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## This 'n That

By Charlie Durning

June is always a little too hot for enjoying our little cars, but that didn't dampen our spirits. The gathering at the **Andersons'** was well attended. **Tech Guy Keith** had lots of projects on display. **Keith** has a write up of the gathering in this issue. Once again **Merideth and Terry Trovato** have provided a look back into EMC history with their Blast from the Past. And there are some tidbits of what is happening with club members in Exhaust Rattles. And finally, **Editoret Donna** always adds something special with In "From the Passenger Seat".

It's been a good month and hope to see you all when we gather at **Mike and Alice Glore's** later this month.

# June Gathering at The Andersons'

by Tech Guy Keith

We were glad to see **Jim Trunzler** in attendance after his recent hip replacement (#2) and that he is doing very well. He says that he has many kayaking trips planned this summer. Jim took advantage of our tech session to check the oil leak under **Roy Schooler's** red MGB. While it was in the garage, we checked the front-end alignment of Roy's car and confirmed that it has 1/2 inch "toe-out", which explains why his steering does not return to center.

**Sara Hooten** drove her newly acquired Bugeye Sprite to the gathering, for a total of 3 Bugeye's in attendance. Her husband, **Mike**, just purchased a 1983 Jaguar XJS V-12 on "Bring-A-Trailer. They drove it home from Ft. Lauderdale, Florida earlier this week. We hope to see them in their new Jag at future events as well.

We enjoyed having three new guests that attended our social gathering.

**Tom Brown** recently completed a full restoration of a '76 Triumph TR6. This is the same green TR6 that was stored in the Anderson garage for the past 25 years, and owned by **Greg Collins**. Tom recently bought a restorable '73 MGB from an estate auction that will keep him in the garage for a while. The wonderful dish that Tom brought for the potluck lunch, "**Cathy's Spectacular Chicken Casserole**", drew many recipe requests from the ladies. We're glad that Tom handed us his EMC membership application. **Welcome to the club Tom and Cathy Brown of Brandon, MS. (Recipe on next page!)**

**Steve Sampson** came by early to inspect the 1969 MGC that he recently purchased at an Estate auction. The car is still sitting on the trailer, waiting to be offloaded so that a restoration may get underway. Steve has a nice '93 Jaguar XJS convertible that is advertised "For Sale" in our club's webpage classified section at MSEMC.org.

**Greg Gearhart** is also a first time guest. He owns a red Triumph TR4 that he bought when he was 17 years old and he is the process of restoring it. His BMW Z3 looks great, but we look forward to him driving the Triumph to one of events in the not too distant future.



# From the Passenger Seat

By Donna Durning



Thanks to **Pat and Keith Anderson** for hosting the June gathering. There was lots of good food and conversation. This month's Passenger Seat feature is a recipe by **Cathy Brown, wife of Tom Brown**. The **Brown's** are new EMC members from Brandon and were nice enough to share this great chicken dish with us! ! Welcome to you both! Thank you, **Cathy** for sharing your highly requested recipe! - DD



## Cathy's Spectacular Chicken Casserole

- 4 cups chopped chicken breasts
- 1 pkg. Uncle Ben's Original long grain wild rice with seasonings - cooked by pkg. directions  
- (I substitute chicken broth for the water)
- 1 can Cream of Celery Soup
- 1 can Cream of Chicken Soup
- 1 medium jar chopped pimiento
- 1 large onion, chopped  
- (I like to saute' the onions a little before adding to the ingredients)
- 2 cans French style green beans, drained
- 1 cup mayonnaise
- 1 can sliced Water Chestnuts  
- (I coarsely chop the slices)
- Salt and pepper to taste

Mix all ingredients. Pour into 3 qt. casserole dish. Bake 30-40 minutes at 350, uncovered. Freezes well, uncooked.

It easily serves 20.



**Tom Brown** leaving with **Cathy's** empty casserole dish!



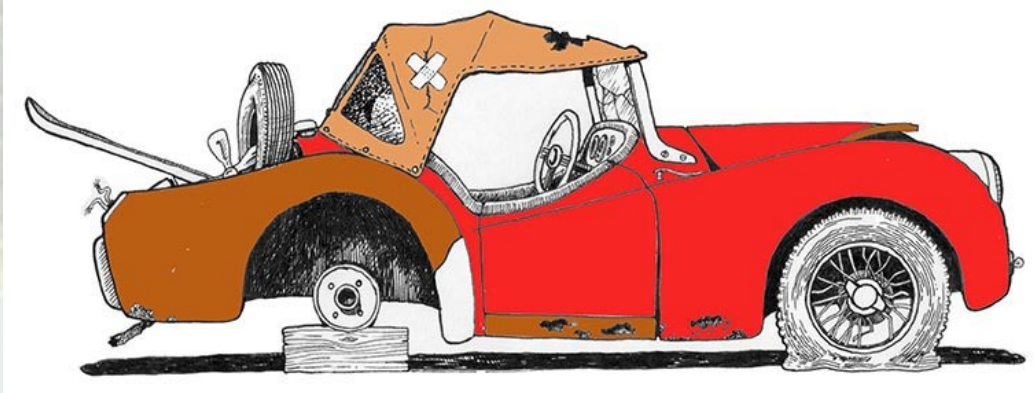
*Here are a few pictures of the Tech Day at the Andersons'.*







