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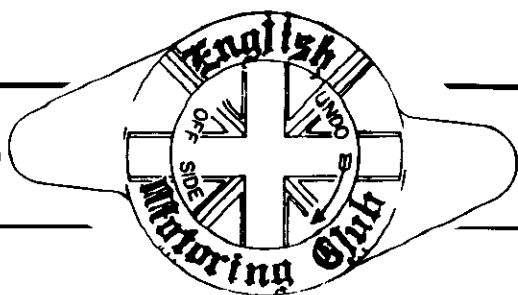
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for Triumph GT6. call -
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WANTED: JAG XKE
Coupe for sale. call -
RICH KILPATRICK,
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SELL: '77 MG MIDGET
excellent cond. call -
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WANTED: BRAIN TRANS-
PLANT FOR OUR ROVER!
(Anonymous Owner).

Welcome a couple of recent adds to our little family of gear nuts: Mark Covington, owner of a '76 MG Midget, and Bill May, who has a '63 MGB both joined this summer. Hope to see you & yours at the upcoming events!

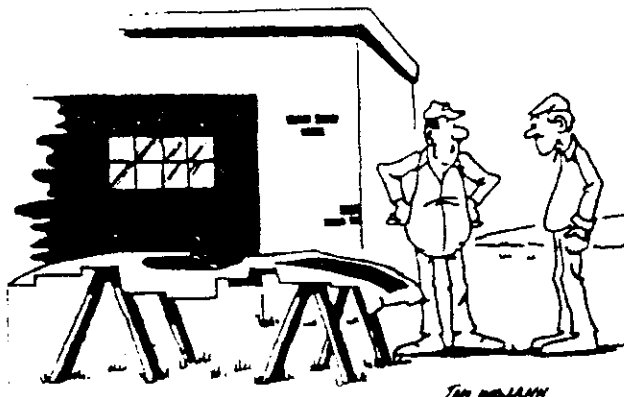
DOORS WELDED SHUT ... Inquire Within!

I must say, the turn-out for our July MIG WELDING TECH SESSION was superb! The Summer Tech Sessions are becoming quite a family affair, what with the side event "ICE CREAM SOCIAL" being held at the same time! Even had Wilburt and Alex try their hand at "running a bead". Many THANKS go to my old friend Gerald Vanderpoorten (and son Jason) for providing an afternoon of insight and tips on fixing up old iron. We have since increased the size of the power feed wire and improved on the grounding clamp, and can report much better results than were capable at the session (the power drain through extension cords is noticable!). One day soon, you'll be able to gaze at our handy-work on my '67 Healey chassis (soon destined for a Redi-Strip bath).

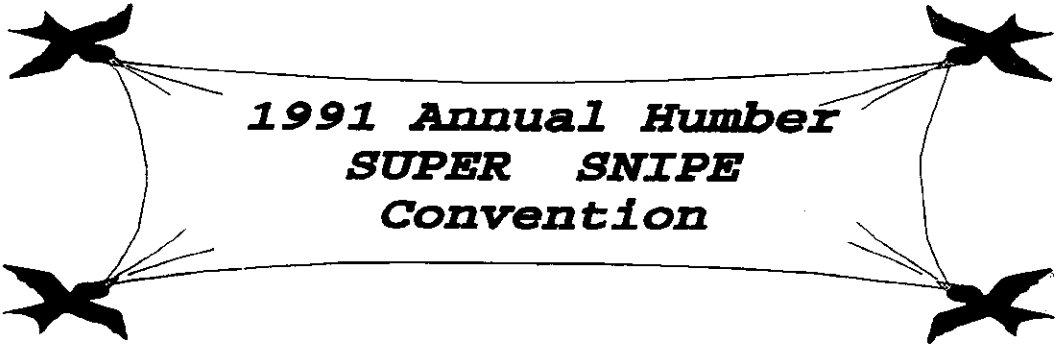
In attendance were the Cashmans, McKees, Easoms, Jaskowskis, Wades, Andersons, Houses, and Vanderpoortens. What's next - ReTreading the 19" Commanders?

