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“A gentleman does not motor about after dark” Joseph Lucas

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Spring Travels 2013

By Gene Johnston

Ridgeland MS – 2013 was the first year that I and fellow travelers from the EMC didn't make British Car Day Hosted by the British Motoring Club of New Orleans in a very long time. After a major hail storm passed thru Central Mississippi the Monday before the show in New Orleans and with the weather forecasters as uncertain as only weather forecasters can be concerning the weather for the show weekend I and most of the EMC travelers decided to stay out of harm's way. I am glad to report that the weather did not meet many forecasters' predictions and a total of 98 cars did make the field. Congratulations are in order to the members of the BMCNO for their hard work and perseverance. I understand that everyone had a great time. I am glad to report that only one of the LBC's in the roster of the EMC sustained damage from the hail storm, Steve Whitlow's '76 Midget took a few hits but the paint less dent removers have assured him that it will be returned to pre-storm condition shortly.



Tommy and Kathy Hart's 1980 MGB LTD Edition on the road in 2012

Six members of the EMC and three members of the BMCO took a break for a few days between April 3rd and 7th and headed for Northwest Arkansas. A few of have been making this trip on and off for four or five years now. The weather was not very cooperative as we traveled to Hot Springs on Wednesday however by lunch on Thursday although a bit overcast and cool we all had a great time getting in three days of traveling the roads less traveled in and around Eureka Springs Arkansas seeing some great sites, enjoying the company and very occasionally the hic-ups that occur driving cars that are nearing the half century mark. A picture is worth a thousand words so with that John and Steve have made a note of a few of the memorable events from travels in Arkansas 2013.

Fun Time Arkansas 2013

By John Turbeville

Photos by Steve Whitlow



Rained like cats and dogs



We drove some fun roads



Blake ran out of gas



John ran off the road in a curve



Keith's starter failed to start



Clay lost brake lights



We ate an elk burger in Jasper



Some of us got lost. All of us were aware of it



We ate the Best Burger in Oark



We drove some more fun roads

Other Exhaust Rattles

Break out your best polish for 2013's Brits on the Bluff. This year the American MGB Association has designated The English Motoring Clubs September 20-21, 2013 event as their 36th Annual Event location. The EMC will be pulling out the stops to welcome a well respected national organization to our show. Stay tuned for more to come and visit their web site at www.mgclub.org

I've received notice from Ernie Clark that Mike Marsh, organizer of the Renaissance Euro Fest here in Ridgeland MS (scheduled for October 5, 2013) has scored another winner in Baton Rouge Louisiana this past weekend with the Euro Fest at Town Centre. Ernie indicates that EMC members Joe Speetjens, Mike Glore and Bill Silhan were all ribbon recipients. Congratulations members on your ribbons and thanks to Mike for organizing another show in the area.

Clay Johnston indicates that we're ahead of the curve for our 2013 memberships at 62. From the members of the EMC to the existing and new members thank you all for your support of the EMC. To those interested or those that are running a bit behind on dues, it's never too late to join. Check out the website www.msemc.org and click on the membership tab. The dues remain \$25.00 and include decals, club newsletter The Off-Side Undo, eleven editions of The British Marque and regular club events.

That's it for this edition of the OSU.

Happy Motoring

The EMC

Events Calendar

April 19 - 20, 2013 - Brits on the Bay / Pensacola FL

The 2012 BOTB got a wee bit of rain but that didn't dampen the spirits in the least. For the 21st Annual show they'll fill the field with friends, fun and automobiles. Make plans to attend a great weekend this time promised to be in the sun. Travel down to Pensacola with the EMC to join us for this yearly migration to sunny Florida. The Friday night gathering is a do not miss so make plans early. Details: www.pbca1.com. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 - 0801

May 2013 – EMC's Drive Thru History

Dates and details to be updated. Please check back for additional information.

June 27 – 28, 2013 – Great American Race / Vicksburg – Natchez MS

The Great American Race sponsored by Hemmings Motor News and Hagerty Auto Insurance will be making an overnight stop in Vicksburg on June 27, 2013 and a lunch stop in Natchez on June 28, 2013 on their way from St. Paul MN to Mobile AL. The EMC is working on plans to join in the fun while the participants are in the state. Details: <http://www.greatrace.com>. Stay tuned for EMC participation information.