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

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Just Thinking

While the headlines keep reminding us that a large part of the country is in drought conditions the center of the country beginning with the Mississippi Gulf Coast straight up to the Windy City seems to have become a centrifuge for any water that can be squeezed out of the atmosphere. The rain is not predictable at all. During several recent days it's been raining in the morning from the moment I get out of bed. On the way out to my daily activities you can see spots of blue skies but by lunch the bottom has fallen out and even the frogs, not the bug-eyed kind are looking for higher ground. It'll clear off for a while but only a short while when boom you're drenched again. This conundrum of a weather pattern has resulted in quite a bit of garage time for me and I hope that it has for you.

The engine bay on the B GT after several months of languishing sans engine has been given some attention. I've just about completed the paint prep work. If the weather continues I just hope that I can find a few sunny moments to roll it out into the sun, it's still up there I understand, so that a final washing can be completed, final taping and a day for spraying on a new coat of paint can be completed. I've got my fingers crossed.

After a couple of long hauls thru the first half of the year I've also slowed down on the traveling in Ole Red. The last couple of Saturday mornings the weather has been sufficiently safe to keep the oil up with a trip to Primos for breakfast with several regulars that gather there for coffee and car banter. With the weather pattern I suppose I can count as a benefit the improved performance granted by the air being cooled with high humidity. Usually this time of year it's hot and there's humidity and things get sticky very quick. Great early morning drives the last couple of weeks.

Also during the last couple of months of garage production I've managed to add a cigarette lighter, not sure if in this day that is a safe or proper term for an accessory power source these days, to Ole Red. There is a reason. During my recent trip to Dillard Georgia for the MGB Register gathering I managed to wander into Dahlonega Georgia while on a side trip. Evidently the highway department must have run out of numbers when it came to state highways in the area. I was given instruction on how to get thru and out the other side of town on State Highway 60. The only issue I had was that on arrival in Dahlonega Highway 60 became several sub-Highways 60. There were Highway 60 signs that seemed to pop up at intersections that I could not explain. There was the usual Highway 60 for us regular travelers and the pop-ups like Business, Scenic, Alternate and event Historic Highway 60!



Feeling lost? In need of Direction?

Needless to say this was on top of the North Hwy 60, South Hwy 60 and there may have been an East and West thrown in just to check your attention and perseverance. I got so confused that I even stopped and asked for directions. No kidding, my wife will verify that. So, after shaking my believe in the use of the good old miss-folded station map or a dog eared Rand McNally or the seat of the pants “it’s got to be in this direction” I have back dated the console in Ole Red to include an accessory outlet for a hold it.....a GPS. Well, now I’ve done it. Although some may say I’m lost most of time, and for a long time, the time has apparently come when I don’t feel like losing time being lost in time or space and I may make it on time, at least occasionally in the future. Hope that your travels this year have not left you feeling lost.

Blast from the Past

There were no takers that wanted to take a stab at identifying the owners or survivors of the Drive Thru History photo of 2001. Looked like an excellent turnout with fourteen LBC’s it appears.

Two thousand and twelve will mark the 15th anniversary for the EMC’s yearly car show. In 1987 the show was known as EMC’s British Car Day. The photo posted here was only a portion of the field that attended the 1987 show. Can anyone recall the owner of the MGA Coupe that is prominently displayed or have recollections from those early years? Pass them along for posting. We more recent attendees would love to hear them.



EMC British Car Day 1987

Photo Courtesy Terry Trovato

Other Exhaust Rattles

The drums have been quite this month. Clay Johnston has completed body repairs following his run in with The Little Old Lady from Russellville AR. I hear that Club President Charlie Durning has been tearing up the roads around Simpson County in The Chick Magnette.

Mike Glore is back on the road in his McLaren and Scotty Marsh has replaced his TR-3 with a TR-6. Keith Anderson is in the process of engine assembly on his Bug eye and Jim Enzman is sorting out a new Pertronix system last time we spoke.

Brits on the Bluff is on the calendar for September 21 – 22, 2012. We've got a new host hotel and are looking for a big turnout for our second year back in Natchez. A list of the various tasks that must be completed to make the 2012 show as successful as those of past years has been sent out. When you receive it please don't delete. Your EMC needs your mind and your back so please make plans to volunteer in 2012.

The show planning starts now with discussions during the July and August meetings. Please plan on attending.

That's it for this edition of the OSU.

Happy Motoring

The EMC

Events Calendar

July 21, 2012 – EMC Lotus Weekend / Braxton MS

Travel down to the Piney Woods to Mike and Alice's place in the woods. A great trip is in store for the drive down and as well as a great meal and lots of fun and frivolity. Bring a dish and enjoy whiling away a lazy afternoon with the EMC. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: Mike / Alice Glore (504) 231 – 5801

*Members that desire to travel down from the Jackson area will depart from the Wal-Mart on Highway 49 in Richland MS at 10:00am. Keith Anderson has a few corners of interest for exploring. Hope that you can make it. Travel details: Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801.

August 18, 2012 – EMC Tech Session II / Brandon MS

There's enough room and AC for everyone at David and Jo Ann's place. Come on over, the atmosphere is great. David's got lots going on in his garage and it's always of interest so bring some of that along with a dish and enjoy the fun. Lunch starts as 12:00pm. Details: David / Jo Ann Bailey (601) 992 – 8566

September 21 - 22, 2012 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS

We had such a good time in 2011 returning to Natchez that we could resist the invitation to return in 2012. We've also returned to the original Brits on the Bluff title for 2012. We're looking for a great turnout for The EMC's 2012 show. We hope that friends from near and far will join us. Details and registration information to be posted at www.msemc.org. John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801