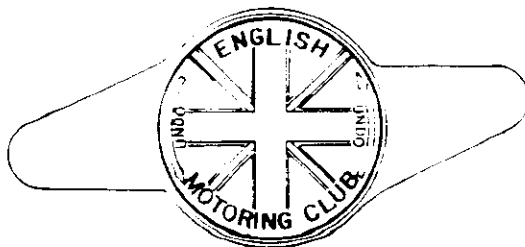


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REFLECTIONS

THE CREDIT WHERE CREDIT IS DUE DEPARTMENT

The person who lays out the rally course, writes the general instructions officiates at the drivers/navigators meeting and does the scoring is able to bask in the glory of the accomplishment-if the rally works. It is really nice to hear applause and receive compliments and all too often the people who really made the event happen do not get even a portion of the credit they deserve. In this article, I would like to recognize the people who really did all the that made the Empire Trophy rally the success that it was.

EMC President Pat Cashman handled all the arrangements at the hotel, prechecked the rally, assembled the envelopes, got the door prizes and the coveted Empire Trophies, photocopied instructions, worked a checkpoint and the driving test, supplied a parking lot for the start and the driving tests, and arranged for the really neat rally plates, from art work to printing. Barbara Cashman also spent half a day prechecking the rally, worked a checkpoint with Pat, worked on the driving test leg and prepared the food Saturday night. Florence Simmers chauffeured me around town while I painted the empire trophy outlines and checked the route. She also got the Friday night hospitality together, worked a checkpoint and was out at 7 AM to get the coffee and donuts set up Sunday morning. Barbara and Florence tolerated rally papers and rally work and odd schedules in their households for several weeks. Without Pat, Barbara, and Florence there would not have been an Empire Trophy Rally this year. At the rally, Jack Pool and Alex Wade (Younger) let us use their room for Friday night registration and hospitality and the Houses offered their room. Jane House and Tere Wade helped with registration.

I certainly hope that everyone had fun at the rally. I also hope that everyone realizes that the Saturday rally was like the tip of an iceberg, you may have seen the rally and the rallymaster without having seen the amount of time and effort freely given by the people who worked harder and did more things than the rallymaster.

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CLASSY - PHIDES

SELL: '63 MGB, good body, rough int., engine needs work. Make Offer!
Butch Nasif Vicksburg 636-0923 (eve)

SELL: '53 MG-TD being refurbished (leather int, paint, minor body-work). Wood is good, will be back to "orig" this Spring.
Hiram Shepard, Memphis 901-754-0538 (eve)

SELL: '75 TR7; good body, not running (broken ring?). Make offer.
Matt Hill, Benton, MO 314-545-3149

SELL: '72 MGB-GT, air & OD. Your choice of wires or disc wheels. Drive now, restore later. \$2000.

'78 MGB, green/tan w/ new top. Weber & header, good overall condition. \$2800.

'79 D/SP autocross car, fast & good handling. New red/white paint & top. Reasonable sale to a "British Car nut".

'80 Limited Ed. MGB, new paint & top & tires. Nicel \$4800.
Gary Miller, Yazoo City 746-7341

SELL: TR3, partially disassembled, complete & solid. \$800.

TR4A-IRS for restoration (not running). \$900.

TR3, no motor/trans. Solid body, primed. \$600.
Bryson Lesley, Chattanooga, TN (615)-622-5126

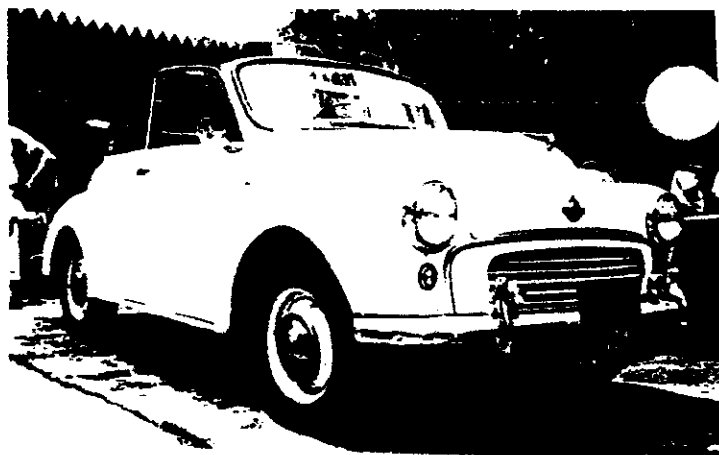
WANT: TR2 restorable, must be straight & rust-free. Can talk a '47 Triumph 1800 Roadster in trade!
Scotty Marsh Lawrenceville, GA (404)-962-5841

ED. NOTE: I have details on this 1800 roadster if you need more info.

EDITOR'S LICENSE

You no doubt noticed that this issue is devoted to our Empire Trophy Rally and the upcoming Briton At The Beach party at Cashman's! There's plenty more to write about, just not enough room this month!

