



## All about Friends

**Ridgeland, MS** – November 20, 2010 eighteen members of the EMC gathered at the Johnston household in Ridgeland for a visit and a meal of chili, with or without and a good visit. The weather was a little cool but the cold blow from the north hadn't really arrived. Lots of members motivated out onto the deck to enjoy the great weather. Due to a busy schedule I'd been unable to put together a shop project but several folks did make an appearance in the garage just to say they'd been there. Maybe next time I'll have a little more time. Martha had worked hard on the chili and other fixing's and the members of the EMC added a lot to the pot with plenty of sides and deserts. A very brief meeting was held as we were winding down 2010 there was not much on the calendar. Brother Clay indicates that the club remains in the black and President Barbara Cashman thanked everyone for their participation and support.

**Vicksburg, MS** – The last scheduled gathering for the 2010 season was the Christmas gathering of the EMC and the Deep South Alfa Romeo Club held in the garage and rec. area of the Cashman's. Martha and I arrived in town about an hour before the start of the festivities and really enjoyed the visit downtown to see the decorations, visit some shops including the Biedenharn Coco Cola Museum down on Washington Street. During the tour of downtown we were entertained by a local hand bell choir. What a great way to spend a perfect fall, pre-Christmas afternoon in Vicksburg or any small town in Mississippi. Twenty five members of the EMC/DSARC gathered for the party and no one went away disappointed. As always the food was great, The Colonel even made a small appearance at the table. After filling up and conversing for a while several members were taken by the spirit and were whisked away first by a Lotus Europa that almost didn't return from its initial voyage due to an errant wheel and then a gaggle of members were carted away in a Jag Mark IV for an afternoon trip around Vicksburg chauffeured around by Andy Menapace if my fading memory serves me right. On return all parties including the driver had ear to ear grins on. It wasn't too long there after that every one gathered to pop poppers, check out the encased prizes and wear funny paper crowns the remainder of

the afternoon. Too soon it was time to give up 2010 and the good times and memories that made another great year for the EMC and the DSARC.



Christmas 2010 with the EMC

Photos Courtesy EMC

***Braxton, MS*** – But wait you say? We're not done with 2010 just yet? Just when I in my cap had settled down for the winter I receive a surprising call from Jim Enzman for one last gathering for 2010. Seems that Jim and Mike Glore weren't ready to throw the glasses in the fire place on 2010 quite yet. E-mails were dispatched and on Wednesday December 29 seventeen members and friends of the EMC made their way to Braxton MS for an afternoon and evening of guy time. I think everyone was surprised at the turnout! Lots of guy food and beverages were served along with a lot of tall tales of automotive wonder and amazement. Some classic automobile films were loaded into the tape deck and we settled back and enjoyed the show. Michael Hemsley even thought to bring along popcorn! Alas, I and a few others were not allowed the luxury of having the next day off work so we had to travel home while the party went on into the wee hours I understand and continued into the next day. Great idea you had guys. I hope we can do it again and thanks Mike for your hospitality.



After Christmas Gathering 2010

Photos Courtesy EMC

### **2011 Kick-off Lunch**

*Clinton, MS* – Twenty two members of The EMC gathered at the Irish Frog on a cool overcast Saturday afternoon in January for the 2011 planning meeting and grub celebration. This was a first visit to the Irish Frog for the EMC and it's on my list of return locations. The food and service was above par. New member Dominic La Valla was introduced to the club. The meeting portion of the gathering started shortly after all orders were placed. The first order of business was a hardy thank you to Barbara Cashman for her year of service to the EMC as president. Barbara passes the club on in good shape. The bank account according to Clay Johnston is in great condition and we were adding members to the rooster right up to year end. With a minimal amount of nudging Charles Durning agreed to take the wheel as President for 2011. Charles and Sherilyn are relatively recent members of the EMC and the proud parents of a Mighty MG Magnette. They're enthusiastic and we're looking forward to supporting Charles and Sherilyn as the president and first lady of the EMC for 2011. Charles has shared one idea that he has for 2011 that I'll guarantee will generate some excitement for members.

Thanks for stepping up Charles and Sherilyn, we appreciate it. Next up was notice to club members present that in 2011 The EMC will celebrate 30 years of existence. This will be a memorable year for all involved. We hammered on the events calendar for 2011 with some old favorites remaining and some new and exciting ones added. Of course our grand finale will be held at the 14<sup>th</sup> annual Brits by the River scheduled for September 23 -24. Following the meal everyone adjourned to the parking lot to check out Dominic's Austin Healey 3000. All of us southerners were very inspired that he'd arrived and departed sans top on a "cool" 50 degree afternoon. Hailing from a bit further north, New York to be exact and likely sporting a bit thicker blood than us locals we were still very impressed. Look, no ear muffs! someone blurted in astonishment. Thanks everyone for attending the 2011 kick off. It looks to be another fun year.



Others eat while Keith speaks

Photos Courtesy EMC

### **Other Exhaust Rattles**

As noted the EMC was adding new members' right down to the wire. Dominic and Martha La Valla joined in November with their 1967 Austin Healey BJ8 and Steve and



Karen Whitlow joined in December with not one but two MG Midgets and a 2006 Mini. Dominic and Steve made the December trip down to Braxton for the guy's afternoon out. Welcome on board to all of you and we look forward to seeing you soon. I hope that I haven't left anyone out, nudge me if I have. According to Brother Clay that brings the year end membership count to sixty six! Another great membership year for the EMC!



Dominic La Valla's BJ8

Photos Courtesy EMC

On the LBC front there's been a lot going on also. I have just about perfected my Lucas heater valve replacement just in time for the cold winter months. Brother Clay has replaced the diff in his MGB so he can hear the radio while traveling. John Turbeville has replaced the gas tank in his MG and indicates it running much better. There is nothing like a full tank of gas and a clean car to make a car run like new. Jim Enzman has his B GT running and is making test laps around Eddiceton. New President Charles Durning indicates that the Mighty Magnette has the on again, off again blues that he's working to sort out and on the new additions side of the club Cappy Stahlman as added a much sought after 1954 MG TF to his collection and is in the process of sorting it out and Trey Decell has passed along a photo of B GT that he's added to his collection.

That's it for this edition of the OSU. Thanks everyone for joining us in 2010 and we look forward to seeing you in 2011. We've got some touch ups to do on the 2011 calendar so stay tuned for that. If you are having issues receiving e-mails, please contact me so we can work to resolve any missed connections.

Happy Motoring!

Gene Johnston

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## **Events Calendar**

### **February 19, 2011 – EMC 2011 Tech Session I / Vicksburg MS**

Our kick off first tech session for 2011 will be held 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 12, 2011 – EMC Tops Down 2011 / Rocky Springs MS**

Here's your first chance in 2011 to clear the cobwebs from under your LBC 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 18 – 19, 2011 – New Orleans British Car Day / New Orleans LA**

Grab your coat and hat and join the EMC for the 21st 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](http://www.bmcno.org)

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