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



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Brits on the Bluff!

by Pat Cashman

NATCHEZ, MISS., Oct. 16-17 — Combining the best of all things British and Southern, the English Motoring Club sponsored the 2nd Annual "Brits on the Bluff" this weekend.

It began with a welcome dinner held at Biscuits and Blues. During the meal we all rushed to the balcony to see an all-Elvis skydiving team treat us to a fireworks display while making their descent. Seeing the three Elvises in their parachutes was a treat.

Saturday morning came bright and sunny with warm October weather. It was too windy for the hot air balloon races, but the breeze was welcomed by all looking at the cars. Thirty-three cars from as far away as Illinois and North Carolina were displayed on the green overlooking the Mississippi River. We enjoyed a wonderful variety with models including MGA, MGB, MGY-type, TR3, TR6, Austin-Healey, Jensen-Healey, Jaguar, Morgan, Singer, Sunbeam, and Armstrong Siddeley. Pretty good for a little show! Everyone enjoyed snacks and drinks from the club tent as they watched the judges make the rounds of rolling British history.

Since the balloons didn't get airborne, we had a tremendous crowd looking at the cars and asking all sorts of questions—really a great opportunity to spread the word about the enjoyment of the cars.

I even had a chance to talk to another Gordon Keeble owner. Let me tell you, that just does not happen too many times. Ted Glover from Texas came by to see the show but said his Keeble needs some brake work to get back on the road. Maybe next year.

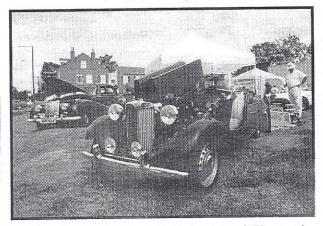
This is really a good little event and well worth making plans to come see us next year. Small enough to meet everyone, but large enough to see something unusual. Come to Natchez next year and see for yourself.

To Terry and Merideth Trovato, John Simmers, Alex and Teri Wade, and everyone else who helped make the show a success—a big thank you. Results are as follows:

Best of Show: Chesney and David Loeb, 1952 MG TD roadster.

Show Stopper: Peter and Kathy Harris, Triumph TR3 roadster.

Austin-Healey/Jensen-Healey: 1st, Jim Smith, Jensen-Healey; 2nd, Al Adams, Austin-Healey BT7; 3rd, Doug Thomas, Austin-Healey BJ8.



"Best of Show" was this magnificent 1952 MG TD owned by Chesney and David Loeb. Notice the Armstrong Siddeley in the background? Photo by Terry Trovato

Early Jaguar: 1st, Bob Henson III, E-type roadster; 2nd, Nicole Loeb, 3.8 saloon; 3rd, Dennis Lofton, E-type roadster.

Late Jaguar: 1st, Tom Schmitz, XJS convertible; 2nd, Carol Tillman, XJ6 sedan.

MG TD/Y-type: 1st, Michael Lewis, Y-type saloon.
 MGB/MGC Chrome Bumper: 1st, John Simmers,
 MGC GT, 2nd, Wilbert Eason, MGB roadster; 3rd,
 Lewis Dove, MGB roadster.

MGB, Rubber Bumper: 1st, Renee Cole; 2nd, John Christian; 3rd, John Turbeville.

Magnette: 1st, Cappy-Stahlman, ZB saloon; 2nd, Merideth and Terry Trovato, ZB saloon.

Triumph TR3: 1st, Daniel Ducote, TR3B.

Triumph TR6: 1st, Ted Dearman, TR6; 2nd, Nicky Edrignton, TR6; 3rd, Debbie Adams, TR6.

Empire: 1st, Pat and Barbara Cashman, Armstrong Siddeley Star Sapphire Saloon; 2nd, Merideth Trovato, Sunbeam Alpine roadster. Alex & Tere Wade Sylds Alex & Tere Wade



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News from Bumble Bee Racing

Ed. note. Craig and Jane House, longtime EMC members sent in this report from Oregon where they are living and sometimes racing a mini.

We had a geat trip up to Whistler, B.C. in July with our miniclub where we smoked the auto cross with our fresh (one hour) motor. The motor has a nos block, Cooper S nitrided crank, GT6 Longman head, hepolite pistons and water and oil pumps.

Jane got a couple of seconds off her previous times. Another week later after re seating the valves and un loading the limited slip differential, Jane really noticed a difference in power and handling-there went another 5 seconds. Got one more track day in October, and then it's back to the shop for a steering rack and rear swing arm rebuild over winter. SOMEWHERE in

there I swear I'm fixing the Healey 100 and getting it back on the road!

BRITISH CAR FILMS ON VIDEO

British Car Films gave the club a Land Rover video which we used as a prize at Brits on the Bluff.

They have other films on Morris Minor, Mini, MG, and Jaguar. Each is\$29.95 and comes highly rated by many English magazines and clubs. These videos are about the cars as they are found at various locations in the U.S. All are at least 70 minutes in length and feature a rich mix of original footage shot from coast to coast and archive material some of which is 50 vears old.

Contact them at : British Car Films, PO Box 13862,, London , England N4 3WB. Telephone 44-181-374-4850. You may also contact them on 1-800-454-8341 and pay by credit card.

Rimmer Bros of England sent the club a couple of brochures on their line of Triumph parts.

Like The Roadster Factory here in the states, they offer just about anything needed for Triumphs. They have a full set of catalogs available and can be reached by fax, phone, or e mail.

Phone 44-1522-526200. Fax 44-1522-567600 or e mail: Sales@rimmer.netkonect.co.uk

Not much else for now. I have a couple of articles from the UK on stamps that feature classic cars and land speed record attempts.

I will put these in the next issue. Terry and Alex have been good about sending along material to use in the Offside Undo, but I could use a little more as I have sometimes lost some of the copy sent to me. I think gnomes steal it at night.

Off-Side Undo

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Christmas Party 1998

It will soon be time for our annual Christmas party, and you are all invited. Steve Collins and his family will host our party and are asking for you to take part in what has been a great time to get together with club members and have a tremendous amount of fun. Really, this is a super time to come on out, hopefully in a British car. and enjoy each other's company. The party will be held at the Collin's house at 4029 North East Drive in Jackson. From I-55 turn on Meadowbrook East, go to the 2nd street on the right (N.E.Drive) Call 982-5543 for more directions. As in the past, bring a goodie or something to share with everyone else. Time will be 3 until 5 or when we are asked to leave.

President Trovato, (known in some circles as The Count Trovolta), has made it known that he will present at the party several Presidential Awards for outstanding service to the club. You will want to be in attendance for this ceremony.

BRITS ON THE BLUFF TREMENDOUS SUCCESS

We enjoyed a great weekend in Natchez for our second annual Brits on the Bluff Show.

It would be hard to find another show that had as much variety in cars and as much fun and fellowship. It really was a show where you could see an incredible number of different marques and yet have a chance to talk to each and every participant. No better mix of cars and people could have been assembled.

If you didn't have a chance to be in Natchez, you really need to make plans for next year.

Most of you have already read about the show in the BRITISH MARQUE newsletter, but I will repeat the show winners below. Flying Elvi, (a sky diving team of Elvis impersonators), Louisiana coffee, Singer, Morgan, Armstrong-Siddeley, MG, Triumph, Jensen Healey, Austin Healey, Jaguar, Sunbeam, good friends, great weather, and so much more all made for a wonderful event. Thanks to all who helped. Austin Healey/ Jensen Healey

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