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This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

Whew, the weather is finally starting to cool off. Too bad that along with the cooler weather the days are getting shorter. It's time to get our little cars out and drive somewhere, anywhere. If someone wants to put together a drive to an interesting lunch location, let us know the time, date, and place and we'll get the word out.

As the days get shorter the need for working lights becomes a reality. When I checked over the lights on my GT I found several that were burned out or had faulty sockets. The lights around the outside are pretty easy to fix. The lights for the dash are a completely different issue. Even with help with the dash lights, I still ended up with a bloody arm. More on that later in the newsletter.



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Brits on the Bluff Sept. 14-15, 2018 Natchez, Mississippi

The English Motoring Club of Mississippi proudly announces its annual all-marque car show and celebration to be held in Historic Natchez, Mississippi, the weekend of September 14th and 15th.

Bowie's Tavern - Welcome Reception: Friday evening, 5 p.m. - 8 p.m. Join us at "Bowie's Tavern," an 1852 Cotton Warehouse converted to an "antique pub." It is located at 100 Main Street at Broadway (across the street from the Grand Hotel and just up from the show site), and offers tasty appetizers, specialty pizzas, salads, sandwiches and a full bar.

Natchez Bluff Park - Show: Saturday 10 a.m. - At 303 South Broadway Street, just a few blocks from the Grand Hotel, located on a magnificent 200-foot bluff containing shade trees and picnic tables. Awards presentation 3 p.m.

Overnight Accommodations - A block of rooms has been reserved at the Natchez Grand Hotel, located at 111 Broadway Street. The EMC has negotiated rates from \$119 to \$169 plus fees and taxes per night. See natchezgrandhotel.com for hotel information, call 866-488-0898 or 601-446-9994 for reservations, and be sure to reference "English Motoring Club of MS" for the group rates.



Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

City St, Zip: _____

Best Phone: _____

E-Mail Address: _____

Car Year: _____ Make: _____ Model: _____ Color: _____

In consideration of this entry, I waive any and all claims for myself and my heirs against the English Motoring Club, their officers and any sponsors of this event for injury or illness which may result directly or indirectly from my participation. I give my permission for use of my name and/or picture in any published or broadcast account of this event.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Please enclose check for \$25 per car (\$10 for additional cars) payable to English Motoring Club and mail to: EMC MS, 498 Old Hwy. 49 N, Mount Olive, MS 39119.



Fourth Annual 'Queen's Luncheon' Planned

During Brits on the Bluff

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.

Merideth Trovato has again decided it is time to rectify the situation by creating the 3rd Annual Brits on the Bluff Queen's Luncheon the day of the show. Arrangements have been made for a private dining room at Natchez' Cotton Alley Cafe, located an easy walk just a few blocks from the show site. It will commence at 12 noon sharp so that we can all get back in time for awards.

*Regrettably, Her Majesty may not be able to attend, but to be sure she will properly honored and represented, with the restaurant proudly displaying the Queen's "Royal Standard" flag that day, which signifies that she is on the premises—at least in spirit on this occasion. This flag is also the new official EMC ladies flag. **There will be a sign-up sheet at the Friday evening Welcome Reception for last-minute attendees.***

A Day at the Bailey's Garage

David and JoAnn Bailey sure know how to host a garage visit. On display was David's eclectic collection of cars. It was good to see that the Ferrari California was back on the road after suffering front end damage. They also included a display of their daughter's novels. **Contact JoAnn** on how to order the books.

We were once again sharing the visit with the **Mercedes folks**. It's always good to see new folks and renew friendships even though we have shared events in the past. We also had a good turnout of **EMC folks**. At the stroke of noon chow was served and as usual the fix'ns were yummy. I don't think there was anything left when the dust settled.

After chow **Pres John** called a meeting to order. John's brother was the only new face in the crowd and he was recognized and welcomed. There was a discussion of upcoming events of which this year's Brits on the Bluff was discussed in detail. **Mike Marsh** talked about Euro-Fest. Mike has big plans so the 10th annual event shows promise to be the best.

