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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

Brits on the Bluff is now in the books. We had a good turn out with 38 cars and lots of nice folks, along with their cars. Though the day was a bit toasty, there was plenty of beverages and shade to go around. I want to thank to following folks for their efforts in making BOTB a success. I hope I didn't miss anyone. More on BOTB later in the newsletter.

- Terry Trovato for local preparations, lunch truck, Master of Ceremonies, and publicity
- Meredith Trovato for organizing the Queen's lunch
- Pres John for regalia, scoring, and hotel
- Stephen Turner for scoring
- Bro Clay for registration and sound system
- Bro Gene for Best of Show, tents, tables, and door prizes
- Tech Guy Keith for site prep
- Editor Charlie for the out-houses
- Barry Schmidt for pics
- Pat Cashman for ribbons

There are a couple of show opportunities this month. **October 13th** is **Mike Marsh's Euro-Fest** at the Renaissance Center in Ridgeland. On **October 26-27th** the British Car Fest in Fairhope, AL will take place. Both are fun events and worth attending.

Keith Anderson submitted a piece about an unfortunate clutch adventure....

Brits on the Bluff

Editor-et Donna has put together a slideshow of Brits on the Bluff. There is a link below. Photos were supplied by **Barry Schmidt and Editor Charlie**. Also here is a list of winners. **Meredith Trovato** has a report for the Queens Lunch.

Editor-et Donna shared her recipe for Corn-Rice Casserole in “From the Passenger Seat”.

Click on the link below for a look at Brits on the Bluff 2018. Many thanks to Barry Schmidt for pictures of all of the cars and to Charlie for pics of the people!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=A8g6vRw2U-8&feature=youtu.be>

2018 Winners List

Class	Placed	Name	
<u>MGA</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>Danny Varnado</u>	<u>Yellow 1958</u>
MGB, C, GT Chrome	3	Blake Sonnier	Very Yellow 1972 MGB
	2	David Neelley	Blue 1969 MBG
	1	Gene Johnston	White 1973 MGBGT
MGB/GT Rubber Bumper	2	Deryl Brown	Black 1980 MGB LE
	1	Keith Vezina	Maroon 1976 MGB
MG Pre War Thru TE	1	Tom Schmitz	Crème 1955 MGTF 1500
Austin Healey	3	Richard Harriss	Green 1959 AH
	2	Terry Trovato	Black 1960 AH
	1	Rick Huber	Blue & white 1967 AH
Triumph TR2-TR250	tied 2nd	Franz and Monica Bachman	Green 1960 TR3A
		Merideth Trovato	Green 1959 TR3A
	1	Burt and Tammy Ballard	White 1954 T2
TriiumpH TR6	3	Richard Hobbs	Maroon 1975 TR6
	tied 2nd	Stephen Turner	Silver TR6
		Keith Anderson	Green 1971 TR6
	1	David Nezat	White 1976 TR6
Triumph TR7 & Tr8	2	Roger and Deb Roseman	Blue 1980 TR8
	1	Barry Schmidt	Rust 1975 TR7
Triumph Spitfire	2	David Shivers	Blue 1978 Spitfire
	1	Benny Stiegler	Red 1976 Spitfire
Jaguar Sport 74-Present	2	Kathy Greensfelder	Green 2001 XK8
	1	Robert Manske	Black 2012 XKR
Jaguar Sedan	2	John Turbeville	Black 2007 XJ8
	1	Mike Baker	Silver 2006 XJ8
Classic Mini	1	Dave and Menda Hayden	Green 1975 Mini
New Mini	2	Merideth Trovato	Green 2005 Mini Cooper
	1	Jack Kennedy	Orange 2005 Mini Cooper
Empire Sedan	1	Cliff Hughes	Green 1960 MG Magnette
Empire Roadster/ Convertible	2	David Williams	Red 2005 Lotus Elise
	1	Bill & Melissa Silhan	Red 1960 AC Ace
Saloons	2	Rovert Adams	Black 1996 Bentley Turbo R
	1	Richard Branyan	Crème 1949 Rolls Royce Silver Wraith

Best of Show

Bill and Melissa Silhan

Red 1960 AC Ace

Third 'Queen's Luncheon'

A Big Success

By Merideth Trovato



As a usual thing, at a British car show the gentlemen enjoy whiling away the hours discussing such obscure subjects as the history of Skinner's Union and their intricate S.U. carburetors, while the ladies are stuck on their lawn chairs with, unfortunately, not a whole lot to do.