CORR: Alex has the States mixed a little in his article - it's Illinois, not Indiana, for our friends the McKnells. Anyone get the British term "Cor"?



LOCAL NOTES:

Welcome New Members!

Doug Thomas, MD from Hattiesburg owns a '69 MGB. We hope to see Doug at the upcoming EMC events!

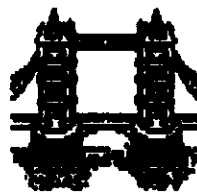
HA! FOOLED YOU!

So there WASN'T a May O.S.U. issue. I still culled our mailing down to current info, so those with "Stars" by their mailing labels in April AREN'T getting to read this issue (with some notable exceptions)!

ENGLISH MOTORING CLUB



presents



BRIGHTON AT THE BEACH PARTY

Sunday July 2 from 2 PM 'til ??

VICKSBURG, MS

Pat & Barbara Cashman are hosting our **July Swim-in**
at their home. **BRITISH CARS WELCOMED**, but **NOT**
in the **POOL!**



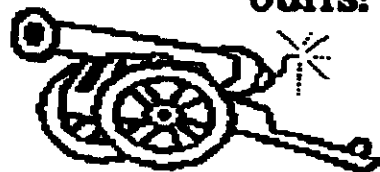
Furnished: FISH & CHIPS
LEMON SQUASH (lemonade to Yanks!)
Lots of SUN, POOL, & FUN!

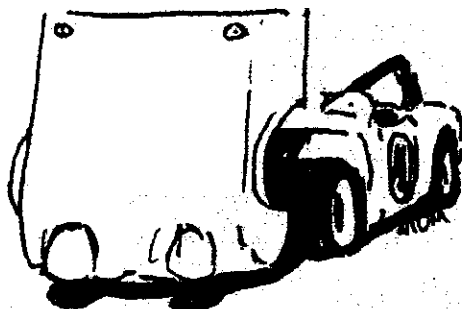
U Bring: SwimWear (Family neighborhood!)
Drink of choice
Whatever Else!

Directions: Addr = 237 McCauley St. From I-20 take
Exit 4B (Nat'l Park). At Light #10 (2nd stop
light) turn Rt (Mr Cook on corner). At dead-
end turn Lft. 1 blk later (at Hospital) turn Rt
onto McCauley. Continue on (bear Rt), it's at
top of hill on Rt. Call 601-638-3240 info.

★★ SPECIAL NOTE! ★★

Come EARLY and enjoy the various festivities of the
Vicksburg Rebel Victory & Steamboat Jubilee
This is a **LIVING HISTORY RE-ENACTMENT** of Civil War
events starting at 10 AM, and includes Trench Warfare
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RALLEY RESULTS - VICKSBURG

This will give you an idea of how competitive and tough the ralley was! "0" points is a PERFECT SCORE, 2400 is maximum lost points possible.

Place	Team	Car	Leg 1	Leg 2	Leg 3	Leg 4	Total
1	George Callow Bette Ray Callow	MG A	20	30	600	0	650
2	John Copes Randle Wilson	MG B	5	10	600	53	668
3	Jeff Burnett Terri Burnett	MG B	25	53	600	91	769
4	Jack Pool Alex Wade (Younger)	TE 3	154	10	600	215	989
5	Craig House Jane House	A-H	60	18	600	313	992
6	Keith Anderson Brian Anderson	Jag	3	14	600	600	1232
7	Brent Barron Dan Wardlaw	RX 7	540	23	600	118	1300
8	Alex Wade (Elder) Tere Wade	MG TA	600	60	600	50	1310
9	Carlyle Miller Vivian Miller	Morris	435	136	589	159	1315
10	William McKnelly Shirley McKnelly	Morris	600	90	600	118	1412
11	Frank Farpley None	MG A	600	44	600	168	1442
12	David Crawford Dean Crawford	MG A	---	---	---	---	DNF
13	Joe Speetjens Mary Ann Speetjens	Mog	---	---	---	---	DNS

OUT FOR A DRIVE!



It sure is nice that the EMPIRE TROPHY RALLEY happens so close to Mother's Day each year. Someone asked me what I was giving my Mother for Mother's Day. They were impressed when I told them I had given her a trip to Vicksburg and a Silver Bowl! Little did they know she had to work hard for her Silver. As usual, my hat is off (as if you could keep one on in a British Car) to John, Pat and all their crew for making this year's Ralley so enjoyable. The fun, food, & fellowship always make it one of our favorite Road Trips. Keep up the GOOD WORK!

GEORGE & BETTY CALLOW

HOW TO HAVE FUN WITHOUT REALLY TRYING

"Cor, Tere! I don't know if we're going to make this one!"

