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Spring has sprung in Mississippi and EMCrs now have plenty of opportunities to get the covers off their cars and feel free to move about the countryside. Despite the horrendous bouts of foul weather we've had during the last few weeks, there have also been some beautiful days to get out and about. Here are reports from this years events to date.

New Orleans British Car Show Report - Al Adams

EMC attendees to the New Orleans British Car Show on March 22nd included Pat and Barbara Cashman introducing and taking a 1st place with their new Jaguar XK140 DHC, Gene and Martha Johnston in one of the best looking MGB GTs you'll see around, and our newest club members Gary and Rhonda Cosby earning a 3rd place with their recently acquired 80 MGB LE. Other members attending included Dave and Menda Hayden who took home a 3rd place in the TR2-250 class with the showing of their exquisite TR4A in semi restored form. Dave said it will be finished by next year's show and I say it will be an awesome sight when completed. Speaking of exquisite, we were able to view another of Bill Silhan's cars. This time it was his 1951 Morgan +4 which deservedly placed first in the Empire Sports class. Barry Schmidt copped an easy 2nd with his TR7 that seems to look better every time you see it. Other members enjoying the event but not showing cars included Dennis and Mary Katherine Loftin and Debbie and myself.

It was one of those weekends when everything seemed to go perfect. Deb and I drove down to New Orleans from Brandon in her MGB Friday afternoon. Since solving the ongoing problem with the Mallory distributor, the B performed flawlessly. Gary and Rhonda joined us at Middendorf's in Manchac for some of the world's best seafood and everything just got better from there. After settling in at the motel and checking out the British iron in the parking lot, we enjoyed a healthy serving of superb hospitality and (more) superb food Friday evening with the New Orleans car club folks. It was then time for us to break Lucas's rule and "motor about after dark" to get some beignets at Fat City and take a drive along Ponchartrain's waterfront. Enjoying a good night's rest, we woke up to perfect car show weather and attended what seemed a perfect event. The cars and motorcycles, especially the showstopper 1929 Rolls Royce Brewster Town Car, along with near perfect (they ran out of shrimp) shrimp and oyster po-boys from a nearby shop, only added to the list of things fantasies are made of. Then it was time to head back home with the top down. So with perfectly full bellies and perfect smiles on our faces we left the "Big Easy" thinking "it just doesn't get any better than this".

Ferrari Club at Cedar Grove Event -

Several members of the EMC joined the Ferrari Club, the Mississippi Antique Vehicle Club and the Hot Rod Club for their charity show at Cedar Grove mansion in Vicksburg on April 12th and 13th.

After gathering at the Sonic Drive-In on Halls Ferry Rd. late Saturday evening, the group was taken on a 45 minute procession through the streets of downtown Vicksburg. With sirens blaring the police department escorted the convoy up one street and down the next. I'm not sure who enjoyed the event the most. Maybe it was the people that came out of their homes to see what the heck was going on only to discover a long line of unusual, but beautiful automobiles. Or maybe it was the people in the automobiles displaying their pride and joys to the young and old alike. The parade ended at Cedar Grove antebellum mansion where the group was treated to a delicious catfish supper and several hours of superb entertainment.

The weather was excellent again on Sunday for the car exhibition on the grounds of Cedar Grove. Entries included several Ferraris, Porsches, new Jaguars, old motorcycles, and some really well done Hot Rods. There were also several very nice Mustangs and other pieces of American iron presented by the Antique Vehicle Club. Included in that group and to the delight of everyone, was Parker and Linda Hall's newly finished '51 Buick Woody station wagon. What a great restoration job and gorgeous car.

The EMC was represented by Barry and Patti Schmidt (TR7), Jim and Faye Enzman (MGB), Keith Anderson (E Type), Dennis and Mary Katherine Loftin (E Type), Pat and Barbara Cashman (Austin Princess and Jag XK140 DHC), Bill and Melissa Silhan (Aston Martin DB6), Parker and Linda Hall (Ace AC Bristol), and Al and Debbie Adams (Rover P4 100). Late Sunday afternoon we were fortunate enough to have the British cars blessed and exorcised of the demons of Lucas by a local priest. The event ended appropriately with "high tea" at The Corners antebellum mansion where guests were served delicious pastries and refreshing drinks.

Sincere thanks go to Parker Hall and all of the folks who worked with him to put on such a truly great event. If you weren't able to attend this year, you should really plan to be there next year. The location is very accessible to most of our

club members, the setting couldn't be any better, and the food, entertainment, and car exhibition are worth much more than the entry fee.