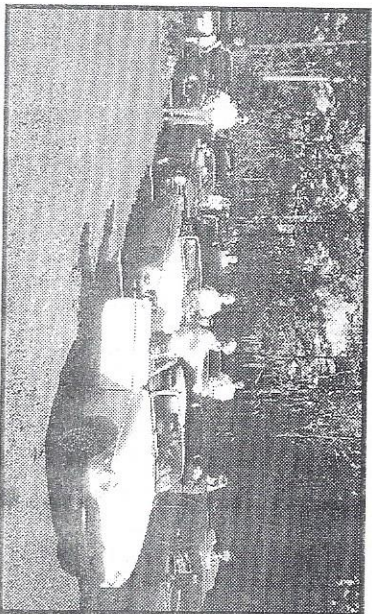



Above: Terry Trovato and wife Meredith stow away their top as others do the same. Below: As fine a selection of English cars as you're likely to see in Mississippi — all lined up and going topless!  
Photos courtesy Terry



The sun shone on sparkling paint and gleaming chrome as the English Motoring Club gathered for our annual welcome to spring. Jake Weaver hosted the club at his home in Clinton, where more than a dozen cars were assembled for the yearly rites. MGA, MGB, MGC, Triumph 3 and 6, Jaguar E-types, Sunbeam, Austin-Healey, and Gordon-Keeble all looked great as they were driven on Jake's driveway.

President Trovato (yours truly) and John Simmers conducted the top lowering ceremony after we had feasted on a wide array of goodies brought by club members. (Simmers decided not to cut a hole in the roof of his MGC GT and so his windows were lowered at the

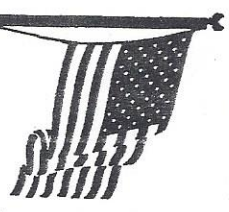


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*"A gentleman does not motor about after dark." — Joseph Lucas, attrib.*



# Tops down! It's spring!

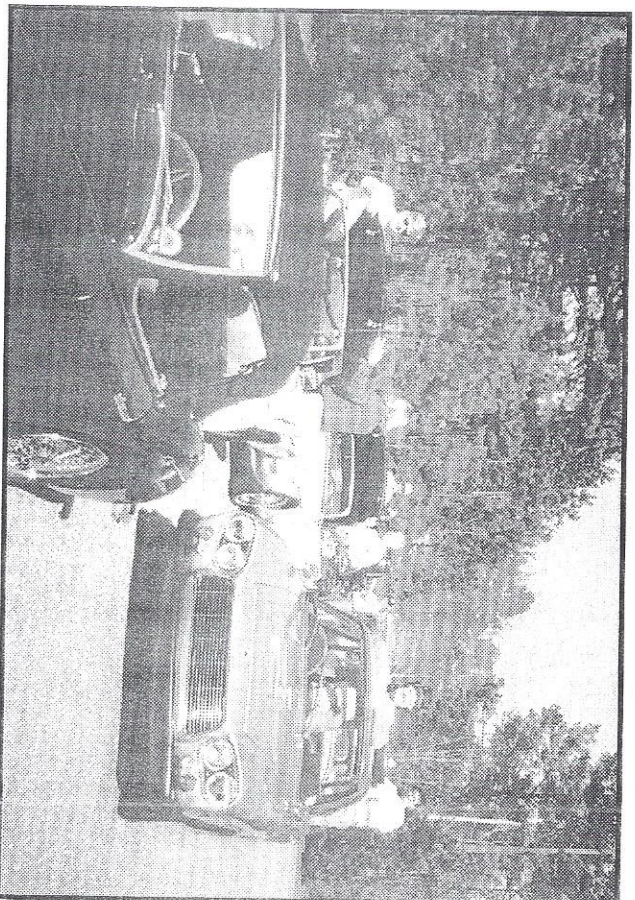
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appropriate moment.)  
Many thanks to Jake Weaver for hosting us at his house and for showing some of his collection of English sports cars. That black Healey (photo, right, in foreground) was magnificent!

After the tops were placed in the lowered position we gathered for a discussion of our upcoming trip to Jackson, La. Details will follow in the next issue of the *Offside Undo*, but the date planned is May 8th. The event will be much like our trip last year to St. Francisville. Plan on taking part.

How about some of the newer club members showing up for this? Tech sessions, road trips and more are on the calendar for this summer but we need to see more faces in the photos!



More folded canvas and vinyl of tops and sunroofs (note Gordon-Keeble) as EMC makes way for 70° sunshine and a spectacular spring day. Boots had been emptied of all sorts of goodies — hot tamale pie, chicken wings, BBQ, and more — for the party that preceded the ceremony at Jake's house.