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

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Bring your Galoshes

Brandon MS – The pre – Brits on the Bluff gathering was held on August 18, 2012 at the home of David and Jo Anne Bailey. I had hauling responsibilities so as much as Ole Red longed to have his legs stretched it wasn't in the cards. Steve and Karen Whitworth (MG Midget), Richard and Brenda Hobbs (Triumph TR-6), Pat and Barbara Cashman (Jag E-type) and Keith along with son Bryant Anderson (Austin Rover) were the supporters of the Marques, all arriving in their noted rides. After some lively conversations in the garage area Jo Anne called us to attention for lunch.



David Bailey's Healey 3000

Photo Courtesy EMC

That didn't require repeating as everyone lined up for a great meal that included the family recipe for beef brisket with more sides than you could shake a Whitworth at. After the full meal deal Charlie Durning called the meeting to order and secured show updates for the 2012 Brits on the Bluff.

From all indicators the EMC looks good for the 15th annual BOTB slated for September 21 – 22, 2012. Goodie bags were stuff with the collected swag. By mid-afternoon the gathering began to break up. I loaded up my truck and headed for home to be met just down the road by a thundering downpour. Hopefully everyone was able to make it home safely without an excess amount of water intrusion. A special thanks to David and Jo Anne for hosting our pre show meeting again this year.

Blast from the Past

I'm at a shortage for photos from the past and the last couple of aged photos I've posted seem to have fallen on minds with limited recall so, I dug back thru the past archives to find I believe to be the oldest documented car shows organized by the Central Mississippi Chapter Vintage Triumph Registry, predecessor to the EMC. The date was way back on May 21, 1983 and it was held in Riverside Park in Jackson. The entry fee was a very inviting at \$3.00. It's obvious from the tale that the weather man was no more predictable then, than he is now. Here's a brief summary of the event:

“Well..., about the best thing we can say about it is that we had one. We had everything going for us: massive advertising, good awards, enthusiastic workers, adequate notice, plenty of people said they'd come – all of these things but one: the weather. Torrential rains, floods, and tornadoes preceded and occurred on Saturday, May 21. Actually it rained very little while we were there but the sky remained



Brits on the Bluff

Photo Courtesy EMC

threatening all day and tornado warnings and heavy rain came early in the evening however, a few true believers braved the elements and showed: Keith Anderson, 1966 Jag E- Type; Steve Cappello in Frank Peel's TR-6; Manley Ford, 1954 MG-TF; Alex & Tere Wade, 1957 TR-3 and 1938 MG-TA and Scotty & Maria Marsh came to assist.

As was to be expected, Keith Anderson did an outstanding job of crowd control. I was quite impressed with the response we received from Louisiana. Manley and Kaye Ford drove their TF all the way up from Slidell and took home some pewter for Best Original. Three other gentlemen, Alden Bienvenu, Joe

Briglia and John Winter arrived in a Toyota from the New Orleans MG Club. They were all great folks and I look forward to seeing them again at a New Orleans Event.

Other interested parties who came by were John May. His '67 Healey remained dry in the garage and new members Joe Weston and son John that came by. Others also came by but, alas, in their Japanese, Italian and Detroit irons.

Thanks to all of you for your interest, support, and understanding about the weather. We hope that the Second Annual British Car Day will be scheduled during dry weather and we'll see the kind of turn out this area is capable of producing."

From the sounds of it I bet it took a while to dry things out. We've been in touch with the grandson of the weatherman that let the adverse weather into the picture in 1983 and we've been assured that 2012 will be no repeat, weather wise. We hope that you'll make plans to join us in Natchez on September 21-22, 2012 for Brits on the Bluff.

Other Exhaust Rattles

Progress continues albeit at a slow pace on the GT. I've been in communications with my engine man. His first question was how long I'd been running Maggie with the blown head gasket. My response was based on the performance the last 12 – 24 months prior to pulling the engine for about that long having noted a consistent sooting of the number three spark plug. Engine compartment prepping continues for painting. I keep reminding myself that all good things come to those that wait.

I received a call from Steve Whitlow a few weeks back. He's another that is not exercising his LBC's sufficiently with a call that the clutch on his '74 Midget had adhered to the fly wheel. I assured him that a bit more rocking and holding your mouth just so while uttering and cooing niceties he could succeed. Sure enough, another clutch has been set free. Now Steve, don't let it happen again!

Brother Clay has his car back out on the road following some repairing, painting and chroming. Also, while at the Bailey's I noted that the MGA has had the fenders re-attached on its way back.

Keith Anderson continues engine re-assembly on his Bug-eyed and Andy Menapace along with Charlie During are making good progress on re-assembly of his Alfa engine.

The Lotus Elan of Mike Glore's is back in tip top shape and hopefully we'll see it making the rounds at the fall shows.

Good work everyone. Labor Day is quickly approaching and along with that we hope cooler breezes that will entice you to get your (insert your make/model here) out.

If you are looking for a ride that's out of the ordinary check out the Classified Ads at www.msemc.org where a locally owned Arkley has recently been added to the list of cars for sale.

That's it for this edition of the OSU.

Happy Motoring

The EMC

Events Calendar

September 21 - 22, 2012 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS

We had such a good time in 2011 returning to Natchez that we could resist the invitation to return in 2012. We've also returned to the original Brits on the Bluff title for 2012. We're looking for a great turnout for The EMC's 2012 show. We hope that friends from near and far will join us. For details and registration check the web-site www.msemc.org or contact: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

October 6, 2012 – Renaissance Euro Fest Car Show / Ridgeland MS

Last year was the third 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 2012. Make plans to attend you'll see some cars that you don't get a chance to enjoy every day. Additional details at: www.renaissanceatcolonypark.com.