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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

Mike Marsh puts on a great show each year with Renaissance Euro-Fest, and this year was no different. Several of EMC members and friends of EMC attended and also walked away with some loot. In the end it was a day well spent. Mike has a summation of the event and there is a list of winners on the Euro-Fest website.



The other big event in October was the British Car Fest in Fairhope, AL. Bros Gene and Clay attended the event. Gene has a recap of the event later in the OSU.

WOW! WHAT A DAY!

The **10th Annual Renaissance Euro Fest** exceeded all optimistic estimates, in terms of entry participation and spectators. It was a grand day from start to finish. Over 230 autos and motorcycles were on display in both the Euro Fest and "Legends of the Interstates" ranging from 1911 up to 2018 models. The Friday "Renaissance Road Rally Drive" had over 50 cars that went up to Canton for a shine n show around the Court House.

Thanks for participating.

Go to the web site, www.euro-fest to see winners list, and go to Facebook to see many personal postings.

Mike



Ann Marsh

Many thanks to **Mike Marsh** for all of his hard work in making Euro Fest a success. He goes over and above the call of duty to make everyone feel welcome and he puts on a first-class show! THANK YOU, MIKE! And many more thanks to his lovely wife **Ann** who is his right hand woman!

EURO-FEST EMC AND FRIENDS OF EMC WINNERS

Donna Durning	1967 Morris Minor	Ridgeland Tourism " Cutest Car " Award
Dominic La Valla	1967 Austin Healey 300 Mark III	Best of Class
Bill Silhan	1960 AC Ace	Outstanding in Class
Stephen Whitlow	1976 MG Midget	Outstanding in Class
Robert Manske	1955 MG TF1500	Best of Class
Paul McNeill	2018 Ferrari 488 GTB	Ferrari Maserati of Atlanta "La Dolcha Vita" Award













Coming Events

Normally the November Tech Session is at Bro Gene's and Martha's the first Saturday of the month. Get ready for a fun change! Gene has planned a drive via the fun roads to Meridian, MS for the Steam Fest for **November 3rd**. That is a fun event and worth the drive.

Our "normal" Tech Session at **Bro Gene's and Martha's** will take place on **Saturday, November 10** at their home in Ridgeland. Chili will be on the stove. Gene will send out updates.

Paul McNeill and Editor Charlie are putting together a drive to Hattiesburg via the fun roads for lunch at Leatha's BBQ and then on to a garage visit at Nathan Darby's place. Date and times for the drive will be sent out via e-mail as soon as the details are finalized.

Pres John is making arrangements for our annual business meeting and awards banquet. The date is set for January 19, 2019 at 11:30 am. Although it's not set in stone yet, the place should be Berry's Fish House in Florence. Since the road between Richland and Florence is so deplorable, an alternate route will be planned for those who wish to avoid Hwy 49. A gathering time, place, and fearless leader will be announced prior to the event.

FAIRHOPE 2018

A Temporary Setback By Gene Johnston

October 25, 2018 Fairhope AL –

Martha and I took an extra day off to enjoy some unwind time in Fairhope AL in advance of the 2018 British Car Festival hosted by the South Alabama British Car Club with support by Mini of Pensacola.

Day one called for an early departure and we boarded the GT under very British skies i.e. overcast and drizzly rain with occasional down pours. We met Clay and Debbie Johnston as we traveled through Mt. Olive Mississippi, as the rainy day continued. Despite the weather, were making good time anticipating lunch in Mobile, AL. That good time came to a not too abrupt halt but none the less a halt as we crossed into Alabama. Clay slowed his '73 MGB for a lane change and on re-acceleration he and Debbie noted a rather breathless acceleration back up thru the gears and a sudden off sounding lop to the idle. Reaching the first petrol station in Wilmer, Alabama we pulled under the pump covers.

While the ladies sought cover, Clay began the diagnosis—first pulling plug wires and noting no changes in idle on the removal of the wires to plug 1 and also to plug 2. Pulling the filter on cylinders 1 and 2 there was limited change in the rough lop of the engine. While still running we danced as we removed and checked for spark on cylinders 1 and 2. Hmm (#^\$%) good spark for sure. Removing the rocker cover, it was quickly recognized that the intake rocker of cylinder 2 was not rocking. Double hmm...hmm. Clay immediately recognized that the cup of the push rod was only one-half present. This concluded the easy part of the predicament. After some head scratching we agreed that we could run some distance with the remainder of the altered rod removed and the plug wire disconnected. But where to go? We pulled out the NAMGBR Mutual Aid Directory and put our cell telephones to use reaching a subscriber in the nearby town of Theodore about 30 minutes away.