AUSTERE MEMBER JOINS RANKS

What a coupe! Alex Wade has informed me that Mr. Byron Farquar Fudpucker III has become an EMC member! Byron (if I may) brings to our Club a number of rare gems-on-wheels, including a Healey Silverstone, '34 Invicta 4.5L "S" Tourer, '65 Gordon-Keeble, and a '49 Jowett Jupiter! He has just returned State-side from a European rallie campaign where he collected many treasurable stories in a '67 Citroen 2CV . . .more on this excitement in future O-S-U's!



"Once I got the rust cut away I wondered if it was worth restoring."



1991 Annual Humber SUPER SNIPE Convention

Like most Humber enthusiasts, the long awaited annual meeting of the Humber Super Snipe Owner's Association (HSSOAA) in Pelahatchie, MS was an event I simply could not miss. This year proved to be an even better event than anticipated, for I was able to attend in the pristine Super Snipe owned by Ludlow, MS resident Byron Farquar Fudpucker, III!

I was beside myself with excitement as Farq (to his friends) rolled into my driveway on the Friday before the event. It was our intent to actually drive the entire distance to Pelahatchie, nearly a dozen miles all told. Fanatically maintained by its enthusiastic owner since new, this Super Snipe had only 498 miles on the odometer. Most of its years were spent in a hermetically sealed garage, but Farq said a total ground up restoration was required after 400 miles to bring the car up to Show standards. Most of its original parts had to be trashed and replaced with newer items, often of dubious, non-British origin.

Capably driven by its owner, the car and occupants set out to Pelahatchie. We stopped only twice to re-attach a fender, repair a blown head gasket, and conduct the mandatory 25 mile lube job. The highlight of this trip was the stretch of I-20 just before Pelahatchie when a '62 Ford Falcon chose to drive in formation with us. Our new friend came in handy later, as the Falcon's sturdy bumper was needed to push our vehicle the last 3 miles when our transmission packed it in.

Our arrival at the Radisson Hyatt Alamo Plaza in Pelahatchie caused quite a stir, as we were the only car show entrants who appeared to have arrived under our own power (the Falcon had given us a mighty push just a few blocks away). Many envious Humber enthusiasts crowded around our car and asked dozens of questions ("What's that smell?"; "Are your brake drums really supposed to glow like that?") as we unpacked the car.

The hospitality reception was held next door at Pelahatchie's posh "McPossum's Restaurant". It was good to visit with old friends and meet new Humber followers from across the country. One couple had driven their car all the way from British Columbia! They were, however, looking forward to the conclusion of the event so they could begin their long journey back to Moosejaw. It seems they hadn't seen their 3 year old daughter since leaving her with a babysitter back in '87. "I suppose she'll want extra for this, EH?", the father was heard to say.

The next morning saw us washing/waxing our faithful steed along with the other owners. Farq and I were still bleary-eyed from having to rebuild the Snipe's Fluid-O-Matic Hyper-Drive transmission overnight. Fortunately, we were able to replace a layshaft by shortening a leg from one of the many plastic flamingos found on the motel grounds.

This enabled us to drive across the street to the car display area, "THREE FLAGS OVER PELAHATCHIE". This year's event had an especially large turnout - FOUR Super Snipes participated, and, along with their road crews, nearly filled Three Flag's ample parking lot. In addition to Farq's immaculate example and the car belonging to the Canadians, we had a Filipino Taxi conversion brought in from Nebraska and a rare 3-Wheeler Super Snipe from Maryland. The 3-Wheeler was developed by the factory by simply omitting all the left-hand side components of a standard rear axle. Handling is, I'm told, a bit dicey even with a proper passenger balance.

The Concours judging was completed by noon, allowing us time to enjoy the many attractions of Three Flags before the Rally began. My favorites include the Tilt-A-Dozer ride and seeing the "World's Largest Collection of Eggs Naturally Discolored to Resemble More Or Less the Faces of All the Presidents". Fun for the whole family, indeed!

Our TSD (Time-Speed-Distance) Rally went smoothly thanks to Farq's talented driving and my own incredible navigational skills. The Rally, conducted entirely in the near-by WalMart parking lot, entertained the local shoppers immensely as many had never seen 4-wheel drifts before. Our unpenalized run contrasted sharply with the next runner-up, the Canadians, who were penalized for scattering large chunks of Bond-O along the route. The Filipino Taxi conversion got lost, and the 3-Wheeler was last seen careening through "ladies underwear".