Well **Merideth Trovato** decided, with a lot of encouragement from **Menda Hayden** and seven of her friends, it was time to once again have a **Brits on the Bluff Annual Queen's Luncheon** the day of the show. Just a few blocks from the show site is the fabulous **Cotton Alley Café** where the ladies gathered for a very raucous lunch with libations. Luckily, the Café has a nice, spacious open-air basement room they very wisely allowed the ladies to use for a more private affair.

Menda, as always, brought the group lots of laughs and, even better this year, played "Purse ABC's" and awarded some fantastic prizes all part of a launch for her new business: "tlqt" which stands for "too legit to quit." (If you don't know who Menda is, she is the one always dressed as a British Flag with a tutu and tiara to complete her outfit.) Her enterprise sounds very fun and exciting and we all wish Menda and her friends a lot of success.

Another highlight of the luncheon was a visit from "**Lurline**" (**Barbara Cashman's alter ego**) decked out in very flashy attire subbing for **Her Majesty** who was unable to attend (again)

Below are some photos from Brits on the Bluff.



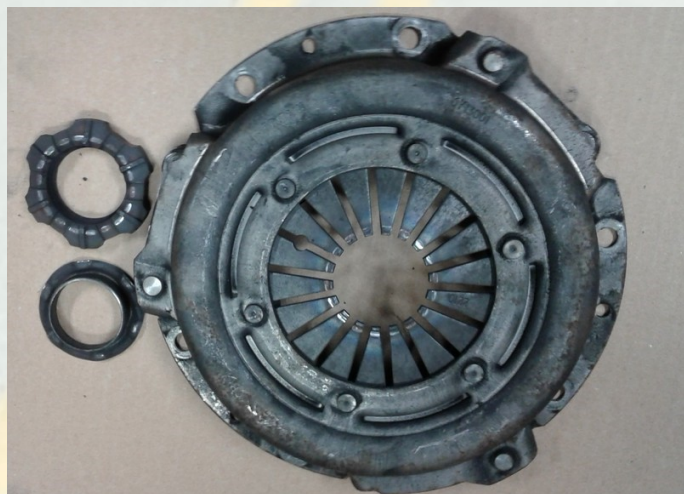




An Unfortunate Clutch Adventure

By Keith Anderson

Brian is working on **Jager Smith's** '68 Austin Healey Sprite so that it may be shown for the tenth year in a row at the Eurofest car show. The car was completely restored in 2003 and has been a Eurofest winner many times. But a clutch problem required that the drivetrain be pulled for inspection. We found that the pressure plate had come apart inside the bellhousing because the driven flange had separated from the diaphragm fingers. This caused the exposed diaphragm fingers to grind the carbon throw-out bearing into dust. A new clutch kit was installed along with new front shocks and some brake work and, so the Sprite will be ready for the upcoming Eurofest show.



Blast from the Past

by Terry & Merideth Trovato



EMC's Drive Though History made Jackson, Louisiana its destination some 17 years ago. It was very, very hot on a late May day and note how EMC member **Dennis Lofton** had to raise his E-Type's bonnet after parking to let the engine cool down.



Fayetteville, AR British Car Show

By President John Turbeville

On September 6th I left for Fayetteville to attend the AR British Car Show, a journey of 463 miles one way. Their club is quite large and draws a large crowd of viewers. After I arrived I made contact with **Pat and Barbara Cashman** who had trailed their Gordon Keeble. This year was no exception regarding attendance and even more surprising that in the rainy weather brought on by Tropical Storm Gordon, there were 161 cars on the show field.