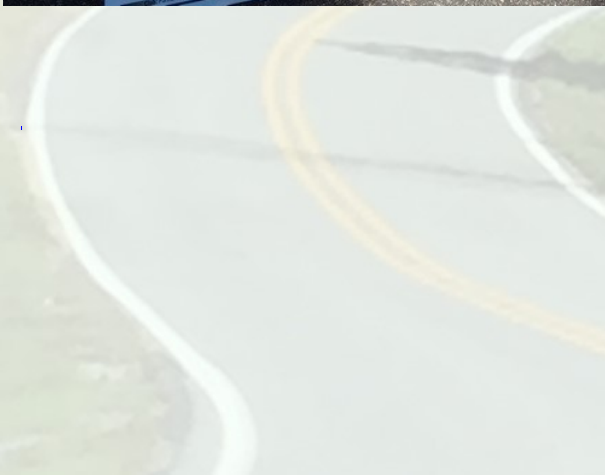
We hoofed it down to Theodore and secured and installed a replacement rod in about 10 minutes and back on the road making a late lunch in Mobile at Wentzel's.

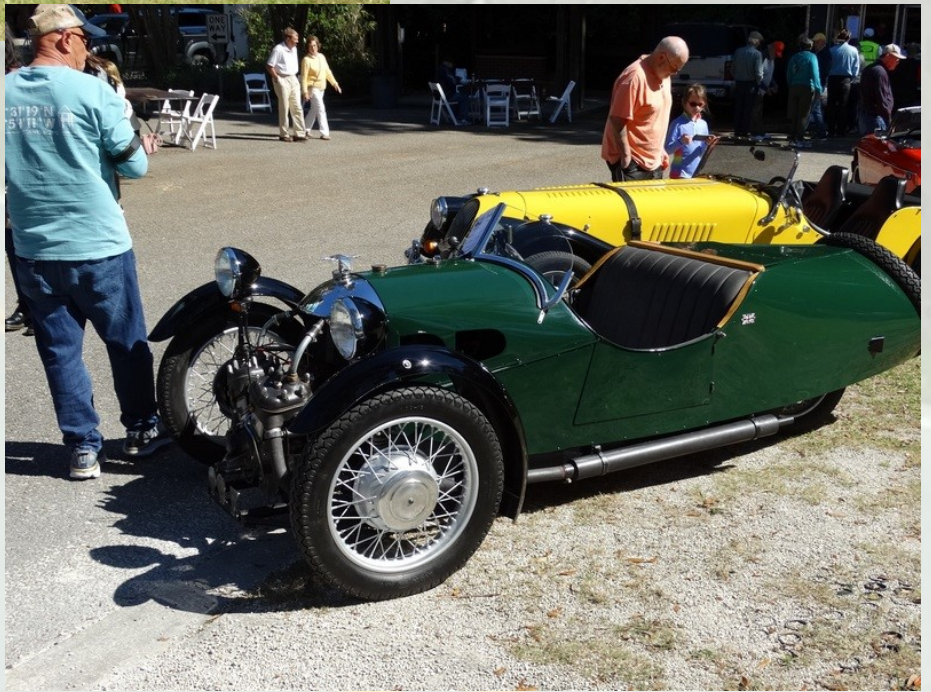
Next day we pulled the valve cover again and using a telescoping magnet pulled the push rods from the first two cylinders and fished for the missing chip without success. The B ran fine so the agreement was reached that likely the chip had made it into the pan hopefully to remain throughout the remainder of our travels. I'm happy to report that the weather did clear during the day and by show day on Saturday although a bit cool in the morning the SABCC threw another ringer of a car show with excellent organization and a great field of cars. We had a great time and for his efforts Clay and Debbie were recognized with the Hard Luck Award as well as second in a nice class of MGBs.

On Sunday under sunny skies we loaded up and headed north to home. A great trip and thanks to the SABCC for the great show and times. To finish the case of the missing push rod chip? By dusk on Sunday Clay had drained the oil in his B and with magnet in hand had located the errant chip. Moral of the story? Don't delay, join the NAMGBR or the organization that caters to your particular marque and never leave home without your Mutual Aid Directory. Happy Motoring to all.









Blast from the Past

By Terry & Merideth Trovato



In December 2008 EMC's John Simmers, for whom our Best of Show Trophy is named at our annual edition of Brits on the Bluff, was asked to describe how he acquired his MGC-GT by the editors at *Hemmings Motor News*. Here is that interview.

"I purchased my 1969 MGC GT in April 1989 in Jackson, Mississippi. The mileage on the odometer was 85,650. I do not know if the mileage was accurate, but the current mileage is 175,747. Both previous owners were Austin-Healey enthusiasts, and they found that an MGC GT was not a Healey coupe. I became the owner of a drivable MGC with many layers of cracked yellow paint over the original Pale Primrose, 1974 MGB upholstery, dented fenders and disconnected rear brakes.

"The car has been a rolling restoration since 1989 and only out of service for brief periods. The correct parts are becoming more available, and I am continually swapping out the less authentic items. The goal is to stay as close to 1969 specifications as is practical.

