

THE OFF-SIDE UNDO

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One Thing

Ridgeland MS – In preparation for the 2010 EMC Drive Thru History I thought it might be a good idea to do a clutch bleed since last year's gearbox issues. Nothing complicated but the above thing did lead to another. In the process of bleeding the clutch which I've heard horror stories about but never had the pleasure of attesting to personally I evidently lost prime....or pressure or maybe it was my mind that was giving way. The first attempt with my faithful wife sitting in the car giving attention when required and reading a favored book seemed to be uneventful. However when I set Ole Red off the jack stands the next morning I discovered, no clutch! Back in the air that evening and another round of the clutch two step with the more patient of the two of us enjoying her book during the breaks. It was during the second round that I discovered fluid exiting the slave cylinder from an incorrect location. RATS! The next day I spent calling half a dozen vendors in the area looking for a slave cylinder or rebuild kit. None were to be found in the Jackson MS area. Did I hear the bugle blowing charge! EMC'er to the rescue! I tracked down Trey Decell thinking that he might know a source for a 1 1/4" cup seal. Did I mention that no one carries cup seals anymore? Ask at any parts house and you'll get a blank stare or if inquiring by telephone an uh....at the end of the line. Well Trey didn't have a source for cup seals either but he did have the old slave cylinder left over as scrap from his recent five speed conversion. Admittedly it wasn't new and shiny but being the only game in town I jumped at the offer to take the old unit off his hands. No need for it to clutter up his parts box any longer. So on the third night of this miss-adventure faithful wife, pumping feverishly and I were able to get the air out of the system and Ole Red back on the road again. What about the other thing you ask? About 2 miles into my test run I noted the speedometer wavering wildly back and forth and then a sudden stop on the resting pin and heard the whirl of a fractured cable. Always seems to be one thing or another.

EMC's Drive Thru History

Noxapator MS – May 15, 2010 four MG's and one Jag along with ten members of the EMC headed north on the Natchez Trace for the low hills of central Mississippi. Departing the Ross Barnett Overlook at 9:30am we traveled north to Kosciusko for our first stop at the Kosciusko Welcome Center. The first leg of sixty miles was under mainly overcast and cool skies. We then turned off the Trace and scooted over another 30 or so miles to Louisville and our next stop of the day, lunch at Lake Tia O'Kata and as usual the food was wonderful with about everything you could think of to eat including apple pie and ice cream. After a break to catch our breath we took off again winding up and down hill and valley to De Kalb another 40 or so miles down the road.

We took a rest stop in De Kalb and leaving Pat and Barbara Cashman to seek out the local quilting shop we continued on down to Meridian another 40 miles south and the location of our main stop of the day at the Merrihope House.

The 150 year old lady was in great shape and the tour guide was quite convincing regarding the presence of the house spirit Eugenia and her unnamed co-ghost. John Turbeville with is electronic device even indicated the presence of a bit of babble by previously mentioned ghost. We could never piece the conversation together but had great fun trying. After the sun broke thru the early overcast most of the day was clear however as we departed Merrihope for our evening digs we caught a bit of downpour which required a quick hood pitching not 2 miles from the hotel the only casualty being the wipers on David's MGA which wouldn't budge. After a short rest and some showers at the hotel we all headed out for a great meal at Crescent City Dinner.



Drive Thru History Participants 2010

Photo Courtesy EMC

You may have notice that during Saturday's travels we never made it to Noxapater. It's a long story and somewhat cloudy but my first trip to Noxapater was several years ago and I really had my heart set on a second visit to downtown Noxapater. During Saturday's travels we couldn't work it in so as we broke camp on Sunday morning Martha and I retraced some of the prior day's tracks and did make it to Noxapater by lunch on Sunday. We barely found the town and never did find the creek that lent its name to the town but the roads made the effort well worth

the energy spent. Now I can say I've been to Noxapater and back. It was a great weekend traveling the back roads of Mississippi. We all had a great time and thanks to newlyweds David and Joanne Crawford for providing us with a very memorable Drive Thru History 2010.



Ole Red in Noxapator 2010

Photo Courtesy EMC

Other Exhaust Rattles

Mike and Alice Glore were missed during the DTH. They hosted the Mississippi Classic Cruisers at their Braxton shop. I haven't gotten word regarding the turnout but we'll see them during our July gathering.

Keith Anderson recently received correspondence from Al and Debbie Adams who have located to Townsend TN. They indicate that they're doing well and have opened a gift and antique shop in the area and are staying busy with it. The new owner of their P4 is indicated to have undertaken what sounds to be a pretty major redo of the car. Al hasn't seen it but I bet he's looking forward to a ride in the old Rover.

A recent check in with other reporting members of the EMC indicates that Jim Trunzler's duties continue to increase with David Bailey's recent addition of a Maserati to his collection of cars. I haven't seen the car but indications are that it's a nice one but apparently during shipping it sustained minor damage to the radiator.

Jim indicated that the radiator must have been the first thing to attach to the chassis and everything attached to or around it has to come off to get the radiator. Oh my. Jim also indicates that he has collected a Triumph TR-3 that he'll begin work on soon which brings to mind, where have all the Triumphs gone? Hope that you can make plans to join us for one of the upcoming 2010 events on the calendar.

Happy Motoring,

Gene Johnston

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2010 EVENT CALENDAR

June 19, 2010 – Jake's Picnic and Tire Kick'n / Clinton MS

We'll be halfway thru the 2010 EMC calendar and there's plenty more. The food is great, Chef Pat is back in full service so the burgers and dogs will return to their usual level of tastiness so you don't want to miss the 2010 edition of the party at Jakes. Bring a dish or side and get a free burger or dog. What a deal! Lunch starts about 12:00pm. Details: Jake Weaver (601) 924-4367

July 17, 2010 – EMC Lotus Weekend / Braxton MS

Travel down to the Piney Woods to Mike and Alice's place in the woods. A great trip is in store for the drive down and as well as a great meal and lots of fun and frivolity. Bring a dish and enjoy whiling away a lazy afternoon with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Mike / Alice Glore (504) 231-5801

August 21, 2010 – EMC Tech Session II / Brandon MS

There's enough room and AC for everyone at David and Jo Ann's place. Come on over, the atmosphere is great. David's got lots going on in his garage and it's always of interest so bring some of that along with a dish and enjoy the fun. Lunch starts as 12:00pm. Details: David / Jo Ann Bailey (601) 992-8566