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Return to the Bluffs

Natchez, MS – In the last update of the OSU I'd noted that some plans were being hashed out during the EMC gathering down in Braxton. The big topic was what to do for the 14th anniversary of the EMC sponsored car show that has been rolling around on the calendar for the last fourteen or so years. While our time over in Vidalia has been enjoyable and everyone has been most accommodating to our every request, it was decided that it was time to consider something new. The decision while partially new really goes back several years.



Brits on the Mississippi side in dryer times

Photo Courtesy Terry Trovato

The first EMC show, at that time titled Brits on the Bluff, that Martha and I attended was held in Natchez. We had recently moved to the Jackson area and I wasn't long in ownership of the 1973 MGB GT. We'd made a couple of area shows prior to leaving Gulfport MS area sans LBC and really enjoyed the cars. We were probably most impressed with camaraderie that was evident among the attendees, participants and non participants alike. Everyone of course had

interest in the cars but you could tell the bond was something that ran quite a bit deeper. Folks were familiar with each other's automobiles for sure but they were also familiar with the owners and beyond their auto interest an awareness of families and some of the joys and also issues in their lives. In the ten or so years that we've been members of the EMC we've met and enjoyed some great times with some great people in all types of conditions.

That first Brits on the Bluffs that Martha and I attended was under adverse weather conditions. When we awoke on show day the weather was overcast and by the time we'd left the hotel for the show site the bottom had fallen out. It was cool and rainy all day long so what better way to meet your fellow enthusiast than huddled under any available umbrella or overhang looking for a dry spot. It was the first show that we'd attended with our LBC and one that we and all in attendance remember. Every time there's a trip down memory lane on the subject of the EMC's annual show it's proceeded by a "wow, where you there in 2001 when it rained and was cold all day long?" We were and had a great time. While planning for the 14th Annual we've ordered mild temps and no rain. The EMC is looking forward to seeing everyone in Natchez for 2011. Welcome back to Mississippi! We hope that you can attend and enjoy the 14th Annually Brits by the River. For information and a registration form please go to the events tab on the web page at: www.msemc.org

Other Exhaust Rattles

Emmmm, let me see. What's going on in the south during the dog days? Not a lot that I can recall. With the day time temps ranging from the mid-90's and above + humidity it's just too hot to get much accomplished.

David Bailey and Jim Trunzler have been hard at it re-assembling David's MGA. It's one that I really look forward to seeing back on the road. Perhaps it will be close to cranking during the upcoming August Tech Session. Please make plans to attend this gathering. This will be the last one prior to our show last minute planning and goodie bag stuffing will be on the agenda along with great food and times.

I understand that members Andy and Bonnie Menapace along with Bonnie's dad and EMC member Micheal Hemsley attended the 2011 Alfa Romeo Owners Club held in Lexington Kentucky during July. Hope that we'll get an update of their travels for an upcoming issue of the OSU. I understand that it was hot...hot...hot!

I've reviewed my e-mails and can't locate any additional notes so that's it for this edition of the Off-Side Undo. If you have articles, topics notes or photos that you'd like to submit please forward those to me.

Happy Motoring Everyone!

The EMC

Events Calendar

August 20, 2011 – 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

September 23 – 24, 2011 – EMC Brits By The River / Natchez MS

Join the EMC along the banks of the Mississippi River for the 2011 Brits By The River. The show is a laid back affair with a party on Friday night including food and a great view of Old Man River so come join us for the hospitality room. On Saturday the show will be held under the oaks in Natchez. Additional information and registration info is located on the Events tab at: www.msemc.org

Details: John Turbeville (601)940-5288, Gene Johnston (601)607-7021

October 7-8, 2011 – Nashville British Car Club Show

Nashville British Car Club Show at Nashville's acclaimed Centennial Park and Parthenon. Friday evening reception party for the Saturday show participants. Show open to the public for viewing beautiful cars in beautiful surroundings and visiting the Parthenon. Pre-register to save money, to establish car classes and qualify for a unique door prize. Featured car is the Jaguar E-Type. Get complete info at www.nashvillebritishcarclub.org. Mike Long 615-790-2169, mike.long@nashvillebritishcarclub.org

October 8, 2011 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS

Last year was the second for this show located state center. The cars were great and the crowds and participants alike all enjoyed it so it's back on the calendar for 2011. Make plans to attend. You'll see some cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy every day.

Details: www.euro-fest.net