Once the meeting was closed, it was time to clean up and put away the tables and chairs. Everyone pitched in like the EMC team that we are!

Our thanks to the **Baileys** for hosting the event.



JoAnn and David Bailey









What a party!

Thanks again David and JoAnn for your kind hospitality!



Ole Red's New Coat

By Gene Johnston



Martha Johnston with Ole Red

Funny how when I mentioned the need for a new coat of color on Ole Red, all of my auto acquaintances rolled their eyes, mumbled a bit and then slowly moved away, head bowed. I'd not had much paint work done in recent years so I suppose I'd forgotten all of the ups, downs and back-ups that occurred before completion. And then there are the remaining spots that only a mother (or father) would notice. I'd always been of the opinion that most reasonably priced paint jobs just moved most of the imperfections around.

The last new coat for OR occurred back in 2006 in preparation for Martha and ORs first trip to the big all-MG register meet in Gatlinburg, Tennessee. I figured that there were a few spots that could use a bit of a touch up. On inquiry at work, a friend—we'll call him Fred - indicated that he had knowledge of a fella that did good work at a reasonable price.

Without much consideration of possible consequences, I submitted OR to Bubba. Yes, real name. We were only about a month away from show time, so I was hustling at work and at home to make our first trip to a national MG meet. I dropped off OR and went my merry way thinking in a week or so I'd have a more consistent red.

A week or so went by and a call was made to check status. The response from Fred was "give us another week or so and it should be finished". About ten days later, on a Sunday I get a call from Fred indicating that I could pick up OR. **Add an appropriate amount of anticipation and drum roll here.**



THIS IS ANTICIPATION



THIS IS A DRUM ROLL

Much to my surprise on arrival, not only were the spots touched up, but Bubba had discovered that in the poorly lit, dusty cinderblock garage, with an air compressor that likely had no debris filter much less a water trap attached, that he couldn't get the color anywhere close to matching. So he and Fred and decided to scuff and spray the entire car. I can't say that the result was too bad, well, from twenty or so feet anyway. And there was a real plus. There was no change in the originally quoted price for the additional time and paint, WHOA!

Off to MG 2006 and OR was shiny as a new penny. Martha and I had a great time traveling and attending the show with our newly clothed MG.

Well, the first new coat for OR ultimately lasted for ahhh, let me see, about 12 years and along with that lots miles and great times.

Editor's Note: Ole Red has another new red paint job. Hopefully Ole Red will be on the road again soon.

Pres John's MGB gets it's smirk removed

By Charlie Durning



As I was growing up I was constantly reminded to wipe the smirk off of my face.

In that same vein, **Pres John** had been trying to figure out how to wipe the smirk from the face of his 77 MGB . Though there were many theories about the cause of the smirk, no action had been taken using the original front bumper.



After some hard work and time on their knees, and with the help of **Bro Clay**, **Pres John** no longer has a smirk on the face of his MGB.





It all started when **Editor Charlie** found a Rubber Bumper B that was in need of being dismantled. Though the car was a rusty hulk, it did have a nice front bumper, though weathered. After some adjustments to the front of **Pres John's** car, the "smirkectomy" was a success. All **Pres John** has to do now is bring the finish back to life with some Back to Black and some elbow grease.

From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



Everyone had such a good time at David and JoAnn Bailey's garage for our August event. The EMC has some wonderful cooks! Becky Turner had a copy of the recipe for Hot Onion Dip that JoAnn fixed last year. It was such a big hit, and JoAnn was sweet enough to make it for us again! Thanks for the dip, JoAnn and thanks Becky for the recipe!-DD

Hot Onion Dip

Prep Time: 10 Minutes
Cook Time: 30 Minutes
Ready In: 40 Minutes Servings: 48

Ingredients:

- 3 eight ounce packages cream cheese, softened
- 1 onion, finely chopped
- 2 Cups grated Parmesan Cheese
- ½ Cup mayonnaise

Directions:

