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

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2014 Off and Running

Photos submitted by the EMC

Jackson MS – Thirty members of the EMC filled the room at Sal and Mookies on January 18, 2014 for the ending ceremonies for 2013 and to plan out 2014. After a rundown of finances by Clay Johnston and a run thru of the calendar including updated information by Mike Marsh on the 2014 Euro Fest shows the fun began with awards and recognition being handed out to those that provided service and or notoriety during 2013. Those awards included: Mike Glore who was



Past recipient Steve Whitlow, The Beav and Stephen Turner

double recognized for patience for the extended wait on the delivery of his Alfa Romeo 1600 Zagato and outlasting his overheating Lotus Elan during the 2013 Drive Thru History. Charles Durning was recognized for past and continued leadership as the president of the EMC. Charlie was also awarded the Euro Fest Preservation Award from Mike Marsh for his attention to detail

in the presentation of his MG Magnette at the 2013 Renaissance Euro Fest. I was double recognized for the gyrations that I had to go thru to correct an incorrectly applied oil pump gasket on my B GT. Debbie Johnston was recognized for the balancing act during 2013 keeping up with the EMC treasurer and completing her Master's degree program during the year. Mike Gloré recognized the many years of service provided to the EMC by Jim Enzman. He returned his Z-man award to Faye Enzman and their daughter Tamah Ward who were present. Tech Officer Keith Anderson was recognized for his work on the replacement of the water pump bypass hose on Steve Whitlow's Midget while under duress, a hot engine, keeping Steve Whitlow on track during the Drive Thru History. The one award that had everyone in suspense was the passing of the Eager Beaver Award. During his residency with Stephen Turner, The Beav has collected a bit more attire and is looking very handsome. We're sure that Kathy and Tommy Hart, absent from this gathering, were ahhh.....stunned (?) when they learned that for 2013 they were the winners of the prestigious Eager Beaver Award. Their organizing and work on the 2013 Drive Thru History made it one of the best in recent memory. Kathy and Tommy, don't worry, Stephen said that he will assist in the continuing education of The Beav at Mississippi State so that he can be delivered well educated at an upcoming event. If you missed this great event check out the You-Tube at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=fPdwS32qSEk>.

Jim Enzman



Jim and Faye Enzman with their favorite MG

On January 7, 2014 EMC lost a good friend and loyal supporter, Jim Enzman. Jim is survived by his wife Faye, children and grandchildren. In honor of Jim and for Faye's tireless support of EMC, Faye was presented with the High Flight Award at the annual EMC business meeting and awards banquet. "High Flight" is a poem by John Gillespie Magee, it is an expression of joy.

Jim was proud of his family, his service in the US Navy, and his cars. High Flight expresses the same joys Jim had when with his family and playing with his cars. Jim we will miss you.

Other Exhaust Rattles

During the January meeting the EMC welcomed new member Patrick Lemon. Patrick and Mary Jane hail from Brandon with a late 1974 MGB GT. Welcome to the EMC Patrick we hope that you, Mary Jane and the GT will make some of the 2014 gatherings.

If you're an MG owner one must have publication is the North American Classic MG magazine. Published six times a year long time MG enthusiast Dick Lunney and Ken Smith publish many articles that are of interest to the MG owner. In issue 55 I received during January there is an article written by Bruce Magers on the 2013 Brits on the Bluff. Thanks Bruce and Classic MG for getting the word out on our show. We appreciate it.

Some recent updates to the EMC website include addition of new photos to the home page and a few new entries to the classified ad area have been made. Check them out at www.msemc.org.

John Turbeville has recently acquired a 2007 Jaguar XJS. He's taken me for a local tour and believe you me it's got all the bells and whistles. John's been in search for a Jag for a while and has found a really nice one. Congratulations John! In other auto pursuit matters Pres. Charlie During continues searching for a long range cruiser. From LA to AL he traveled so far in search of that perfect deal.