"I had wanted an MG since about 1955, but in the fall of 1968, instead of ordering a '69 C GT for pick up at the factory in the configuration I wanted, I went to graduate school. Twenty years later, I finally had a C GT, but it was not to the specs I would have ordered. I have developed the car as a typical British club racer with replica parts that approximate those used by the factory and typical of vintage rallying in Europe, including the Sebring headlamp cowls and front and rear valances. The car is now like I would have had it delivered.

"In general, since all the bodging and incorrect replacement parts by 20 years of previous owners was resolved, this C GT has proved to be very reliable over the last 80,000 miles. This is a very nice car for long trips."



Exhaust Rattles

By Keith Anderson



I am installing all components in the repainted engine compartment of my '61 Bugeye. The 1275 engine has been upgraded based on David Vizard's book "A-Series Engine Tuning", and with discussions with Hap Waldrop at ACME Speed Shop, who says I should have about 90 HP.

Machine work was completed by Geoff Burroughs at Jackson Cylinder Head Service in Jackson.

Specs:

1275 engine with 9.7 Compression ratio pistons- .040 over = 1318cc.

Cylinder head skimmed and hi-comp pistons = 10:1 compression ratio

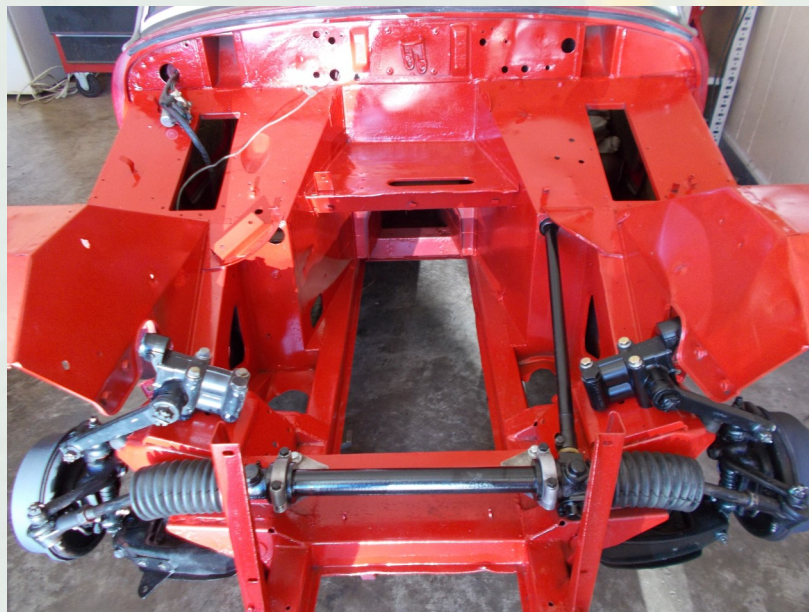
APT 's VP276 camshaft, regrind A+, nitrided

Lightweight aluminum flywheel

Maniflow LCB exhaust manifold

Weber 45 DCOE carburetor (Will try SU carbs as well)

Happy motoring,
Keith Anderson



From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



I just knew that one day Morris would be recognized for his cuteness!! Like a proud parent, I was so thrilled when **Mike Marsh** announced that Morris won the Cutest Car award at Euro Fest. Little Morris just has a way of making folks smile.

It was love at first sight with Morris and me. **Charlie** and I found him in Dallas while looking for another car. And yes, the following weekend Charlie drove back to Dallas with a trailer, signed the adoption papers, paid the fee, and delivered Morris safely to Magee. Although Charlie is the primary caretaker, he is a great car daddy, and lets me take the glory and awards. That's it **From the Passenger Seat!** -DD



Upcoming Events

English Motoring Club 2018 Calendar

We hope to see you at an upcoming EMC event!

November 3, 2018 – EMC Drive to the Soule Live Steam Fest / Meridian MS -

Been a couple of years since the EMC has traveled over to the Queen City to visit the Mississippi Industrial Museum so by popular demand we've inserted the Steam Fest in and bumped the Tech Session in Ridgeland down the calendar by one weekend. There will be a street car show and contacts with the organizers have indicated there will be more room available for parking this year. Soooo...if you're interested in a nice fall drive make plans. Departure time will be 9:00am from the Cracker Barrel at 410 Riverwind Dr. Pearl MS. For more info on Steam Fest visit: www.soulelivesteam.com. For travel details contacts: Gene / Martha Johnston (601) 941 - 4892.

November 10, 2018 - Tech Session / Ridgeland MS - We'll have the chili on the stove and a wrench ready for stirring. We'll put together a project or two or perhaps take one apart. Hope you can make the final tech session of 2018. The garage opens early and lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Gene / Martha Johnston (601) 941 - 4892.

December 1, 2018 – EMC / DSARC Christmas Party / Vicksburg MS - We return to the place that started the 2018 EMC tech sessions. Make plans to join us at Pat and Barbara's to wind down 2018 with the EMCs year end gathering. Details: Pat Cashman (601) 630 - 7837 / Barbara Cashman (601) 831 - 0063.