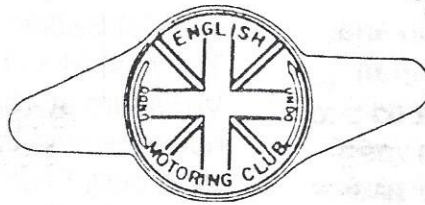


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Jackson British Car Day & Highland Games

It was a hot day with hardly a breeze strong enough to give us a glimpse under too many kilts but the EMC and guests enjoyed a day at the Ag museum on August 24.

Participants came from Alabama, Florida, Louisiana and of course Mississippi. It was good to see first timers at Jackson and we hope to have them back again. Thanks to everyone who helped put on the show.

Empire

- 1...Terry & Merideth Travato '67 Sunbeam Alpine
- 2...Richard Poole '65 Land Rover
- 3...Mike & Kathleen McNamara '60 Anglia

Jaguar

- 1...Dennis Loftin '69 E Type
- 2...Bob & Ruth Summerlin '70 E Type

MGA

- 1...Pete & Ella Churchill '58 MGA
- 2...Keith Anderson '59 MGA

MGB

- 1...Keith Vezina '76 MGB
- 2...Doug Thomas '69 MGB

MGB GT

- 1John Simmers '72 MGB GT

TR 6/8

- 1...Wardell Conway 74 TR6
- 2...Bill Breithoff '80 TR8
- 3...Wardell Conway '72 TR6

Best of Show

Sue & Bob Mason MGB GT V8

MG International -Indy '96

by Wilburt Eason

I'm not sure, but the MG International - Indy 96 event could have been the largest group of MG cars ever assembled in one spot on the face of the earth !

The judging took place on Friday June 29. There were over 1,100 MGs on the field. The agreement was that the first 1,000 to register would be permitted to drive on the Indy 500 race track on Saturday. Well, on Saturday there were over 1,300 MGs that showed up to drive on the track. The track was scheduled to open at 8:00 a.m. Of course, everyone wanted to be one of the first ones on the track (including me) .Needless to say there was a tremendous traffic jam around 8:00 a.m. This was compounded because the track was one hour late opening the gate! All streets in all directions were saturated with MGs. This was something to see!

Back to the show. It offered both popular and concours judging. Only thirteen cars showed up for the concours. In the concours class there were only three trophies: 1st place and two honorable mentions. Jim and Geradine Wiggins from Bloomington, Minnesota took first place. Hiram Sheppard from the Memphis club won an honorable mention with his freshly restored MGB in

British racing green. The people I recognized at the show were Hiream Sheppard and Jack Reynolds from Memphis, Bob and Sue Mason from Fairhope, Alabama and Richard Decreaval from Gulf Breeze, Florida. Bob and Sue did not take a car. I saw cars there from just about every state except Alaska. My car was the only one from Mississippi. There were only two from Alabama. A large group of cars was from Texas and Florida.

One of the interesting points of the show was the location itself. This fellow by the name of Fred Ropkey owns a large spread of land on the Western side of Indianapolis. He also has a private military museum of WW II vintage. I was amazed to see that everything is being kept in full operating condition except for a few anti-aircraft guns which were stored outside. He had everything from a military bicycle to a NASA capsule floating in an adjoining lake. I cannot name everything in his collection but I did see nine tanks, jeeps trucks, PT boat, Coast Guard cutter, T-34 aircraft, a large guided missile from the early '60s, Harley Davidson motor cycles, and a Cushman Eagle scooter.

I found Mr. Ropkey to be a very interesting person to talk to. If you haven't guessed by now he was a tank commander in the Marines! He also owns two MGs (TD series).

If you are in the area, it is worth the time to visit. It is shown by appointment only. He is in the yellow pages under "Graphics".



ON THE CALENDAR

Fairhope, Alabama

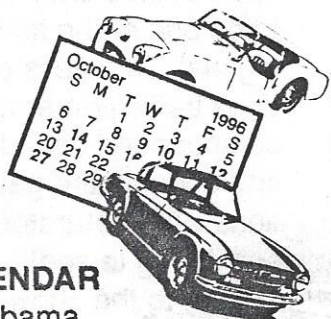
September 21

Contact Mardi Gras MGs 334-928-5366

Montgomery, Alabama

September 28

Jeff Jeffries 334-277-1942



Memphis, Tennessee

October 12

Contact Bill Cravens 901-683-7195

TECH SESSION SEPT. 14 IN VICKSBURG

The next EMC tech meeting will be held in Vicksburg at 1514 Cherry St. This is the warehouse behind the old location for The Vicksburg Post at the corner of South St. and Cherry St. This is my building (Pat Cashman) and is usually full of cars and other things. On the schedule is a replacement of the vent window rubber for my Jaguar MkII but if someone wants to replace the throttle cable in the Lotus that can be arranged as well. How about moving John Simmers Lark to another corner? This building seems to attract cars that stay for "just a couple of weeks". The forward control Land Rover is out being painted but the 1943 halftrack is still around along with.... well it will probably change by the 14th.