The EMC and the motoring community in and around the Jackson MS area lost a valued friend on January 27, 2014 with the passing of Walter Mashburn. Walter loved cars, especially vintage cars, and was a member of the English Motoring Club, Antique Vehicle Club of Mississippi, and the Classic Thunderbird Club International. He got a big kick out of showing off his cars, offering them for special events, transporting dignitaries in parades and competing in car shows. Two of his vehicles appeared in the movie, "The Help."



Walter Mashburn's 1960 Triumph TR-3A

If you're looking for a weekend tour guide, give Steve Whitlow a ring. Steve's been running the Trace on a regular schedule from what I can tell running across Joe Speetjens out in his Morgan on a recent January weekend run.



Top Down Joe Speetjens on the Trace

A couple of weeks there after I received a call from Steve and he along with Karen in their Midget and me in Ole Red found a very pleasant day for a drive up to Ratliff Ferry and back.

Entry forms for the 2014 EMC/DSARC's Fun Rally have now been issued. The date is March 29, 2014. This event is always a blast and a never miss. Entries are limited so get yours in soon. Entry forms can be printed from the events link at <http://www.msemc.org/events>.

Bob Jackman has sent in notice that The Cars Under the Stars event is scheduled for February 28 and March 1 at the Trade Mart building on the fairgrounds. The show is put on to raise funds for the Mississippi Automobile Manufacturers Association scholarship fund which helps students interested in the automobile manufacturing business with their schooling. For complete details please go to <http://www.msclassiccruisers.com> and click on the Cars Under the Stars registration form. If you have any questions please contact Keith Bates at (601) 720 - 4606 or Bob Jackman at (601) 919 - 0291.

If you're looking for something to warm your bones on these cool wintery nights I did catch up with EMC member Jim Pace as he toured of Road America during 2013. Check out the fancy foot work driving the ex-Oscar McLaren at <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ewrj04UOsE>. You do remember the PRDA right? Well, check out Oscar's Auto World at <http://www.oscarsautoworld.com/> to find out more.

If you're not receiving the OSU via e-mail or updates but you know something is going on from reading the British Marque or thru one of our members please contact Gene Johnston at jjohnston18@msemc.org or call (601) 201 - 0801 so we can get you back in touch with other members of the EMC.

That's it for the edition of the Off-Side Undo.

Happy Motoring

The EMC

Calendar of Events

February 15, 2014 – EMC Tech Session I / Vicksburg MS - The EMC starts out 2014 with a tech visit to the garage of Pat and Barbara Cashman. Pat's got a couple of projects that he could use a little assistance on I'm sure and extra hands, eyes and thinking caps will certainly help get the correct wrench on the correct nut. The party's always fun. Bring a dish and join the wrenching at 11:00am and lunch at 12:00pm. Details: Pat / Barbara Cashman (601) 638 – 3240.

March 15, 2014 – EMC Tops Down - St Patrick's Day - For 2014 the EMC will be out in search of leprechauns in the woods around Rocky Springs. Wear your green or get a pinch and bring a spring in your step because it will be right around the corner. Bring a dish and enjoy. Details: Keith Anderson (601) 829 – 2938.

March 21 -22, 2014 – New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA - Get your registration in early for the 24rd annual BMCNO British Car Day. The BMCNO has promised another great show in the Big Easy so have your bags packed and ready to go. Travelers from Jackson area can give me a ring. Watch their website for show details: www.bmcno.org. Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

March 29, 2014 - EMC/DSARC Fun Rally - It's been promised that you won't leave the state during this rally unless you read from right to left. Then just reverse your direction to re-enter the state and have a great time at the ending ceremony. Members of the English Motoring Club and the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club have put together a great event again for 2014. Additional information will be forthcoming so stay tuned. When you receive notice, act quickly to ensure your entry. Entries can be found at www.msemc.org. Additional details: Steve Whitfield (601) 918 – 9947 or Andy Menapace (601) 857 – 2829.