# Exhaust rattles



**Mike Glore** sent this link to OSU about Europa Engineering. Europa Engineering are the folks who have imprisoned **Mike's** Europa for 3 years. Looks like the guy is talented in what he does best.

<https://anygivenreason.com/2017/09/a-visit-to-europa-engineering/>

**Will Duncan** is reviving his MGB. It has been parked due to massive overdrive leaks. Once revived **Will** plans on driving his B on more club events.



## Wire Wheel Hubs Get a New Life

Converting their MGBs from wire wheels to bolt on wheels has created an abundance of wire wheel rear hubs and shortage of bolt on wheel hubs. Unfortunately good and worn out wire wheel hubs end up going to the scrap yard. All is not lost. Why not give the wire wheel hubs a new life? The critical dimensions of both hubs are exactly the same with the wire wheel hubs having a splined snout. The conversion process is easy. Simply cut off the splined snout and then machine down what is left to match the bolt on wheel hub.



# A Note from the President

By John Turbeville



## ***Our Deepest Sympathy***

*The English Motoring Club would like to extend deepest sympathy to **Keith, Pat, and Brian Anderson** on the death of Keith's mother, **Ardes Anderson**, on May 26, 2018. She was 95 and a life long Lutheran, having lived most of her life in AL. She most recently had resided at Crossgates Nursing Home in Brandon.*



# Blast from the Past

by Terry & Merideth Trovato



## DRIVE THROUGH HISTORY YEAR 2000

### English Motoring Club's 'Drive Through History' Attracts Record Number of Participants

Jackson, MS--Not even the threat of inclement weather could dampen the enthusiasm of EMC members and their guests as a record number of people and cars turned out for the Club's 3rd Annual "Drive Through History," which was scheduled in conjunction with "British Car Week" across the U.S.

The tour was led by Tour and Rallye Master supreme **John Simmers with able assistance from his wife, Florence.** The Simmers were in their 1969 MGC-GT.

On hand to participate were the **Adams Family (Al and Debbie in a 1977 MGB and son Ray and wife Stephanie in a 1960 Austin-Healey 3000), Pat and Barbara Cashman, 1974 TR-6; Wilbert and Jean Easom, 1968 MGB; Dennis and Mary Katherine Lofton, 1969 Jaguar E-Type roadster, Joe and Cynthia Speetjens, 1995 Morgan Plus 8; Cappy Stahlman, representing the U.S. in a Cadillac Allante; John Turbeville and Renee Cole in John's 1977 MGB; The McMahan Clan (Charles and Marie in a 1960 Austin-Healey Sprite followed by additional family members in two MGB's), J.T. and Audrey Seale, 1977 MG Midget; Ed and Kay Alderman, representing Germany in a BMW 318i; Randy Thompson and Edie Hayes in Randy's 1974 MGB, and Tom and Leine McNeely, 1986 Jaguar XJ6.**

Distinguished guests included **Dave and Dianne Tietz, 1970 MGB, and Jim and Sharon Alonso, 1969 MGC,** with both cars/couples representing the Florida Suncoast MG Car Club, St. Petersburg (who had driven 787 miles one-way to join up with the group); and **Charles Ake, 1977 MGB, Vice President of the British Motoring Club of New Orleans.** The EMC Prez and First Lady, **Terry and Merideth Trovato,** brought up the rear of the stately procession in their 1958 MG ZB Midget Sports Saloon.

Since a part of the tour involved War Between the States artifacts and sites, it was appropriate that the day began by splitting the entire group into two divisions to journey along the picturesque Natchez Trace Parkway, with one heading south from Jackson and the other heading north from Natchez. They converged at The Old Country Store, founded in 1875, in Lorman, Mississippi, where they quickly attacked a fabulous breakfast prepared by Chef Alvin Davis and his staff. (Man, love those grits!)