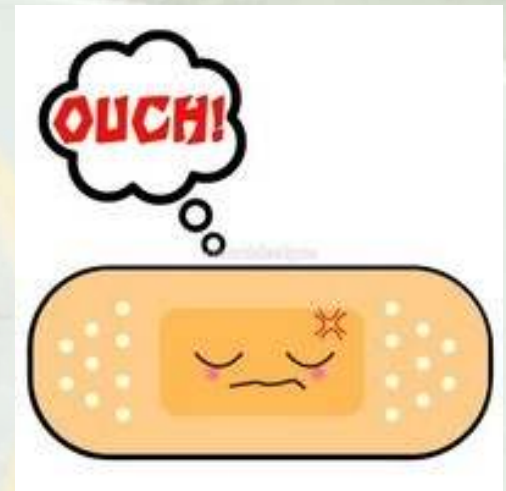
1. Preheat oven to 400 degrees F (200 degrees C). Lightly grease a medium baking dish.
2. In the prepared dish, mix the cream cheese, onion, Parmesan cheese, and mayonnaise.
3. Bake in the preheated oven for 30 minutes, or until bubbly and lightly browned.



The Price We Pay to Keep Our LBCs on the Road.

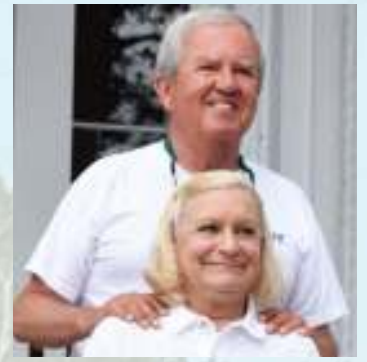
By Charlie Durning

A couple of weeks ago I noted a squeaky speedometer cable. To solve that issue the speedo had to be removed. Well, in short, my arm just doesn't bend in the right places. Feeling sorry for me, **Bro Clay** stopped by, and in no time the speedo was out. From there it was easy to lube the cable. While the speedo was out the "might as wells" took over. So we decided to replace all of the burned out instrument light bulbs. That entailed removing the glove box and fresh air tubes. Those were a challenge all their own. In the end there was success but at the price of a bloody arm. **Bro Clay** was unscathed. Well at least I had the enjoyment and satisfaction of keeping the GT on the road even though it was at the expense of losing quite a bit of blood in the process.



Blast from the Past

by Terry & Merideth Trovato



Beautiful weather and a pristine setting—the Botanical Gardens at the mansion Rosalie—brought out a large number of participants for Brits on the Bluff some 16 years ago.



Membership

By Stephen Turner



Please join me in welcoming **Vince Liberto** into the English Motoring Club. He owns a 1970 Jaguar XKE. Welcome Vince!

Invitation

The club has received an invitation from **Mike Helmsley** to join him in October....For "*Choo Choo Refugee New Home*" **British Car Show.**

October 26-28, 2018

See link below for details.

<http://www.southernbritishcarclub.net/>

Upcoming Events

English Motoring Club 2018 Calendar

We hope to see you at an upcoming EMC event for 2018!

September (check for dates), 2018 – Shoals British Car Show / Florence AL - If you haven't had the pleasure of visiting the Shoals British Car Show at Joe Wheeler State Park in Florence AL you should. This show will be celebrating the 22nd gathering. It's a laid back gathering on the banks of Wheeler Lake. Everything including rooms, meals and Friday night's reception are within walking distance. Details: www.shoalsbritishcars.org.

September (check for dates), 2018 - Brits in the Ozarks / Fayetteville AR - Still looking for excuses for a mountain drive? Here's another chance to see the Ozarks in all of their colors and have a car show at the end of your drive. The 16th Annual Brits in the Ozarks will be there waiting for you. Details: www.britshironnwa.org

September 14 - 15, 2018 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS – We have the promise of a perfect weekend for the 21th Annual BOTB. Hang out on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River starting with our Friday night party and spend Saturday with us under the oaks at City Park. There will be lots to do on your visit with us. Information and registration information will post about 30 – 60 days in advance. Details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 941 - 4892.