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Off and Running

The EMC / DSARC Christmas Party

Hail, Hail the gang was all there! The English Motoring Club and The Deep South Alfa Romeo Club's yearend Christmas Party was the second year for the bi-club gather and 2009 was one for the memory books. On a cool clear December 5th the clubs gathered at the home of Andy and Bonnie Menapace. The food was great and although it was a little cool for the writer in the garage I made a pass to check on Andy and Bonnie's newest member a 1958 Alfa Romeo Giulietta Spider Veloce. Andy indicates that he wants to get it ready for the Alfa Romeo Owners Club National to be held in 2011 Lexington Kentucky. Back at the house, Bonnie's dad Mike had planned an ornament Dirty Santa which everyone got a kick out of. Some very unique ornaments were exchange...and exchanged some many times over before they left for the evening headed to new homes. Too soon the 2009 year end party was over and we all had to bid adieu with thoughts of looking to 2010 gatherings. Thanks Andy and Bonnie for hosting the 2010 event. Everyone enjoyed it.



Royce Boyer's Sunbeam Tiger

Photo Courtesy EMC

Out With the Old / In With the New

As we wound down 2009 Brother Clay and I have pulled the engine and transmission out of Ole Red. Since our rather spirited Mount Magazine driving back in July I've been nursing an overworked gearbox. With the onset of winter I decided that although Ole Red had been running great otherwise that it deserved some TLC so I rounded up a hopefully good replacement box for a quick swap. Quick somehow got left out of the equation and now I'm fighting a bad case of the "Might as Wells". Thinking that I could always drive the GT I thought I had a great back up. Incorrect el mecanico! It seems that the GT has a miss-fire problem that is resistant to diagnosis. Stay tuned for more on that. Wow, after 72k trouble free miles! So, now I'm MG'less. Double time on Ole Red to get it ready for spring.

Brother Clay has removed repainted frames, rebuilt and recovered the seats in his B. We took a ride down to Georgetown in early January and it's sitting pretty.

Mike Glore has been taking care of the new part also, added a 1964 Lotus, of course, Elan to his collection. Found this one up around Chicago and had it shipped to New Orleans. Mike's been going over it with one of those fine tooth jobs and bringing it up a notch. Photos speak a thousand words.

Jim Trunzler indicated the January gathering that he's in the process of re-assembling the transmission from David Bailey's Jaguar and it's a real mind game as the unit had been disassembled previously by one mechanic and now left for Jim to re-assemble. Good luck on that one Jim.

New Year Gathering 2010

Eighteen members and friends of the English Motoring Club gathered at Que Sera in Jackson on a cool damp January 16, 2010 to ring out the old year and ring in the new. President Barbara Cashman brought the gathering to order and covered accomplishments for the club in 2010 and set the stage for an even better 2010. Clay Johnston advised the clubs on the state of the finances and reminded everyone that the season for paying dues is upon us. It was agreed for the sake of simplicity and fairness that members that joined the club at or following Brits by the River, mid-September would not be charged 2010 dues. What a deal, 15 months for the cost of 12. The membership also agreed that we'd keep the dues at \$25.00 per year for 2010. We also discussed having another round of EMC golf shirts printed so stay tuned for e-mails checking for interest. While on the topic of apparel we also will be looking in to a unique t-shirt offering for 2010, a club / show shirt for Brits by the River so stay tuned for that.

We're working on update suggestions to the web-site for 2010 so were looking for new photos hopefully to reflect The EMC and the state. The events calendar for 2010 was discussed and

agreed to during the meeting it will be posted to the web site shortly. After a great meal, we all adjourned to catch the Saints game. Go Saints!



EMC's 2010 Kickoff Meeting

Photo Courtesy EMC

On the Events Calendar

February 20, 2010 – EMC 2010 Tech Session I / Vicksburg MS

Our kick off the first tech session for 2010 at Pat and Barbara Cashman's garage in Vicksburg. Pat's been saving up projects since the fall and he's always got some good ones. Come on out and join us for some good times with a little grease thrown in for measure. Bring a dish or a box of chicken, always a fan favorite.

Lunch at 12:00pm.

Details: Pat / Barbara Cashman (601) 638 – 3240

March 13, 2010 – EMC Tops Down 2010 / Rocky Springs MS

Here's your first chance in 2010 to exercise your Castrol lubricants and Lucas electrics with a nice Saturday afternoon drive down, or up the Natchez Trace. Join us for the season's first driving trip and picnic under the trees at Rocky Springs. Food and good times are always present.

Lunch is an afternoon thing that begins about 12:00pm.

Details: Keith Anderson (601) 829 – 2573

March 19 – 20, 2010 – New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA

Grab your coat and hat and join the EMC for the 20th Annual New Orleans British Car Day. They throw a Friday night shin ding that always includes great food, good times and fun in the Crescent City. The EMC will caravan into the Big Easy so make plans on joining us.

Detail: www.bmcno.org

Travel plans with the EMC: Gene Johnston (601) 607 – 7021

A couple of notes in closing. Please be sure that you get your dues in timely. We're shooting for March 31, 2010 for everyone to get their dues paid (\$25.00). Dues should be mailed to EMC c/o Clay Johnston, POB 357 / Mt. Olive MS 39119. The membership form is located on the website www.msemc.org. Better yet, join us at one of the early 2010 EMC gatherings. We'd love to have you join us. As always in 2010 we'll be looking for submissions to the Off-Side Undo so keep those cards, letters and memos coming.

Thanks everyone and Happy Motoring in 2010.

Gene Johnston

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