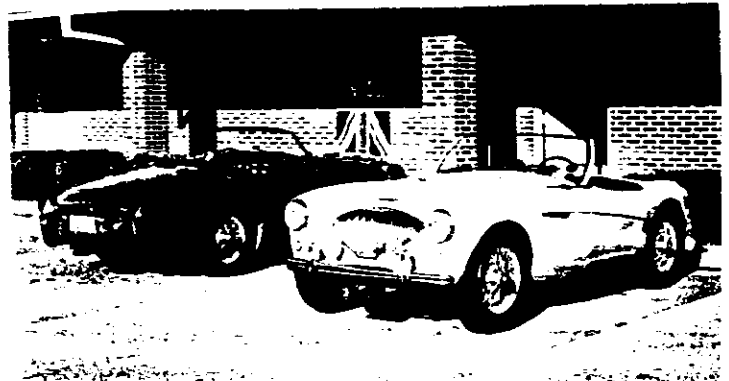
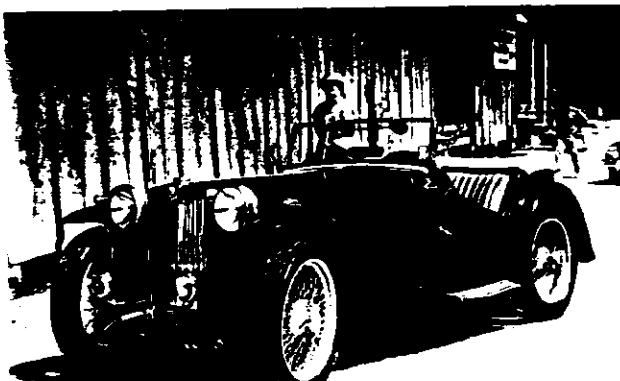
I coaxed the MG's gear lever into first and stared up at what had to be the steepest, nastiest semi-paved street in Vicksburg. And with a stop sign at the top! After revving up our trusty four-banger and letting out its oil-soaked clutch, the car finally made up its mind that I was serious about attacking the Pike's Peak of the South. Setting up on its haunches, it began to inch its way up the incline, pausing only a moment to remind its occupants that this task was not entered into with any degree of confidence on the MG's part.

"MG-TA's were legendary in the pre-war hillclimb events," I coolly remarked to my navigator. Had she possessed a parachute, she would surely have helped lighten the load at this point.

The MG, however, was reminded of its heritage, and in a burst of patriotic pride, it began to wind its way up the hill like a cog railroad engine. With the pedal to the floor, she let out a mighty roar which continued until we reached the top. Fortunately for us and the car, she chose not to stop at the 45 degree angle which preceded the stop sign and continued forward until we had crossed the street before us and teetered at the summit. Looking straight ahead into empty space over its long bonnet, I discerned a new problem: the road before us was even steeper in its descent than the road behind us! I wondered if I had mentioned to Tere about the rear axle seals leaking oil on the brake drums. Best not to bring it up now, I thought. I'd also like to keep our marriage intact.

Keeping the car in that stump-pulling first gear, we began our descent. Have you ever heard the sound Goofy makes in Walt Disney cartoons as he careens off a cliff? Well, subtract a few octaves and you'll know what that car sounded like. Lunging from side to side to avoid the ditches, the MG showed its true pre-war steering charm, accentuated by front-acting brakes only. We made it to the bottom and maintained enough momentum to get us half way up the next hill.

Were we in the South African Road Rally? No, just the English Motoring Club's annual foray to Vicksburg, Mississippi for the Empire Trophy Rally. True to form, Tere, the MG, and I had gotten totally lost on the first leg of this prestigious event and had to thread our way back



through the City of Vicksburg to our starting point to try again. This time, we read the directions which stated that you follow certain road directions BEFORE you begin looking for the the little trophy outlines which told you when to turn.

The rest of the rally was fairly straight forward. You simply pick out another car and follow it through the endless countryside. At least until he misses a turn and you reluctantly set forth on your own, blazing a trail down a path which was probably last used by General Grant. We had fun anyway, and Tere even enjoyed a little ballroom dancing with Jack Pool at one of the control points.

As luck would have it, we did manage to find our way back to the Magnolia ("Millard Fillmore slept here") Inn and waited for the other lost souls to wander in. Gin and tonics became the order of the day as we dusted off and waited for the feeling in our posteriors to return.

The Simmers's and the Cashman's put out a delectable array of fine au doivres to go with our Guinness Extra Stout (served at the appropriate temperature, having baked all afternoon in the back of an MGB-GT). We also enjoyed examining the centerpiece built by Pat Cashman. This display was a clever miniaturization of a garage servicing an E-type and a Lotus 7 (I especially liked the grease spots!).