Then, the entire unit headed north to the ruins of the Windsor Castle Plantation. The original house was built in 1861 (no, it was not destroyed by the "recent unpleasantness") and all that is left are its fabulous columns. Unbelievably, also there touring at the exact same time the fleet of British cars arrived were Tom and Margaret Adams, London, England. They were duly surprised by this impressive display of rolling British history (the Adams' commented they had fond memories of their Austin Somerset) and enjoyed viewing the cars.

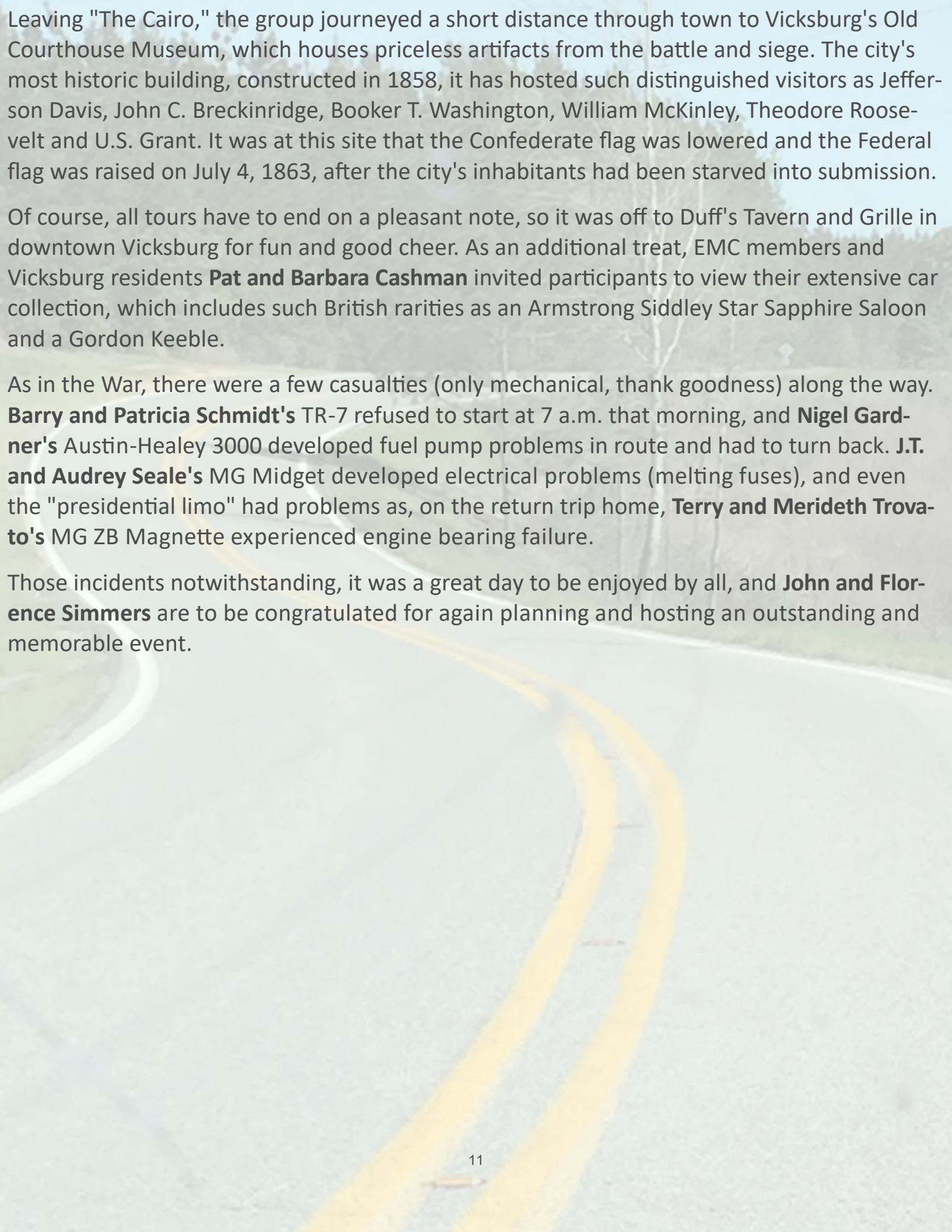
Departing the Windsor Castle ruins, the group headed toward the town of Port Gibson, Mississippi, which Union General U.S. Grant deemed "...too beautiful to burn."

Historical points of interest on Main Street, which the group traversed, included the First Presbyterian Church, 1859, whose steeple is adorned with a gold hand with its forefinger pointing to heaven instead of the traditional Christian cross; and Temple Gemiluth Chassed synagogue of Moorish-Byzantine design. Built in 1891, it is one of the oldest synagogues in Mississippi. The beautiful antebellum home "Oak Square," 1850, was also nearby.

Motoring to the outskirts of Port Gibson, the group headed for the Old Rocky Springs Methodist Church and Churchyard/Cemetery several miles away. Located in a wooded grove, the church was built in 1837 and its adjacent cemetery contains several 18th century graves.

