, so I do not know what model this car is. I understand that the owner is presently out of the country, so additional information may be slow in coming.

FOR SALE: 1970 Triumph GT-6+. Runs good, body needs restoring, make offer. (601) 892-2559 (Crystal Springs)

FOR SALE: Used MGB parts; one engine, two transmissions, two rear carriers, two bodies. Contact Walter at the Zoological

Park Railroad Station in Jackson.

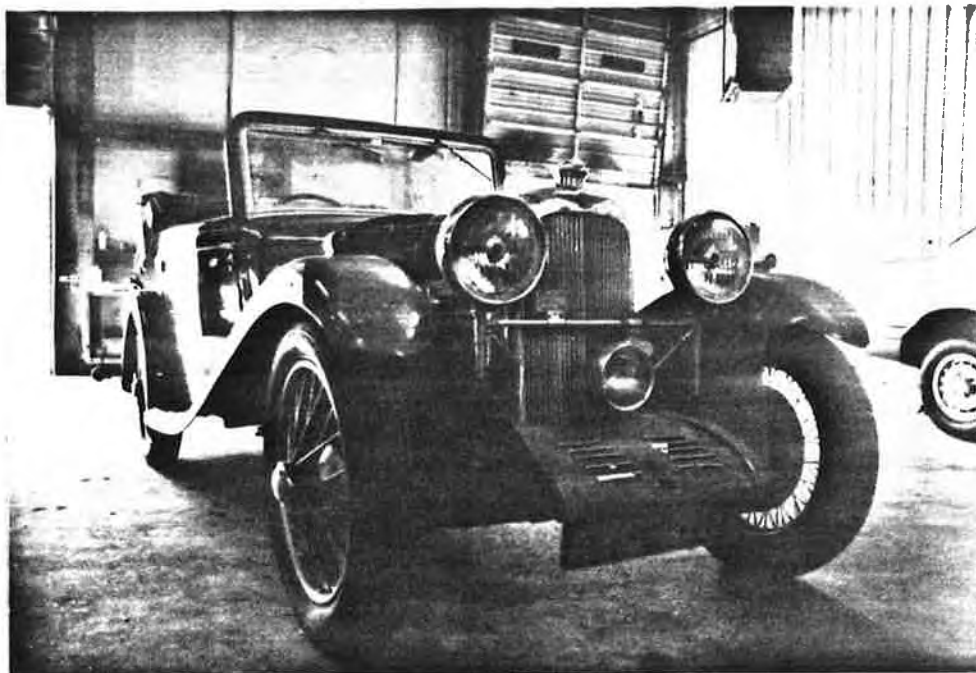
FOR SALE: TR-6, 1974. Call Patrick Graham at 948-2277 (days), 956-8921 (evenings), 944-5148 (pager).

OFFER TO TRADE: 1962 Studebaker Hawk GT. Loaded, 289 V8, 4brl carb, auto, twin-trac rear end, power brakes, power steering, a/c, white with brown interior. 58,000 miles. Worth \$5500 but prefer to trade for TR-6, TR-3A or Austin Healey. Contact Ed graham at 643-5215 in Wesson.

FOR SALE: 1962 Austin Healey 3000 Mk II. \$7000 or will trade for Sunbeam Tiger. Call 366-4882.

FOR SALE: 1968 MGB-GT. Metallic green, 25,000 miles on current engine. New carpet, body and engine in perfect condition. Marty Waddell 924-6732 after 5 (asking \$1950)

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