John Simmers was in true form as MC for the evening's festivities. Pat and Barbara even distributed champaign for our traditional toast to the Queen. We were especially impressed with the winners of the coveted Empire Trophy - two of the nicest people we have ever met from Memphis - George and Betty Callow in an MGA Coupe.

After good food and conversation, we retired to our meeting room for British Car Trivia and British Car Monopoly. Both are great games invented by John Simmers for true enthusiasts. Having lost my shirt to Jack ("just call me William Lyons") Pool in the Monopoly Game the night before, I stuck with the Trivia game (just how did the name "Koo Stark" end up as a trivia subject anyway?) and made a fair showing with the help of Frank Tarpley from Alabama.

Memories? We brought home a bunch of them. I'll never forget the McKnelly's and Miller's, those nice folks who drive their Morris's down each year from Indiana and Iowa for this event. (It was Bill McKnelly who taught me all about deer whistles). Seeing the Speetjens' new Morgan was a treat, as well as the Cashman's new Lotus Europa JPS. It was great to see at least ONE other couple, the House's, dressed in period costume (ever have those dreams where you go to a party and you don't have any clothes on? Same effect).

Most of all, we won't forget a certain hill. Ever.

FLIGHT OF THE NAVIGATOR

Thirty-two British Car enthusiasts participated in the EMPIRE TROPHY RALLEY, which was sponsored by our own EMC. We were delighted to see 16 British cars, even from other States (Alabama, Louisiana, Iowa, Illinois, Tennessee). The weather cooperated by providing the PERFECT tops-down motoring! We began in Vicksburg, and quickly made the surrounding countryside to enjoy the scenery. My 12 year old Navigator was awarded the 1st place Silver Bowl at last year's Ralley, so we were both feeling a bit cocky about a repeat performance. Unfortunately, I got lost on the 1st leg of the Ralley, but my trustworthy Navigator got us to the check-point within 3 seconds of a perfect time.

The 2nd leg took us down some winding roads which let us drive as our cars were originally intended. Somehow we came into the check-point 15 min early, but our misfortune was spread throughout the competitor ranks as nearly everyone missed the same turn!

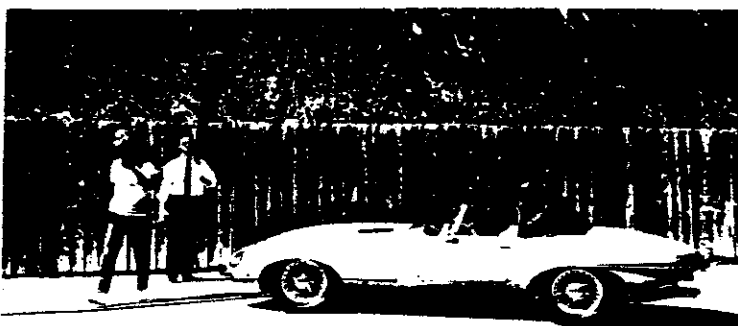
On the 3rd leg, we became hopelessly lost (Navigator's fault). Even though we had no idea where we were, the Jag seemed right at home on the beautiful backroads. We settled back and had a leisurely drive to the final check-point, although from the wrong direction, and joined the others for a well-deserved party.

The FIRST PLACE award went to George & Betty Callow from Memphis, SECOND PLACE was garnered by John Copes & Randie Wilson. Great door prizes, too! Alex & Tere Wade won the prize for Most Stylish Team for the time period of their car, a 1939 MG-TA.

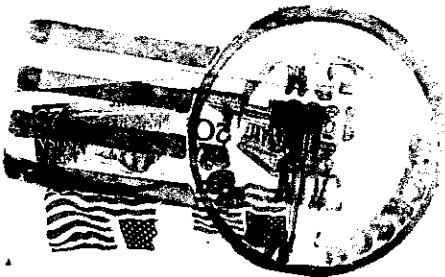
It was good to see old friends Cy & Vivian Miller from Iowa, and Bill Shirley McKnelly from Illinois, both couples driving their Morris Minors to the Ralley. Met a few new friends, too! Frank Tarpley from Alabama in his black MG-A; Richard & Jena Johnson brought their TR-3A but didn't rally. A couple "new" cars to our area were present, too (Cashman's Lotus Europa JPS; Speetjen's red Morgan 4 + 4).

Many thanks to John & Florence, Pat & Barbara, and Crews for their efforts to show us a GREAT TIME in this historic city!

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SEP 16-17
ST LOUIS BRITISH CAR DAY . . .
SEP 16-17
NEW ORLEANS BTITISH CAR DAY . . .
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MEMPHIS BRITISH CAR FEST . . .
OCT 13-15
(SVRA) ATLANTA VINTAGE GP RACE
OCT 27-29
(EMC) GUY FAWKES DAY PICNIC . . .
NOV 4
(LA MG) REYNOLDS RALLEY . . .
NOV 5
(EMC) CHRISTMAS PARTY . . .
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