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

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Happy New Year!

From the President

I would like to take this time to thank all of our club members for their support during this past year. I would also like to thank my fellow officers for going over and above in making 2012 a rousing success. We had lots of good fellowship, successful “tech” sessions, fun outings, and one of the best ever Brit’s on the Bluff.

Going forward 2013 will be a new year. If you have any suggestions or comments the January business meeting will be the place to voice those suggestions and comments. Also we will be discussing the calendar of events for 2013. Please let Gene know about any dates that you have in mind. January is also a time for elections. If anyone would like to take on an elected position just let one of our officers know your feelings and we’ll be sure to bring up your request at the business meeting.

The January business meeting is also the time for awards. Those awards can be for anything, to anyone, for any reason, by anyone. We had a lot of fun with those at the last business meeting so let’s keep up the fun. There were 3 perpetual awards given out last time. Those folks have been reminded to pass on those awards. It’ll be fun to see who will get those this year. Right now I am contemplating who will get the next J. Thaddeus Toad award and I know that Steve Whitlow is working on who will get the Eager Beaver award.

Also for 2013 our newsletter editor wants to hear from each and every one of you. We have had some interesting articles submitted by the membership. We would like to hear more. So this year let’s work on submitting some tech articles, personal history with your LBC, or even something light hearted about your trials and joys that your LBC has brought you or your family. How about a blow by blow about an overhaul or a minor fix? It’s fun to see how each of us finds solutions to those perplexing problems that we all face with our LBC. Keep in mind, we like pictures.

In closing I would like to wish all a happy and prosperous New Year.

Charlie Durning

EMC / DSARC Christmas Party

Raymond MS – Steve and Karen Whitlow, Keith and Bryan Anderson along with Martha and I gathered for a late afternoon trip south on the Natchez Trace for the December 1st English Motoring Club and Deep South Alfa Romeo Club Christmas Party. Early in the evening the house was full of auto enthusiasts from Mississippi and Louisiana. Most folks made it out to the garage to check on the progress that Andy and Bonnie have made on their Alfa. Andy indicates that there's a still lot of work to complete. From my view he's rebuilding it correctly to spec's and as we all know you don't rush an excellent dish and their Alfa will be an excellent one to take in when completed. I can hardly wait for a ride. Returning to the house new arrivals continued on the scene along with great food and well wishes to everyone for a Merry Christmas. Thanks Andy and Bonnie for hosting the 2012 dual club gathering.

Last Chance drive

Ridgeland MS – To close out 2012 and welcome in 2013 thirteen EMC members including one very hardy one assembled at the Ridgeland MS Trace Welcome Center on December 30, 2012 for the EMC Last Chance Drive. It was good to have Mike Gore looking as chipper as ever back behind the wheel of his Lotus and to keep his company Kent and Stephen Turner drove over from Vicksburg in their Esprit for the final 2012 gathering. A total of seven of the ten automobiles in attendance were of British heritage with one each Maserati, Mercedes and Porsche in attendance with their EMC owners.



Who is that fearless EMC Man

Photo Courtesy of the EMC

Just before 2:00pm cars were warmed and we headed north with our cool and fearless leader for the day Richard Hobbs taking the point tops down at 50 degrees. We were greeted with holiday smiles and waives on the road arriving at our agreed destination at River Bend for a nip of wine, crackers and spreads

to warm our bones. After sharing our reviews of 2012 including visits with family and friends we said our goodbyes and turned back to the south for home before the temperature dropped further. There were serious concerns that once frozen in place our hooded friend might not be able to unthaw to exit his vehicle.

Other Exhaust Rattles

The EMC closes out another year on a high note. We wouldn't exist except for the interest and contribution of members. We close out 2012 with a total of sixty-nine members. Recent new members include Rick and Elena Greene from Ridgeland Mississippi and Scott and Nicole Barron from over in Monroe Louisiana.

These are a few winter projects that I'm aware of. I continue work to get the B GT back on the road while keeping up with the maintenance on Ole Red. Keith Anderson continues engine rebuilding on his Bugeye. Clay Johnston following the Last Chance Drive immediately started brake maintenance on his B. Steve Whitlow has started collecting some very shiny parts for the engine bay of his '76 Midget.

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

Happy Motoring
The EMC

Calendar of Events

The EMC has started work on the 2013 calendar. If you have suggestions for the 2013 calendar please forward those to the editor for discussion at the January 2013 meeting. The past year was full of exciting excursions of the automotive type and we plan on having lots more to offer during 2013.

Next up on the calendar:

January 19, 2013 – EMC 2012 Awards and 2013 Kick-Off Gathering / Jackson MS

We had such a great time at Sal & Mookie's in 2012 we decided to revisit for 2013. Don't forget to bring your party hats along with awards for those that generated memories for you in 2012. Be careful what you wish for as a few of those awards that were so sought after in 2012 will be passed along and who knows you may be the lucky recipient this time around. New awards are always welcome! The fun and frivolity begins at 11:30am. Lunch will be from the menu. For a good time, Contact Gene Johnston (601) 201 - 0801 or John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288.