Saturday evening's Awards Supper at "Chez Carp" was certainly an extravagant affair. Our formal dinner consisted of Gar Almondine, Grits a la Bubba, and a mess of boiled Okra. After dinner, we spent several hours listening to the past experiences and anecdotes of the main speaker, Geoffery Thaxton Llewelyn (famed Humber ashtray fabricator from '52 to '65). In the awards portion of the evening, our Canadian friends took top honors in the Concours, having lost only a few points for having a Ford Pinto engine. Farq's car came in second, having lost many points for not having his chassis bolts all properly aligned. We did, of course, win the coveted "Huge and Obscene Rally Trophy" for our First Place running. Best interior went to the Filipino Taxi for its startling collection of velco dash critters. Our 3-Wheeler entrant was disqualified, however, when it was discovered that this Super Snipe wannabe was actually a clever fiberglass body stuck on a Ford F-100 chassis. Despite this deception, I understand that the car was later sold at a Phoenix auction for a substantial sum!

We spent the next morning packing our car and giving our farewells. We were quite late getting away from the motel as we encountered some difficulty with the local authorities concerning our "Huge and Obscene Rally Trophy". Properly deflated, we were just able to squeeze the trophy into the trunk, thereby complying with local laws. The only trouble encountered on the way home was Farq's insistence on driving backwards to erase his acquired mileage (this led to many near-accidents). Once home, I spent the rest of the evening dreaming about the day when I, too, could afford to own one of these wonderful examples of British craftsmanship!

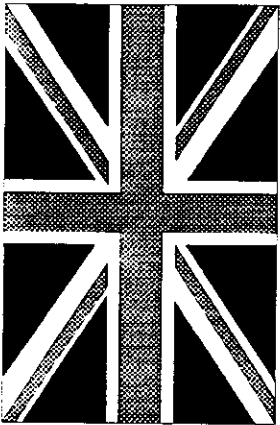
A HUMBER ENTHUSIAST

(ED NOTE: we're happy to report on any events that our members and friends want to write about, and particularly pleased to hear about such rare and unusual outings as this year's HSSOAA meeting. Sorry this one is a little late, we wanted plenty of room to print the whole, sordid affair!)

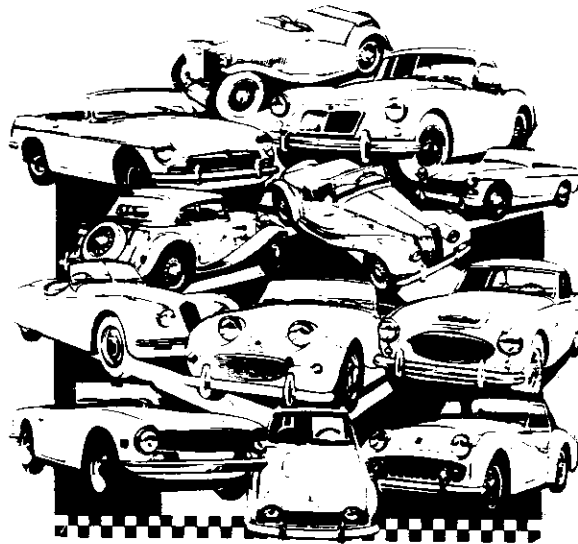
the ENGLISH MOTORING CLUB of MS joins the CALEDONIAN SOCIETY

IN PRESENTING THE

9TH ANNUAL BRITISH CAR DAY & HIGHLAND GAMES



in JACKSON, MS



For a different kind of Car Show, the English Motoring Club of MS has teamed up with the annual "Highland Games" event in Jackson. Cars will be displayed in a rustic setting, among many British Isles-costumed participants, British merchants, and various events pertaining to the cars and to the Scottish Games. Cars must remain in place from 9 AM until 5 PM. Team Judging will take place with prizes and Trophies being awarded.

Join us for a truly unique experience! Be imaginative and BE BRITISH!

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(BSCOM) BRITISH CAR FEST. ...
 Memphis, TN
 Oct 11-13
 (SVRA) ROAD ATLANTA, ROEBLING.
 Gainesville, GA
 Oct 25-27
 (EMC) BRITISH CAR DAY JACKSON.
 Jackson, MS
 Nov 1-2
 (AVCM) SWAP MEET & CAR CORRAL.
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