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

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## The Great Race Stop

**Vicksburg MS** – Several members of the EMC welcomed the entrance of The Great Race participants to Vicksburg as they arrived for the overnight stop on June 27, 2013. Eighty-four cars arrived and were counted as running at this stop. Arriving under The Great Race arch the drivers and navigators, looking a bit weary from the day(s) on the road, stopped for intros and applause from the crowd of a couple of thousand. Although a few cars in the race were noted as being equipped with air-conditioning most



Edward and Richard Overmyer's 1964 E-Type

Photo Courtesy EMC

most would be considered as primitive by most in the crowd. The majority of the non-AC'd cars were equipped with aluminized matting of one form or another but several of these had several and large openings in the firewall and floorboard areas that to my thought would do little but duct warm into the passenger compartment. The only apparent relief would be the hat on one's head and large commodity of liquid. This is no walk in the park.

On arriving the vehicles were parked along Washington St. and in a green area just north of downtown while the participants went in search of shade. Blues music filtered thru the crowd. Clay Johnston and I along with Keith and Bryant Anderson, Richard Hobbs, David Bailey were members of the EMC group welcoming an E-Type Jag, an Austin Healey BJ8 and a Rolls Royce woody as well as a Morris Minor woody to the Magnolia State. British travelers were presented an EMC decal and job well done from the EMC greeters. Pat and Barbara Cashman assisted the organization of the event in Vicksburg. I'm sure that their experience in organizing automobile gatherings was of great assistance in coordinating the local organization with the race regulars. The cars remained in park parc ferme' until 8:00pm and as the sun began to set over the Yazoo and Mississippi Valley Rail Road Depot and the Mighty Mississippi the party broke up and the participants headed for a well-deserved rest. The next day the British entrants equipped with EMC decals would start early and make a lunch stop in Natchez before crossing the Mississippi into Louisiana.



The EMC's decal proudly displayed

Photo Courtesy EMC

For those interested in how things turned out for the British entrants, at the end of the 10 day 2,100 mile completion the highest placer amongst the LBC's was the 1963 Jaguar of the Overmyer's in 35<sup>th</sup> position. Thanks to Hemmings Motor News, Hagerty Insurance, Coker Tire and all the participants for making Mississippi part of the 2013 event.

### **Euro Summit 2013**

**Ridgeland MS** – It was a rather balmy Central MS summer eve in Ridgeland MS when Mike Marsh scheduled the first Euro Summit for European owners on June 16, 2013. A larger than anticipated turnout started arriving at 5:00pm and continued thru the late afternoon hours. The representatives for the British manufactures included two Jaguars, Pat and Barbara Cashman along with Keith and Bryant Anderson, one Aston Martin, David Bailey, one MGA Keith Turner and two MGB's, the Johnston's Clay, Debbie, Gene, Martha Johnston along with Gene and Martha's grand-daughter Olivia Kay, one MG Midget and the Mini of Steve and Karen Whitlow. It was also good to see Richard and Brenda Hobbs out in their

TR6. The long distance travel award went to Scott Barron driving over from Monroe LA in his Lotus Elise for an afternoon of jabberwocky and tire kicking. It was good to see both Scott, one of our newest members, and recent re-joiner Keith Turner in his MGA 1600 that's been added to the garage to keep his '67 MGB GT restoration project company. Pat and Barbara's E-type has recently undergone a fuel system re-build including tank replacement and Bro Clay's "B" runs without popping or clicking with the replacement of expired u-joints. The parking lot in front of Mint's was a rainbow of auto finishes and they all came alive and sparkled as the sun dropped below the tree line. This took the edge off the rain chance and along with a slight breeze moved the temperature down just a bit.

As the seven o'clock hour approached banners, flags and chairs were folded and put away and twenty or so folks moved to the air-conditioned spaces of the Mint Restaurant for a cool beverage, more visiting and a fine meal. Thanks to Mike Marsh for putting Euro Summit 2013 together.

### **Other Exhaust Rattles**

Work on my GT continues with the dreaded overhaul of the heater box completed and a large part of the brake/clutch hydraulics back in place. Now on to the electrical portion of the puzzle.

While in Vicksburg I hope that we were able to do a bit of customer service recovery with Richard Greene who is a recent new addition to the EMC. Richard noted us passing out EMC decals and welcoming the British contingent of The Great Race and tracked us down indicating that he had not been receiving notices from the EMC activities and events. On checking we have located Richard's information and now have another Lotus enthusiast in the EMC ranks. Welcome to the EMC Richard and sorry for the oversight. Please, if you're not receiving e-mail notices, the Off-Side Undo or the British Marque please let someone know so you don't get left out. You can locate our contacts at [www.msemc.org](http://www.msemc.org), click on membership or the contact us tab

President Charlie Durning continues work on the addition to his garage with a roof now covering the area. With that I'm sure enclosure can't be far behind. In anticipation of the new play area Bro. Clay and Charlie have made recent trips to the far points in the state in pursuit of projects to fill the space.

By the time you read this OSU Keith Anderson will have escaped the confines of employment and is looking for his no holds barred retirement. Congratulations Keith and happy retirement.

As always the EMC is looking for new members and we'll go to great lengths to enroll them. While spending time in Indianola on the Drive Thru History (see June's issue of the OSU) members were greeted by Steve Rosenthal the mayor of Indianola. Shortly thereafter we received this note from Steve:

"My visit with all of you got me thinking about getting back to work on my 73-B. It runs fine but I'm having trouble with the overdrive (I think it is just electrical and will not engage) and my car is in need of an interior overhaul. I completely rebuilt the motor in 1998 and have not put more than 2000 miles since then. I have a set of chrome wire wheels I need to rework. I want to spend some time on them and then replace the painted wire wheels that came with the car. I looked at your website and can tell that ya'll have a great time. I am sending in a check for membership I do not know if I could every break free to travel but look forward to being able to talk to fellow British car enthusiast. Look forward to your next trip through the Delta.

### **HOPE EVERYONE HAS SAFE AND TROUBLE FREE TOURING"**

Thanks Steve! Welcome to the EMC and we hope that we're able to make a trip back to Indianola soon. The lunch at The Crown was first class and the B.B. King Museum is real jewel. If we can offer support with your B, please contact us. We're usually good for suggestions, hints and giggles.

That's it for this edition of the Off-Side Undo. There's still plenty on the calendar so we hope that you'll spare a Saturday and spend the day with your fellow members in the EMC.

Happy Motoring

The EMC

### **Upcoming Events**

#### **July 20, 2013 – 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, 2013 – EMC Tech Session II / Brandon MS**

David and Jo Ann have added a few square feet and we're all looking forward to see what is filling the space during our visit. David has always got lots going on in his garage and it's always of interest. This will be the pre-Brits on the Bluffs gathering so bring along a dish and enjoy the fun. Lunch starts at 12:00pm. Details: David / Jo Ann Bailey (601) 992 – 8566

#### **September 20 - 21, 2013 – EMC Brits on the Bluff / Natchez MS**

We had such a good time returning to Natchez the last 2 years that we could resist the invitation to return. We're looking for a great turnout for The EMC's 2013 show. We hope that friends from near and far will join us. Details to be posted at [www.msemc.org](http://www.msemc.org), John Turbeville (601) 940 – 5288, Gene Johnston (601) 201 – 0801