

THE OFF-SIDE UNDO

English Motoring Club of Mississippi

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‘A gentleman does not motor about after dark.’ —Joseph Lucas

Turn the key to start 2024!

by Gene Johnston

Twenty-eight members of the English Motoring Club gathered at Berry’s Seafood & Catfish on January 20th to put the final touches on 2023 and start the 2024 season.

Of course, the EMC can’t hold a gathering without a meal, and everyone enjoyed the offerings from the full buffet at Berry’s. No one dozed off following the meal that I noted, but it was minor miracle that didn’t happen.

While everyone was sharing stories of 2023, awards were given out. Kelly Turner was recognized with a plaque and the Big Valve award for her excellent work as the editor of *The Off-Side Undo* in 2023. A big round of applause went out to Kelly for her hard work!

Paul McNeil was awarded the EMC Connecting Rod.

I believe Paul made most all the EMC events during 2023, usually driving his Alfa. Yes, we are a multifunctional club and Paul keeps us all connected.

President John Turbeville was recognized with a can of aged survival crackers for making it another year as President of the EMC. He’s a great cat herder!

I heard the distant rumble of a bad throw-out bearing — or perhaps it was bad universal joint — as the recipient of the Eager Beaver Award didn’t make the gathering; he was displaced along the roadside while en route. For his creativeness and willingness to wear a wool London bobbie’s uniform in mid-September in Mississippi and issue citations (*gasp!*) our very own Bobbie, Bobbie, Bobbie (a/k/a Richard Greene) was presented the Eager Beaver at his garage, post-gathering, by Charlie Durning. Thanks, Richard, for your calm and poise under duress at the 2023 Brits on the Bluff.

Following the award presentations, officers for the EMC were decided and unanimously agreed to. John Turbeville will continue as President of the EMC with Steve Whitlow as the Vice President. Keith Anderson

will continue as the Technical Chairman, Clay Johnston as the Treasurer, and Stephen Turner as the Membership Chairman.

Unfortunately, due to other obligations, we'll lose Kelly Turner as the editor of the *Undo*. Charlie Durning agreed to step into the role of editor as a Contributing Editor of *British Marque Car Club News*.



Changes to the EMC's publication and distribution of *The Off-Side Undo*

For 2024 *The Off-Side Undo* will not be published and distributed as a stand-alone publication. Charlie Durning has agreed to collect articles for submission to *British Marque Car Club News* (the *Marque*) under the EMC's *Undo* masthead.

If you are a writer of fact or fiction and would like to submit articles and/or photos for the EMC newsletter, you can send those to Charlie through the website, www.msemc.org, using the Contact Us tab, or send an e-mail to msemc@usnx.com.

Your source for EMC news will be the *Marque*. If you are a paying member of the EMC your dues include a subscription to the *Marque*. The *Marque* is published both electronically and as a USPS-delivered newspaper 11 months per year. January news is included in a combined January/February issue. Usually, the electronic publication is received before the first week of each month and the USPS delivers the newspaper edition about 7 to 10 days later.

If you are not receiving the *Marque*, you should send an inquiry to Membership Chairman Stephen Turner through the website, www.msemc.org, using the Contact Us tab, or send an e-mail to msemc@usnx.com.

[Exec. Ed. note: Many of our Participating Clubs have opted to do this instead of publishing stand-alone newsletters. Members who subscribe to our print edition can get the electronic (on-line) edition at no additional cost by contacting the Marque, or can switch from print to electronic by contacting your club. —BV]

Other EMC news

Dues for 2024

English Motoring Club dues for 2024 have increased to \$30 and are requested to be paid by April of each year. If you've not paid your dues for 2024 please consider doing so. If you are uncertain of your status, please contact Stephen Turner through the website, www.msemc.org, using the Contact Us tab or send an e-mail to msemc@usnx.com. Dues can be mailed to EMC, c/o Stephen Turner, 104 Southpark Dr., Vicksburg MS 39180, or delivered to

an EMC officer at club events.

North American MGB Register Membership

EMC members get several benefits for being a member of the North American MGB Register. The Register includes not only MGB-related information but registers and information for the MGC, MG Midget and Next Generation MGs. Benefits include insurance coverage for the EMC, a subscription to *The MG Driver* published bimonthly, and a Mutual Aid Directory listing members and shops that support our hobby.

Our requirement is to maintain eight EMC active members to belong to NAMGBR receive these benefits.

We currently have ten individuals that have indicated the EMC as either their primary or secondary club.

Please consider joining the NAMGBR and indicate the EMC of Mississippi as your primary or secondary club.

The cost for one year is \$30. Additional information can be had by visiting <https://namgbr.org>.

Upcoming EMC gathering

March 16 — EMC Tops Down. For 2024 the EMC will be meeting at Rocky Springs, Miss., on the Natchez Trace with the hope of an early spring and a celebration of St. Patrick's Day, so you might consider wearing a wee bit of green to avoid a pinch.

Bring a dish and enjoy the afternoon with the EMC family and friends. Those leaving from the Jackson area will depart from the Clinton, Miss., Visitors Center (on the Natchez Trace) at 10 a.m.

Details: Keith and Pat Anderson, (601) 829-2573.