Then, it was off to Vicksburg, Mississippi, the "Gibraltar of the Confederacy." During the War Between the States a pivotal battle and siege took place here. The group's first stop was at "The Cairo," a salvaged Union gunboat with its own related museum. During the struggle 137 years ago, the Confederates sunk "The Cairo" with electrically detonated mines, making it the first vessel in history to be destroyed in such a manner. The Yankee gunboat lay in its watery grave until an enterprising group of scientists found and raised it in the 1960s. It has painstakingly been reconstructed, to the extent possible, with all of its guns in place. An adjacent building displays all of the recovered artifacts found on board, including the officers' china and silver place-settings.





Leaving "The Cairo," the group journeyed a short distance through town to Vicksburg's Old Courthouse Museum, which houses priceless artifacts from the battle and siege. The city's most historic building, constructed in 1858, it has hosted such distinguished visitors as Jefferson Davis, John C. Breckinridge, Booker T. Washington, William McKinley, Theodore Roosevelt and U.S. Grant. It was at this site that the Confederate flag was lowered and the Federal flag was raised on July 4, 1863, after the city's inhabitants had been starved into submission.

Of course, all tours have to end on a pleasant note, so it was off to Duff's Tavern and Grille in downtown Vicksburg for fun and good cheer. As an additional treat, EMC members and Vicksburg residents **Pat and Barbara Cashman** invited participants to view their extensive car collection, which includes such British rarities as an Armstrong Siddley Star Sapphire Saloon and a Gordon Keeble.

As in the War, there were a few casualties (only mechanical, thank goodness) along the way. **Barry and Patricia Schmidt's** TR-7 refused to start at 7 a.m. that morning, and **Nigel Gardner's** Austin-Healey 3000 developed fuel pump problems in route and had to turn back. **J.T. and Audrey Seale's** MG Midget developed electrical problems (melting fuses), and even the "presidential limo" had problems as, on the return trip home, **Terry and Merideth Trovato's** MG ZB Magnette experienced engine bearing failure.

Those incidents notwithstanding, it was a great day to be enjoyed by all, and **John and Florence Simmers** are to be congratulated for again planning and hosting an outstanding and memorable event.

# Upcoming Events

## English Motoring Club 2018 Calendar

We hope to see you at an upcoming EMC event for 2018!

**July 21, 2018 – EMC Lotus Weekend / Braxton MS** - I'm sure we'll find some interesting roads on our way down to the beautiful burg of Braxton. Come and join the drive and the visit with Mike and Alice. Bring a dish and enjoy lazing on a sunny afternoon in the summertime with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Mike / Alice Glore (504) 231 – 5801.

**August 17 – 21, 2018 – Vintage Triumph Register Convention / Lacrosse WI** - A bit of a ride for those from the Deep South however if you've never made a national event and happen to be in the area drop in. Go ahead run to the land of cheese. Make plans early. Details: [www.vtr.org](http://www.vtr.org)

**August 18, 2018 – EMC Garage and Food Tour / Brandon MS** - David and Jo Ann have a way of throwing a great party in lead up to the EMC show. Come on out and see what David has added or improved on for 2018. Always lot's to see and do along with a great meal what else can you ask for. This will be the pre-Brits on the Bluffs gathering so bring along a dish and enjoy the fun. Gathering starts at 11:00am. Lunch starts as 12:00pm. Details: David / Jo Ann Bailey (601) 992 – 8566.

**September (check for dates), 2018 – Shoals British Car Show / Florence AL** - If you haven't had the pleasure of visiting the Shoals British Car Show at Joe Wheeler State Park in Florence AL you should. This show will be celebrating the 22nd gathering. It's a laid back gathering on the banks of Wheeler Lake. Everything including rooms, meals and Friday night's reception are within walking distance. Details: [www.shoalsbritishcars.org](http://www.shoalsbritishcars.org).

**September (check for dates), 2018 - Brits in the Ozarks / Fayetteville AR** - Still looking for excuses for a mountain drive? Here's another chance to see the Ozarks in all of their colors and have a car show at the end of your drive. The 16th Annual Brits in the Ozarks will be there waiting for you. Details: [www.britshironnwa.org](http://www.britshironnwa.org)

**September 14 - 15, 2018 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS** – We have the promise of a perfect weekend for the 21<sup>th</sup> Annual BOTB. Hang out on the bluffs overlooking the Mississippi River starting with our Friday night party and spend Saturday with us under the oaks at City Park. There will be lots to do on your visit with us. Information and registration information will post about 30 – 60 days in advance. Details: John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 941 - 4892.