Go west on Clay St. to Cherry St. Turn left and go two blocks. Turn in just before the Conoco station on the right- we'll be in the metal warehouse. Refreshments of some type will be available for those who want to work, look around, offer advice or just get in the way. Call 638-3240 for more info.

CLUB T-SHIRT DESIGN CHOICE

Printed on the next page are several choices for a club t-shirt. If you have an opinion call me with your vote at 601-636-4545 during the day or at 601-638-3240 at home. You can suggest changes or just vote. You may also call Steve Collins with your vote at 601-982-7151.

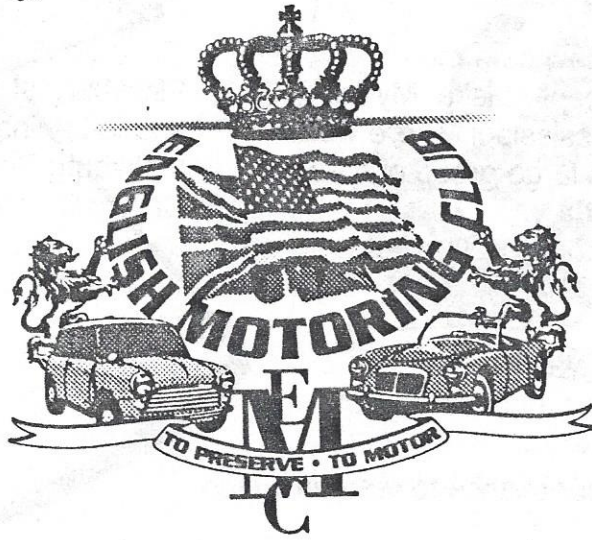
A nice 100% cotton shirt with two colors of artwork (red & blue) will be only \$16.00.

There is a 12 working day turn around. I will order only large and extra large sizes which should fit most people and simplify the order.

Once we agree on the design I suggest sending payment to EMC, P.O. Box 5263, Jackson, MS., 39216.

I used clip art that I have already paid for rather than bootleg someone else's work so don't ask for a Humber Super Snipe IV instead of the MGA or Mini. We can always make another shirt later!

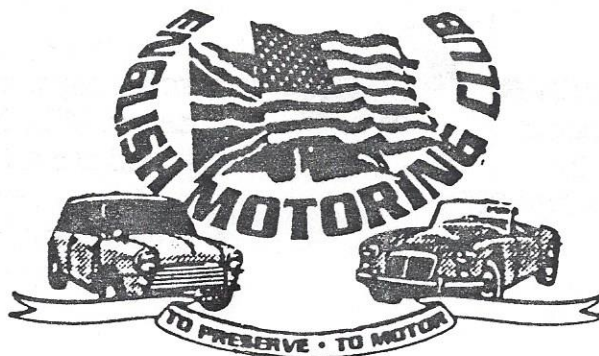
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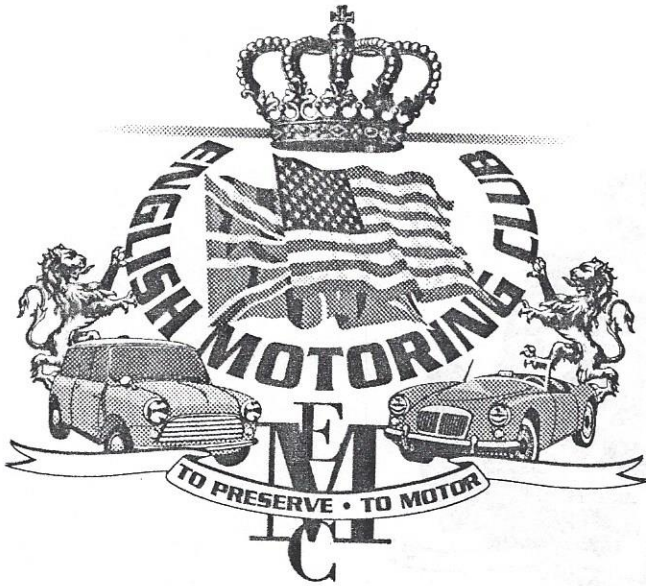


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Look inside for your chance to vote on a club T-shirt!



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