I didn't arrive in time to go on the driving tour of the AR wine country but the **Cashmans** and I did make the group driving tour to Crystal Bridges. It is a premier art gallery in this country and it does not disappoint with the awesome collection of art by American artists. Also on the grounds of the museum is a Frank Lloyd Wright house that was purchased in NJ and brought to Bentonville and reassembled. Quite impressive architecture! The drive took us along scenic NW AR roads and stops included the Hobbs State Park Conservancy in

The **Cashmans** and I decided to do more sightseeing and drove over to Eureka Springs. We stopped at Pea Ridge Military Park, the Western most battlefield of the Civil War. The South lost the battle and Missouri was secured for the Union. From there we pressed on and barely made it to the Thorncrown Chapel as it was closing. The Chapel was designed by renowned architect E. Fay Jones. Recently, members of the American Institute of Architects placed Thorncrown Chapel fourth on its list of the top buildings of the twentieth century. Over 6 million people have visited this sanctuary since it opened in 1980.

From the Chapel we made our way to downtown Eureka Springs where we visited The Crescent Hotel, known for its haunting stories of days gone by and where from the balcony bar you can spy The Christ of the Ozarks statue across the mountains. We had a great dinner at Sparkey's and made our way back to the host hotel in Springdale. This day was jam packed with sightseeing and I loved it—so fun spending the day with **Pat and Barbara** too.

At the awards ceremony the **Cashmans** received 2nd Place in their class for their Gordon Keeble and 1st Place was awarded to a Marcos car owner. In addition, the club president called Pat and the Marcos owner to the front to receive a special award for having the most rare cars at the show.

I highly recommend visiting this area and attending the car show. I met some very nice people and saw many beautiful British cars.









By John Turberville

I gave it a good sanding, then sprayed it with SEM bumper paint. The old blinker lenses looked dull so for \$8 a piece I installed new ones. All done and now my old 1977 MGB looks good with her new black bumper.





From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



Fall is here! And with that, our minds start turning to comfort food and good-ole casseroles, complete with cream of mushroom soup! This month, I decided to share my favorite Corn-Rice Casserole recipe with you. I hope you enjoy it! -DD

Corn-Rice Casserole

- 2 cups uncooked long-grain rice
- 2 Tbsp. butter
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 (15 1/2 oz.) can cream-style corn
- 1 (11 oz.) can Mexican-style corn, drained
- 1 (11 oz.) can whole kernel corn, drained
- 1 (10 oz.) can diced tomatoes with green chiles, undrained (I like Rotel original)
- 1 (8 oz) loaf Mexican Velveeta
- 1/2 tsp salt
- 1/3 tsp pepper
- 1/2 cup shredded mild cheddar cheese



Cook rice according to package directions. Melt butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Add bell pepper and onion. Sauté 5 minutes or until tender. Stir in cooked rice, cream-style corn, and next 6 ingredients. Spoon into a lightly greased 3 1/2 quart baking dish.

Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes or until thoroughly heated. Top with shredded cheese and bake 5 more minutes or until cheese melts.

Makes 10-12 servings Preparation time 25 minutes Bake time 35 minutes

Upcoming Events

English Motoring Club 2018 Calendar

We hope to see you at an upcoming EMC event in October!

October 12 - 13, 2018 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS –

Come to Ridgeland Mississippi and enjoy the 10th Annual Renaissance Car Fest. The 2017 event was one to remember. Lots of participation from EMC members as well as friends from surrounding clubs will be the order again for 2018. When posted get your entry in early and make plans to attend. You'll see cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy often and in the surroundings of the Renaissance it's just magnificent. Details: www.euro-fest.net.

October (check for dates), 2018 - Brits at the Parthenon / Nashville TN -

If you're looking for a nice drive up the Natchez Trace there's no better reason than to attend the 24rd Annual Nashville British Car Club Show. Lot's to do including taking in the Lane Museum of Cars while in town. A reception is held on Friday evening and the shows on Saturday. Details: www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org.

October (check for dates), 2018 – South Alabama British Car Festival / Fair-

hope AL - It's a nice drive down to Fairhope AL so join the caravan to the lovely city by Mobile Bay. The Friday night meet and greet is always fun and the food is fantastic. Join EMC members to drive and celebrate this show in its 27th year. Details: www.sabcc.org.